

up for Viatea, where a protest was duly entered, a survey called and took effect made to stop the leak by caulking the deck &c.

That on the ninth day of January 1855 they sailed from Viatea and continued the voyage without the occurrence of any event worthy of remark until the 24th of said month which day commenced with squalls and racing weather. Latter part strong gales a heavy sea running, vessel carrying a heavy press of sail to prevent her rolling to windward and endangering the masts. On the 30th they had strong gales. On the 31st had severe gales and rain, a heavy sea running and vessel rolling heavily, pitching and plunging badly and leaking four hundred buckets per hour. On the 1st of February the weather moderated. On the 2nd had strong gales and cloudy weather. At 11.30 P. M. gale increasing with heavy sea running. Latter part had tremendous gales attended with squalls of sleet, vessel labouring and rolling heavily to windward. On the 25th had strong gales with violent showers and heavy head sea; vessel labouring heavily and leaking a smart shell every half hour.

That on the 16th of April they had severe gales with heavy sea. On the 17th had heavy gales and cloudy racing weather; latter part had severe gales with tremendous squalls and rain & a heavy ugly sea. Vessel labouring and leaking a smart shell every half hour. On the 18th had heavy squalls with a tremendous heavy sea. Vessel pitching heavily and rolling to windward.

And that on the 20th they arrived at the Port of San Diego and came to anchor.

And these appearances do further declare before me the said Story that at the time of her departure from the Port of ~~San Diego~~ ^{San Diego} as aforesaid the said Bonanza was tight, staunch and seaworthy, well and sufficiently manned equipped and furnished with all things necessary for her intended voyage and that throughout the entire passage the said appearances, together with all the officers and crew did every thing in their power to preserve the said barque her tackle, apparel furniture and cargo from damage.

Wherefore the said appearances have declared to protest, as by themselves they do solemnly protest, against the winds and waves, high seas, gales, storms, tempests, gales of wind and all and sundry the perils of navigation for all loss, detriment or damage, suffering or sustained by said vessel in her hull tackle apparel or cargo, the same having occurred as is before stated and not through the insufficiency of said vessel or her tackle or through the inattention or neglect of these appearances or any of the officers or crew who all in the ensuing did their duty faithfully and to the best of their ability.

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And therefore I the said Story at the request aforesaid have protested and by these presents do publicly and solemnly protest against all and every person whom it soth or may concern, for and on account of all losses damages and prejudices and detriments whatsoever which the said Bonanza, her tackle apparel and cargo, or either of them have already sustained, and also against all charges and expenses whatsoever which the owners or freighters thereof, or any or either of them may be put to or sustain, for or by reason