

at about 11 o'clock A. M. this day, desired to note his protest against the winds waves, tides, currents, rocks, shoals and all causes whatsoever whereby the said vessel or her cargo have suffered loss or damage, with liberty to extend the same at pleasure.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of February 1853.
H. H. Taylor
Notary Public.

United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
District of New Bedford.

By this public instrument of protest and declaration, be it known and made manifest unto all whom it doth or may concern, that on the ninth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty three before me William H. Taylor a Notary Public duly commissioned and sworn, residing in the City of New Bedford aforesaid, personally appeared, Bennett Morrison master of the Schooner Jason of Prince Edward's Island of the burden of One hundred and four tons or thereabouts, British measurement, and stated that he sailed in said vessel from the Port of Savannah on the twenty fourth day of January last having on board a cargo of Timber, bound for St. John and on the night of the second of February, being very dark and the wind blowing with heavy, the said Schooner went ashore on the Island of Catterhunk where she sustained damage and having got the vessel afloat and at this Port where he arrived at about eleven o'clock A. M. of said ninth of February desired to note his protest against the

winds, waves, tides, currents, rocks, shoals and all other causes whereby the said vessel or her cargo had 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 fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty three again personally appeared the said Bennett Morrison master as aforesaid together with Alexander Wilson mate, and Samuel Sheet Seaman, belonging to the said Schooner 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. Tri

That the said Schooner being well and properly fitted, equipped and manned they set sail from the Port of Savannah on the twenty fourth day of January 1853, having on board a cargo of Timber, bound for St. John.

That they pursued their voyage without the occurrence of any event worthy of particular remark until Thursday the 9th day of February 1853, nautical time, which day commenced with a strong breeze and cloudy weather. At 4 P. M. tacked to the S. M. passed one mile to leeward of the Fore & Pig's Light vessel were missing. Guy Head bore S by W. Shortened sail. Steering N. E. by E. saw a light which they supposed to be Fairweather's Cove Light. Alight now to the Northward till 9 P. M. when they began the land ahead slowly. Hauled to the South and under sail. Tired to sleep, but the Schooner would not come round, but fell off before the wind and struck on the S. E. Reef of Catterhunk. On the following day the weather having moderated they commenced getting out and anchor, were commenced throwing