

United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
District of New Bedford

Be it remembered that on this second day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty one before me William H. Taylor a Notary Public duly commissioned and sworn residing in the City of New Bedford aforesaid personally appeared James May master of the Brig Florence of Columbia, Maine and states that he sailed in said Brig from Bucksville L.C. on the 14th day of December 1850, having on board a cargo of lumber and that on the morning of the 18th of the same month the Brig ran ashore on Gorge Point and in order to float her off, they were compelled to throw over about 8000 feet of the lumber aforesaid, when she floated off and then continued the voyage to Fairhaven his port of destination when they arrived on the 1st Instant at about 12 o'clock at noon. And fearing loss and damage desires to note his protest against the winds, waves, tides, currents, shoals, bars and all other causes whatsoever whereby the said Brig, her tackle, apparel or cargo, hath suffered loss or damage, with liberty to return the same at pleasure.

James May

Witness which was granted by me the said Notary.

Wm H Taylor Notary Public

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January 10th 1851

Personally appeared Edward G. Cory master of the Ship South Carolina of New Bedford and on oath declared that Thomas Williams one of the crew of said ship was left on shore at his own request at King George's Sound in account of sickness and that Anthony N. Bean, John Brown and William F. Robbins died on the late voyage of said ship.

Wm H Taylor Notary Public

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February 14th 1851

Personally appeared James C. Smith master of ship James Allen of New Bedford and on oath declared that Joe Cook and John Adams, natives of the Sandwich Islands departed from said ship at Honolulu.

Recd 1.25

Wm H Taylor Notary Public

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February 17th 1851

Personally appeared Rufus M. Pease master of the Ship Pacific of New Bedford and on oath declared that said ship is wholly owned by citizens of the United States.

Recd 1.00

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