

West did declare & protest as by these presents
he doth publicly and solemnly protest, and
the said Notary at the Special instances and
request of the said Merchants West, by these
presents, do publicly and solemnly protest against
the heavy gales, head and strong winds and
high seas before mentioned, and against
all and every person or persons whom it shall
so may concern, and do declare that, all
the damages, losses, injuries and detriments
that have happened to the vessel aforesaid
and to the goods of her loading or either of
them, or any part thereof, are and ought to be
borne by the Merchants and freighters interested
therein, or whosoever else it shall so may
concern, by way of average or otherwise, the
same having occurred as before stated, and
not through the insufficiency of the said vessel
or the neglect of the said appraisers or any
of the crew on board.

In faith and testimony whereof these
appraisers have hereunto subscribed their
respective names, being first duly sworn as
aforesaid

Nathaniel West
(Signed) John Haines
Richard Squires

Since I the said Notary have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my
Notarial Seal of office, at the City of New Bedford
aforesaid this third day of August, A.D. 1854

Wm. H. Taylor Notary Public

United States of America
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol Co. City of New Bedford

On this fourth day of August in the
year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
and fifty four before me William H. Taylor
a Notary Public duly commissioned and now
residing in the City of New Bedford aforesaid
personally appeared Whitman Chase master
of the Schooner William Brown of New
Bedford of the burden of 74 tons or thereabouts
and stated that he sailed in said Schooner
from the Port of Baltimore on the 21 day of
July last having on board a cargo of Coal
bound for East Cambridge & having lost
both chains and anchors while riding in
a gale of wind in Chesapeake Bay, in
consequence of breaking the point of the
winchlass; and now having put into this
Port where he arrived with said Schooner
last evening, August 3-1854, for the purpose
of procuring new chains and anchors;
do hereby to note his protest against the winds
waves, storms, gales of wind, high seas
and all other causes whereby said vessel
or her cargo have suffered loss or damage
with liberty to extend the same at pleasure

Whitman Chase
All which is given by me the
said Notary
Wm. H. Taylor Notary Public