

Counterfeiter detected.—On Saturday last, a man calling himself *John Peabody*, was detected in this city in passing counterfeit money—brought before Justice Hunt, and committed for trial. On being arrested, he strongly denied his guilt, and asserted that he had received the forged bills, (which he had passed in several instances,) in exchange, during his journey from Quebec to this place. On searching his baggage, a small mahogany dressing-case was found, between the sides and lining of which, on being dissected, there was discovered upwards of 1800 dollars in counterfeit bills, when he immediately acknowledged his guilt. The subsequent development was melancholy and affecting. He told with him a young wife, not eighteen years of age, with an infant child, about six months old. After confessing his guilt, I am, said he, a ruined man—I have ruined an innocent and amiable woman, and entailed disgrace upon my child. With apparent frankness and candour he stated that he received the bills of a man named *Page*, in Ducham, Lower Canada, who prepared the box for their concealment,—that he paid for them in specie and Quebec bills; that he had passed them with the full knowledge that they were bad, knew his fate, acknowledged its justice, and that he must meet it,—leaving no doubt that he was as finished a rogue, in his line, as any that yet remain “unwhipt of justice.”

Previous to his committal he was permitted to see his wife, and the interview affected the spectators even to tears. So young, so interesting, so apparently guileless and sincere, no one could suppress the natural sympathies of the heart, under the pressure of a calamity so afflicting and destructive. With equal fortitude she followed him to prison, declaring that she would not leave him in his utmost distress—where he now remains to answer for his offence. His trial will probably come on at the session of the Superior Court now pending. He is a native of Massachusetts.

The following is a list of bills found in his possession, which appear to have been well assorted and provided for a winter's tour to the south, whither he was bound—viz Bills of 10 dollars of the Utica Bank; 10's and 2's of the Phoenix Bank, New-York; 10's, 4's and 1's of the Phoenix Bank, Hartford; one \$100 bill of the Franklin Bank, Baltimore; 1160 dollars in 20's of the Wilmington and Brandywine Bank, Delaware; 10's and 2's of the Bank of Geneva; 5's Orange County; 5's of the Franklin Bank, Providence; 5's of the Agricultural Bank, Pittsfield; 5's of the Jersey Bank, payable at Ontario, N. York; 5's Ontario Bank; 5's Manhattan Company; 5's of Harrisburgh Bank, Penn.; 3's Landholder's Bank, R. I.; 3's Commercial Bank, Perth Amboy; 3's Washington Bank, Westerly, R. I.; 3's of Chenango Bank, and 1's of Central Bank, Cherry Valley, N. Y.—most of them well executed, and amounting in all to 1881 dollars, including a ten dollar bill which he passed in Hartford, and two 10 dollar bills which he passed in this city, which he redeemed. He had

about 100 dollars in good money, no doubt the fruit of his speculation.—N. H. Herald.