

Edgartown, Dukes County, Mass
 Apr. 10/1906

Here personally appeared J. Q. Webster, Master of Schooner
 "Margaret M. Ford" of Boston, said vessel now lying at the
 wharf in this port who on oath deposed and said as follows.

That the said Schooner sailed from Burlington, N. J. on
 the 1st day of Sept. Current, at 8 P.M. on the same
 loaded with 319 tons East river pipe
 and bound for the Port of Edgartown, Mass. and 220 tons for the Port of
 with a portion of the Boston Mass.

On the same day at 8 P.M. the wind came N.E. and ^{blew} ~~blew~~ fresh
 with a rough sea; took in all light sails. Weather continued
 rough and blowy with heavy sea so that in the 5th inst
 at 12 M. was obliged to keep off for Delaware Breakwater.
 Vessel rolling heavily and continually shipping seas until
 toward midnight weather moderated and we hauled up
 again by the wind, but vessel still rolling heavily.

Thenceforth to port, ^{moderately} weather prevailed into variable winds,
 Now therefore in anticipation of damage to the cargo
 of said vessel by reason of said heavy weather
 referred to the said J. Q. Webster, Master, hereby notes this
 to be his protest. ^{protest} and aversing that the
 said vessel was well manned, and fitted in all her
 tackle and apparel, and whether the damage be more
 or less, it was the result of the usual danger of the sea
 and was in no way the fault of himself or the said Schooner.