

waves, tides currents, storms tempests and
all other causes whereby the said ship
or her cargo or appurtenances may have
suffered or sustained loss or damage, with
liberty to extend the same at pleasure

Richard Lacey

All which is granted by me the
Justice of the Peace

Dec 7/53

Wm H Taylor

United States of America

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol p. City of New Bedford

On this twelfth day of November
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and fifty three, before me William
H. Taylor a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned
and sworn residing in the City of New Bedford
County and Commonwealth aforesaid, personally
appeared Benjamin F. Gibbs late master of the
Ship George Washington of New Bedford and on
oath declared that he was on board the Ship
Ceterion of New Bedford on or about the twentieth
day of September 1852. That in the absence
of the log book of the George Washington, which has
gone in her on another voyage, he cannot
fix the date with absolute precision but is
confident that it was not earlier than the
18th of September. That he was on board
the Ceterion near a half a day, and was in
sight of her for about 24 hours after he left
her. That Capt Norton then told him that
he did not propose to go from the Arctic Sea
where they then were, to the Sandwich Islands
but intended to go to Foully for recruits and
then coming off Gallao upon a ground where
he had hitherto been successful in taking
 sperm whales. And certifies to the truth of
the foregoing by his signature affixed in and
before me in testimony of

Wm H Taylor Justice of the Peace

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol p. City of New Bedford

November 14. 1853

Personally appeared John O. Gardner master
of the Ship Champion of New Bedford and on oath
declared that said Ship is wholly owned by
citizens of the United States

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November 15. 1853

Personally appeared Joseph C. Smith
master of the Ship Duke H. H. Fisher of Barnstable
and on oath declared that said Ship is wholly
owned by citizens of the United States

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November 16. 1853

Personally appeared Henry Lee master
of the Ship General Pike of New Bedford
and on oath declared that said Ship is wholly
owned by citizens of the United States

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November 16. 1853

Personally appeared Mr. H. Cufford
master of the Ship Rover of New Bedford
and on oath declared that said Ship is wholly
owned by citizens of the United States

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