

United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
District of New Bedford
December 11. 1852

Personally appeared Henry M. Deater
master of the Barque Elizabeth of Mattapoisett
and on oath declared that Andrew Austin
fell from aloft and was so much injured
that he was left at his own request at the
Island of Anacapa, one of the Azores, with his
parents. That Robert C. McKis was
lost overboard, and that Francis Jackson
fell from aloft and died of his injuries

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Wm. H. Fayler
Notary Public

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Be it remembered that on this
eighth day of December in the year of our
Lord One thousand eight hundred and
fifty two, before me William H. Fayler
a Notary Public duly commissioned
and sworn, residing in the City of New
Bedford aforesaid, personally appeared
Merrill Flanders master of the Pilot Boat
Schooner Hornet of Chilmark of the burden
of 32 Tons or thereabouts, together with
Samuel Dexter & James S. West - both
Pilots attached to the said Schooner and
being by me duly cautioned and sworn
did declare and depose the several matters
and things hereinafter stated and set
forth. Viz

That on the night of December 8th 1852
the said Schooner was at anchor in
Cuttashunk harbor, and early in the morning

of the seventh, to wit some little while before
sunrise, they got underway with said vessel
and proceeded into the mouth of Buzzards
Bay to cruise. That soon after getting into
the Bay, they discovered a vessel near the
reef called the Fox & Pigs, apparently upset, and
they immediately directed their course toward
her, and at about half past eight o'clock
they reached her and found her to be the Barque
Hornet of Boston, with a cargo of Cotton & Rice,
abandoned by the crew. The barque was
lying on her beam ends, and was afloat
and drifting to the Westward. He took her in
tow of the Schooner and proceeded towards
New Bedford. At about ten o'clock A. M.
a Schooner came out of Westport harbor and
notwithstanding the remonstrances of the
deponents, made fast to the Barque. He
then finding that the Schooner could render
us no aid, but on the contrary was very
likely to get the Barque on shore desired
them to cast off their line which they
refused to do. About this time the Captain
of the Barque came on board and seeing
what we were doing and being informed
by us of the danger of the Barque getting on
the bottom requested the crew of the Schooner
to cast off their line, and told them if
they did not do so we should cut it.
The crew of the Schooner took no notice of this
request and we then went and cut
their line. The Schooner then proceeded
to pick up some bales of Cotton which
were floating near the Barque and
we held on our course with the Barque
in tow as before stated, toward New
Bedford and at about eight o'clock
P. M. she grounded near the Dumplings
Rock Light House. He laid with