

United States of America

District of Columbia Sec

To all persons to whom these presents shall come or may in any wise concern
Be it known that on the day of the date hereof Before me Aaron Moore of Maryland
for the town and County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia residing therein and
by Law duly admitted and sworn personally appeared, Abner Snow Master of the
schooner Allan first mate and James B. Sherburn second mate of the ship Baltic Trader
of Rochester and severally made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
That on the eleventh day of July last (the said ship then laying at Harkness Wharf
port of Alexandria) the said Master received Orders from his Owners to proceed on the
intended voyage to Cadix with the Cargo of flour on board being then nearly ready
for sea, and on the twelfth hauled the ship out into the stream but in consequence
of four of the sailors having deserted the ship before they could sail the Master was
under the necessity of going to Baltimore to get other men in their places where he
immediately proceeded, and on the nineteenth of the same month returned with the
complement of men and with he made as little delay as possible. On the twentieth
he proceeded down on the intended voyage; as far as the bluff two miles below
Alexandria and came to an anchor there; on the twenty third hearing that Capt
Charles Morris of the United States Frigate Adams lying abreast of Fort Washing-
ton stopped all vessels from proceeding below his ship. The said Master Ab-
ner Snow went in his boat to the Frigate to get information upon that head and
was informed by Capt Morris that it was the Case, which the said Abner Snow
saith he requested in writing and the said Capt Morris accordingly made the
following endorsement upon the back of the ship Baltic Trader Clearance of
"In Consideration of the ship Baltic Trader being laden with provisions and
that the Enemies Squadron is now in the Potomac, which with all the waters of
the Chesapeake being by them declared in a State of Rigid Blockade. I do here
1861 U.S. Frigate Adams