

United States of America

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Bristol Co.

City of New Bedford.

Be it remembered that on this twenty first day of May 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 Benjamin F. Catts master of the Ship George Washington of Warham and being by me duly cautioned and sworn and depose and say that he sailed from Fairhaven in the said ship on the seventh day of August 1850 bound on a whaling voyage which he pursued with the usual vicissitudes until the twenty third day of September 1852 being then in the Arctic Ocean.

The day commenced with pleasant weather and from N.E. hands employed boiling and stowing oil. Middle part fresh breeze from the North East shortened sail at 7 A.M. cooled down. Latter part had fresh gales hauled the fore sail and close reefed the main top sail. The 24th commenced with a hard gale from the N.E. Ship hove to heading N.W. turned up our lee boats secured our oil on deck there being about one hundred and fifteen barrels of it. Middle and latter part a heavy gale.

Ship labored hard carried away the bow boat at 10 A.M. cut the larboard anchor adrift and let it go. Threw in eighty barrels of oil from the deep lead pumped ship - found that she laid much better for it. The said gale continued the two succeeding days after which it abated.

And the said deponent further says that according to the best of his judgment the sacrifice of the anchor and oil were necessary for the preservation of the vessel and cargo from

imminent danger in testimony of the truth whereof the said Benjamin F. Catts hath hereto subscribed his name the day and year above written

Benjamin Benjamin F. Catts.

And I the said Notary having been requested to testify and certify the premises have hereto affixed my hand and seal Notarial.

Given and done at the City of New Bedford on the day and year aforesaid.

W. H. Taylor Notary Public

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May 24. 1853.

Personally appeared William C. Fuller Master of the Ship Ocean of New Bedford and on oath declared that said Ship is wholly owned by Citizens of the United States.

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Be it remembered that on this twenty fifth day of May 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 Ambrose S. Landree master of the ship Seine of New Bedford and being by me duly cautioned and sworn and depose and say that he sailed in said ship from the Port of New Bedford on the tenth day of August 1850 bound on a whaling voyage which he pursued with the usual incidents and vicissitudes until Saturday August 9th