

United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
District of New Bedford
City of New Bedford
September 20. 1850

I personally appeared Stephen Thompson
master of the Ship Concord of New Bedford
and on oath declared that said ship is
wholly owned by citizens of the United States
Wm. H. T. [Signature] [Signature] [Signature]

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Be it remembered that on this
twenty third day of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty, before me William H. T. [Signature]
a Notary Public duly commissioned
and born residing in the City of New
Bedford, County and Commonwealth
aforesaid, personally appeared Benjamin
F. Chase master of the Brig Mary Perkins
of New York of the burden of 100 tons or
thereabouts, now lying in the harbor of New
Bedford aforesaid, and states that he
sailed in said Brig from the Port of Boston
Massa. on the 20th day of August last
having on board a cargo of Coal from
New England. That nothing remarkable
occurred after sailing as aforesaid until the
ninth day of September instant, which
day commenced with a tremendous storm
gale and sharp heavy sea from N.W. by
W. weather very thick. At 1 P.M. struck upon
Suckernuck Shoal and beat on for a quarter
to a half a mile before she entirely stopped
that on the next day a flock came along
side and they commenced discharging

the cargo and other vessels having been obtained
on the following days, they succeeded in
discharging ^{a great bulk of} the said cargo, with the
~~exception of about twenty five tons more remaining~~
on board, all which has been forwarded in
the vessels aforesaid to its Port of destination
that on the 21st they succeeded in getting the
brig afloat and availed themselves of a
favorable wind to proceed to New Bedford
where they arrived on Sunday the 22nd instant
at about 8 o'clock P.M. in a leaky condition
and with the loss of some of her sails and
other rigging.

Wherefore he desires to protest against the
winds, waves, storms, high seas, shoals
and reefs and all other causes whatsoever
whereby the said vessel hath suffered loss or
damage in her hull tackle, apparel, furniture
or cargo, with liberty to extend the same
at pleasure.

Since now being about to discharge his
crew at this Port, he the said Benjamin F.
Chase, master as aforesaid, together with Benjamin
Thompson mate and John Rousseau seaman
belonging to said Brig, who also appear before
me, have hereunto set their hands, declaring
on oath that at the time of their sailing
from the Port of Boston as aforesaid, the said
Brig was tight, staunch and strong, and
well equipped, fitted and manned for her
contemplated voyage, and that during
the entire passage and until her arrival
at this Port, they have appeared, with
all the officers and crew did all in their
power to preserve the said Brig and her cargo
from damage, and that all the facts
 Matters and things, set forth and declared
in the foregoing protest are just and true
as therein stated. Given. [Signature] [Signature]
Benjamin F. Chase
Benjamin Thompson
John Rousseau