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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that before me Alexander John Heathorly His Btitannic Majesty's Vice Consul in the City of Rio de Janeiro personally appeared John S Williams Master of the British Ship Sarah Davidson. Sueton P. Clark Mate and John Kelymack Carpenter and these appearers voluntarily deposed upon solemn Oath, actually taken on the Holy Evangelists that they sailed and departed in and with the Said Ship Gravesend from on the twenty sixth day of January laden with a ~~[illegible]~~ cargo of ~~[illegible]~~ naval and military stores for the Brazilian Government and bound to Rio de Janeiro, that at the time of sailing as aforesaid the said Ship was staunch, tight, and strong and well and properly manned, fitted and equipped for the performance of the voyage That on the Seventh of February they put into Plymouth as p Protest made there and sailed from thence on the fifth April with a fresh breeze from the Eastward, and proceeded on her voyage, that on the morning of the sixth the wind increased, and at noon was blowing hard, that at 1 PM the gale increasing rapidly shortened sail and double reefed the Topsails, the sea heavy and very cross and shipping much water over all, that at 3 the gale blowing very hard and the Ship rolling and labouring considerably, furled the Fore and Mizen Topsails, that at 4 30' the gale continuing with unabated violence and the heavy sea causing the Ship to roll and labour very heavily deemed it necessary for the preservation of the Crew, Ship and Cargo to ease the Ship by heaving some of the cargo overboard. That the said appearers therefore did throw overboard about 164 Shot and 1 piece of Iron Machinery marked B. That at midnight the gale moderating set the Fore and Mizen Topsails, that at daylight on the Seventh the weather having become fine the wind still from the Eastward all possible sail was made and that the Said appearers proceeded to this Port without encountering any more bad weather. and on the fourth day of June

they arrived in this Port of Rio de Janeiro, and on the Sixth instant the aforesaid Master duly noted his Protest, and because of the aforesaid evil events these appearers declared to Protest and have required of me the prenominated Vice Consul an act to serve and avail them and all others concerned, when and where occasion may require, I do therefore in conformity with such request, and in a serious and solemn manner, Protest against the winds and seas and all other causes and things for all losses, costs, damages, expences, and prejudices, that have arisen, or that may arise, or be occasioned either to these appearers or others, in consequence of the premises in order and to the end that all such losses, costs, damages, expences and prejudices may be borne suffered and sustained, paid, and madegood, and had and recovered by those, to whom of right it doth or may belong to bear suffer and sustain pay and make good and recover and receive the same in time and place suitable. Thus done and Protested these appearers have hereunto subscribede their Names at Rio de Janeiro this 27th Day of July in the Year of Our Lord 1825

In testimonium veritatis.

A J Heathorly
Vice Consul

John S Williams
Sueton P. Clark
" John Kelymack

I do hereby certify unto all whom it may shall or doth concern that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an original protest upon file from this Office and carefully collated with the said Original.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Rio de Janeiro this twentieth day of August in the Year of our Lord 1825.

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Vice Consul