

United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Writ of Habeas Corpus
City of New Bedford

By this public instrument of Patent be it known and made manifest unto all whom the same may or shall concern, that on the second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, before me William W. Taylor a Notary Public duly sworn and sworn, residing in the City of New Bedford aforesaid, personally came and appeared Nathaniel West master of the ship or vessel called the Emily Taylor of New Bedford of the burthen of 207 tons or thereabouts, in her late voyage from Palparain to New Bedford and regularly entered his Patent against all lower costs, charges, damages and expenses, sustained or occasioned to the said vessel and her cargo in her said late voyage; and on this day the 3^d of August in the year aforesaid again came the said Nathaniel West together with John Hayes mate and Richard Quinn Carpenter belonging to the said vessel called the Emily Taylor, and being by me the said Notary duly examined and sworn, in their solemn oaths of their own free will and voluntary accord before me the said Notary, severally and respectively and each of them for himself only, allege, affirm declare protest and say, in manner following, that is to say, that said vessel called the Emily Taylor sailed from Palparain bound to New Bedford on the 25th day of April last last laden with a cargo of Whale Oil and other merchandise the appellants being on board of said vessel in the general capacities as before mentioned; that nothing material occurred until Friday May 20th when in Lat 49. 30 South Long 47. 27 West, there being gales with snow and a tremendous high sea running. This labouring was much. At 2 P.M.

had heavy squalls, she reefed the topsails found the Oil between decks adrift, ~~blasted~~ down and found five tiers adrift. Reefed them in the best way possible.

On the 27th had fresh gales and cloudy weather all prudent sail set. Ends with Moderate breezes and cloudy with fine rain.

On the 28th commenced with moderate breezes and cloudy weather. At 12 M. very squally with rain, reefed and furlled the main and jib and light sails, also reefed the fore and double reefed the main topsail. At 1 P.M. had tremendous heavy squalls and a very high sea; also reefed the main topsail and reefed the foresail.

Throughout the 29th had very squally weather with hail and snow and a very heavy sea. Found some of the Oil Casks adrift and lost whenever the ship rolled to windward got them secured as quickly as possible. On the 30th the weather continued squally with a heavy sea running. On the 31st the weather moderated and nothing further occurred worthy of special remark until the arrival of the said ship at New Bedford where she came to anchor off the wharves on Foreday August 1. 1854 at 1.30 P.M. Civil time.

And the appellants did further severally declare that said vessel at the time of her departure from Palparain appeared upon the said intended voyage was tight staunch and strong and had her hatches well and sufficiently stowed and secured and was well and sufficiently manned, furnished and furnished with all things needful and necessary for said voyage; and that during said voyage the said appellants and the rest of the crew used their utmost endeavours to prevent the said vessel and the goods of her loading from being injured or damaged.

And the said Nathaniel