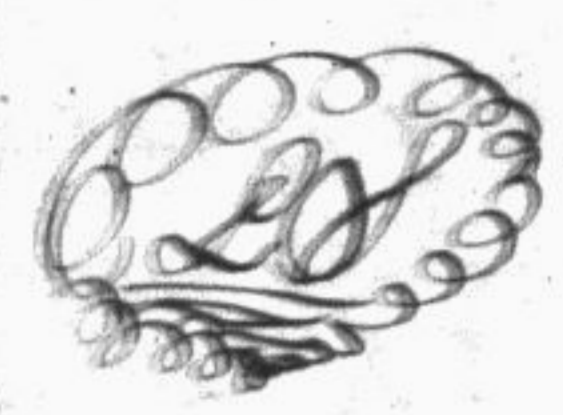


to the sea of Ochotok when we were rotting, and from there we went into Honolulu where I left her. When we left Sydney Captain Tom told me he hoped to get one thousand barrels of Oil in the course of the season, and then should come home in the ship, I left Honolulu before the ship was sold. She lasted but little while I was in her, and that chiefly in her upperworks. I have no reason to suppose that her fastenings were at all defective. On the contrary I considered her a strong, sound substantial ship, and if she had been coming home, I would as soon have come in her as in any ship there. I came in the Ship Florida with Captain Cox. Captain Tom has repeatedly spoken to me, or in my hearing, of the ship, saying he considered her one of the strongest and most substantial ships he knew. He did not know that Captain Tom sold any articles out of the ship that he did not account for on the books. I have no knowledge on the subject. He told me at Honolulu that he should haul the ship to the Carpenter wharf for examination, and she was lying at that wharf on the day I left there. On our arrival at Honolulu we had on board somewhere about six hundred barrels of Oil, forty or fifty of it being Spum Oil.

Signed in testimony of the truth of the foregoing statement.

Thomas Butler.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at Honolulu the day and year above written
 William H. Taylor
 Notary Public

United States of America
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Bristol p. City of New Bedford

June 1. 1849

Personally appeared James Bicker of Duxbury, county and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and acknowledged a certain instrument or letter constituting David C. Bicker his attorney for certain purposes to be his free act and deed

Wm Taylor Notary Public

United States of America
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Bristol p. City of New Bedford

June 2. 1849

Personally appeared John T. Larum master of the Ship Charles W. Morgan of New Bedford and declared on oath that said Ship is wholly owned by citizens of the United States.

Wm Taylor Notary Public

United States of America
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Bristol p. City of New Bedford

June 4. 1849

Personally appeared John Potter master of the Ship Eagle of New Bedford and declared on oath that said Ship is wholly owned by citizens of the United States.

Wm Taylor Notary Public