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United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol p. City of New Bedford
December 13. 1852

Personally appeared Henry D. Norton
master of the Ship Hector of New Bedford
and on oath declared that said ship
is wholly owned by citizens of the United States
Per \$1.00
Wm. H. Taylor Notary Public

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P. D. this public instrument of
test and declaration, be it known and
made manifest unto all whom it doth
or may concern that on the eighth day of
December in the year of our Lord One
thousand eight hundred and fifty two
before me William H. Taylor a Notary
Public duly commissioned and sworn
residing in the City of New Bedford
aforesaid, personally appeared Edward
Humphrey master of the Barque Avon
of Boston of the burden of Three hundred
and nine tons or thereabouts and states that
he sailed in said vessel from Charleston
S. C. on the 28th day of November last
laden with a cargo of Cotton and Rice
bound for Boston and that on the morning
of the seventh day of December instant
the struck upon the reef called the Saw
and Pigs and immediately filled and
rolled over on her beam ends. Therefore
he desired to note his protest, against the
winds, waves, tides, currents, broken rocks
reefs and all other causes whereby the said

vessel or her tackle, apparel, furniture or cargo
have suffered or sustained loss or damage
with liberty to extend the same at pleasure
All which was granted by me the
said Notary

And now on this eighteenth day of
December in the year of our Lord One
thousand eight hundred and fifty two
again personally appeared the said Edward
Humphrey master as aforesaid together with
Lyman Holmes mate and Michael
Ewings steward of said Barque and
being by me duly cautioned and sworn
did declare and depose the several
matters and things hereinafter set forth
and described, in extension of the said
note of protest. To wit,

That the said Barque being well
and properly fitted, equipped and manned,
they set sail in her from the Port of Charleston
South Carolina on the twenty eighth day
of November last, having on board a
cargo consisting of Cotton and Rice
bound for Boston.

That they prosecuted their voyage
without the occurrence of any event worthy
of particular notice, until Monday December
6th 1852, Civil time. At 12 o'clock M.
the weather fine and a good breeze from
South West, steering N.E. by Compass, under
all sail to sight Montauk Light. At
6 P.M. saw the Light bearing N.E. by compass
three leagues distant. At 7 P.M. Light
bearing N.E. three leagues distant. kept the
vessel off and steered E.N.E. under all sail,
the weather continuing fine with a thick
haze. At 2.30 A.M. saw the Light
Bearing on the Starboard. At 3 o'clock
and 10 minutes passed the Light Boat
kept the vessel more to the Eastward