

by Law duly admitted and sworn personally appeared. Abner Snow Master of the
sloop under Alton first mate and James B. Sherburn second mate of the ship Baltic Trade
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 Hart's Wharf
port of Alexandria) the said Master received Orders from his Owners to proceed on the
intended voyage to Cadiz 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 place where he
immediately proceeded, and on the nineteenth of the same month returned with the
complement of men and sails he made as little delay as possible. On the twenty second
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 a breast 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 Trade Clearance of

"In Consideration of the ship Baltic Trade 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. It is here-
by forbid the said ship Baltic Trade proceeding below the U.S. Frigate Adams
while the Enemy are within the waters of the Potomac unless she shall
produce an Order from the Secretary of the Navy to that Effect.

Morris, Capt. U.S. Navy.
July 23. 1813

That in consequence of the above endorsement the said Capt. Abner Snow saith