

United States of America  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
District of New Bedford

Be it remembered that on the  
20<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord One  
thousand eight hundred and fifty three  
before me William H. Taylor a Notary Public  
sally commenced and sworn, residing in the  
City of New Bedford aforesaid personally  
appeared William Hawke Smith master  
of the Barque Falcon of Gloucester, England  
of the burden of Three hundred eighty two tons  
or thereabout and states that he sailed from  
Droghda, Wales, on the tenth day of March  
1853, having on board a cargo of Rail  
Road Iron bars for Fairhaven, and  
having encountered heavy and tempestuous  
weather, <sup>on the passage</sup> causing the vessel to strain and  
leak, whereby he apprehends damage to  
the cargo, he arrived at Fairhaven aforesaid  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1853, and must  
deem to note his protest against the winds  
waves, storms, tempests and all other  
causes whereby the said vessel or her cargo  
have suffered or sustained loss or damage  
with liberty to extend the same at pleasure

W. H. Smith  
Attest which is granted by me the said  
Notary.

Fee \$1.00

W. H. Taylor Notary Public

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May 12. 1853

Personally appeared Charles H. Bonney  
master of the Ship Metacomb of New Bedford  
and on oath declared that J. Parris, J.  
Waterbury, H. Collier and Seth House  
never rendered themselves on board said  
Ship for duty after delivery.

W. H. Taylor Notary Public

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May 17. 1853

Personally appeared Charles B. Porter  
master of the Barque Superior of New Bedford  
and on oath declared that said Barque is  
wholly owned by citizens of the United States.

Fee \$1.00

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May 21. 1853

Personally appeared Owen Fisher master of  
the Ship William Pitt of Fairhaven, and on  
oath declared that James Floyd and James M. Brown  
were never on board said ship for duty, that Thomas  
Briley and Walter J. Stone deserted at Maui, that  
Mamuel Decades deserted at Honolulu, that A. F. F. P.  
deserted at Juan Fernandez and that Jeremiah  
Smith was discharged at his own request and  
put on board the Barque Pavilion of Georgetown at  
sea

Fee \$2.50

W. H. Taylor Notary Public