

United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
District of New Bedford

September 19, 1853

Personally appeared Peter Pease
Master of the Ship *Minerva* of New Bedford
and on oath declared that said Ship is
wholly owned by Citizens of the United States.

Fees \$1.00

Wm. H. Fayler Notary Public

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September 21, 1853

Personally appeared William B. Milner
Master of the Ship *Champion* of New Bedford
and on oath declared that said Ship is wholly
owned by Citizens of the United States.

Fees \$1.00

Wm. H. Fayler Notary Public

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City of New Bedford
To Messrs Daniel Wood, Edward
Gardner and Abraham Gardner
Shipmasters.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, you are hereby authorized
and required to proceed on board the Ship
Agnes of Salem, whereof E. H. Pelobee is
Master and lying at anchor off Clark's
Point in the harbor of New Bedford, having
recently arrived from Honolulu, and as
strict and thorough examination and
survey to make of her hull, tackle
apparel, equipment and cargo, and

to this end you are authorized and required
to continue your examination from time to
time as circumstances may require, and
when the same is completed, to make and
return to me under oath, a full report
of your doings in the premises.

And all persons having the charge or
control of said Ship and her cargo are hereby
required to render the above named Com-
missioners all necessary facilities in the
execution of this warrant.

Wm. H. Fayler
Notary Public
Fees \$1.00
4:00

Given under my hand and seal
Notarial this eighth day of
September 1853

Wm. H. Fayler Notary Public

New Bedford September 24, 1853
Pursuant to an order of Survey to us
directed, dated September 11, 1853, issued
by William H. Fayler Notary Public, the
undersigned having carefully examined
the condition of the Cargo of the Ship *Agnes*
of Salem whereof E. H. Pelobee was Master
from Honolulu, do make the following report.

They are informed that on the passage
from Honolulu, when off Cape Horn, the
said Ship encountered a violent gale, accom-
panied by a very heavy sea, by which a
number of casks of Oil stowed in her forward
part, were crushed and stove, and the
contents lost, whereby the Ship's keel was
so much lightened and her stem depressed
in the water as to put her out of trim and
prevent her from properly working or answering
her helm, and it therefore became necessary
in the Master's opinion, to stave several casks
that were stowed between decks, aft, in
order to restore her to a proper sailing trim,
and a large quantity of Oil was thus lost.