

on her late whaling voyage and was at the  
Port of Honolulu in said ship in the month  
of November and December 1848. On my arrival  
at Honolulu on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November I found  
the Barque Cometticut of New London lying  
there. I was present when she was sold at  
public auction, she was purchased at  
that sale by James Drake for \$6700 dollars  
and was by him transferred or sold to a  
Mr. Vida. She was taken to the Ship Captains  
ten who to be repaired. I was on board  
of her then. She was not here out. They were  
going to leave her out and capture her, put  
some new fastenings in her bottom and send  
her with a cargo of Oil to California. The  
Carg was sold Mrs. Vida appeared to be  
the principal purchaser. The oil was sold  
for 24 cents per gallon. I heard Capt  
Joun say several times that he did not  
think the ship leaked much in her bottom.  
The leak was principally in her top. He  
talked as if he thought she ought not to  
have been condemned. Capt Joun was  
not attached to her after the sale. I heard  
that he applied for a loan to a considerable  
amount to fit her out, but could not get it.  
He had about 600 barrels of oil on board.  
I heard that he sold some oil at Sydney  
but do not know how much. I never heard  
Capt Joun say any thing about coming home or  
sending home any papers, or writing to his  
family or his owners. He talked of going to  
California, write his brother who was mate  
of the ship. I heard the Captain say that  
he had as lief come home in the ship as in any  
other ship. He never saw so much pumping  
as he was told of. I heard Capt Perkins  
who was going in the ship, say she was a

great deal better than he thought she was.  
He was unwilling to go any where in her.  
Signed in testimony of the truth of the foregoing  
statement.



In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal Notarial  
the day and year above written  
Wm. H. Taylor Notary

United States of America  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Bristol J. City of New Bedford  
On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
fifty nine, before me William H. Taylor a Notary  
Public duly commissioned and sworn residing in  
the city of New Bedford, County and Common-  
wealth of said personally appeared Joseph C.  
Miller of New Bedford in the State of Connecticut  
deposed and being duly cautioned and sworn deposed  
and says that he joined the Barque Cometticut  
of New London as her chief mate in March or  
April 1847 at Oahu. She then had according  
to Capt Joun report about 500 barrels of Oil & 350  
barrels of 50 of it Sperm Oil. He went to the North  
West Coast carried there till July and took two  
whales making near 100 barrels of oil. When there  
we started to go to Chili but we found our provis-  
ions getting short, and then went into Fijiti.  
From there they went to Mangere Island and  
from there to Sydney when I left her. On the day  
that I left her they commenced taking out Oil, and  
I understood they were going to take out 300 barrels  
Capt Joun sold some 20 or 30 barrels of Sperm Oil  
before that at Oahu. He told me he was going to  
sell his bone at Sydney. He remained at Sydney  
about 6 weeks. When I left the ship she was tight  
and strong we used to try the pumps once in a while  
but got no water.