

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

Be it remembered that on this
10 day of May 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
at New Bedford aforesaid, personally appeared
John Bishop master of the Schooner T. J. Smith
of Richmond Maine, of the burden of
295 & 1/2 tons or thereabouts, and states
that he sailed in said Schooner from Pougham
on the 1 day of March last having on board
a cargo of Oil, bound for New Bedford
aforesaid, at which port he arrived on the
15th instant at about 9 o'clock in the
forenoon, and having experienced heavy
weather on his passage whereby he fears that
the said Oil may have sustained loss or
damage, desires to note his protest against
the winds, waves, storms, tempests, high
fear and all causes whatsoever, whereby said
Schooner may have suffered or sustained loss
or damage in her hull tackle, apparel or
cargo, with liberty to extend the same at pleasure.

John Bishop
All which is granted by me the said Notary.
W. H. Taylor Notary Public

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Personally appeared Sarah C. Little
master of the Ship Florida of New Bedford and
on oath declares that said Ship is wholly owned
by citizens of the United States.

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Personally appeared Fithian T. Pearce master
of the Ship Melwood of New Bedford and on
oath declares that said Ship is wholly owned
by citizens of the United States.

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Personally appeared Seth B. Briggs
of New Bedford aforesaid and acknowledged a
certain instrument constituting Edmund Fisher
of said City an attorney under him, as attorney
for the owners of the Ship Hebeville of New Bedford
to be his free act and deed.

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Then carefully compared a copy of a
letter of attorney signed and duly executed by William
H. Barker, constituting his wife Frances Barker
his attorney for certain purposes, with the original
and found the same to be a true copy thereof.

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