

I find that the men who were pressed onto my ship are from Sweden and that neither of them are married or settled in England.

**Captain Edward Rotheram**

About five years ago, a child of Mr Shepherd was stolen from his parents every enquiry was made but was feared dead. He has, in the last few days, made his appearance in the frigate *Hebe*.

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You are a magistrate (judge). Which of the men above have been taken legally by the press gang. Remember they had to be British and to have been to sea.

Case

Verdict

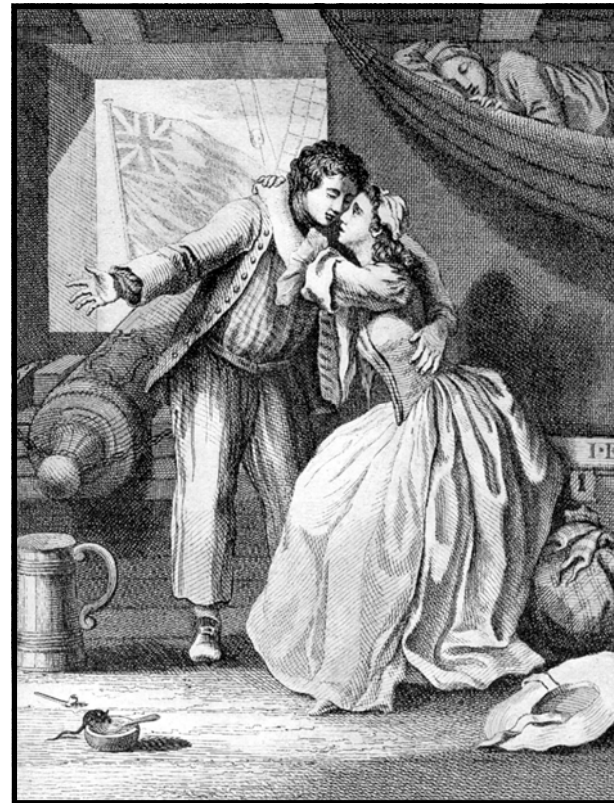
Nurseryman from Ryton

Two fishermen

Lieutenant Carters activities

Swedish sailors

Child of Mr Shepherd



What do you think is happening in this scene? It gives a much pleasanter picture below decks than really existed.

Max Adams