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U.S. Consulate Puerto Cabello.

No. 19. December 19th 1890.

H. A. Allen Esq.

Lieut. Comdr. Commanding the
U.S. War Steamer "Swatara"
at anchor at this Port.

Sir,

I have the honor to answer
your official note of the 12th instant.
The American Steamer "Virginia"
of New York, Captain F. E. Shepperd,
arrived from La Guayra at this
port on the evening of the 24th of October
ult.^o and the next morning, the 25th,
the Captain called at my office with
her register, articles, and crew list,
which, after examination I found
in perfect order. The Captain refer-
red to me that he had sailed from

New York for Curacao, and from the latter port he had cleared for La Guayra.

On the 7th of November, she cleared from this port for the Island of Trinidad, via La Guayra.

On the 20th of the same month, she arrived at this port from La Guayra, the Captain calling the same day at my office, with her papers in perfect order.

On the 22nd of said November, she cleared at my office for Curacao and the sea.

On the 9th of this month, she arrived direct from Curacao, cleared by our Consul at that port, and her papers in order were deposited with me, the vessel lying still at this port.

On the 11th of November, Captain Shipped resigned his command will-

-ingly and presented as his successor,
with the consent of the Agent of
the vessel, Henry Marquez, a citizen
of the U. S., who is since that date
the master in command of the
"Virginias".

I remain very respectfully
Sir,

Your Obedt. Servt.

A. Lacombe.

U. S. Consul

Washington. Jan. 27.

Geo. W. Wingate.

L Susan Cummings

Jan. 22

New Brunswick, N. J.

Friday Feb. 3. 71.

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Joseph Hernandez.

Cuba Commission

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Navy Department.

Washington February 10 1876

Sir,

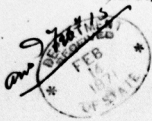
I have the honor to transmit herewith despatch of 10, dated the 17th ult., with enclosures, from Rear Admiral S. P. Lee, commanding the North Atlantic Fleet in relation to the Steamer "Hornet", and will be obliged to you for their return after you have availed yourself of their contents.

Very respectfully,
Leon Holmes

Secretary of the Navy

Hon^{ble}.

Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State.



Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11, 1871.

Sir:

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 6 inst relative to instructions given to the U.S. Consul at Havana, and the Consul at ^{Malaga} ~~Matanzas~~. I have the honor to request that the subscription for one copy of the "Boletin Commercial" and 11 copies of the Havana Weekly Report may be continued for the use of the Department and its officers.

I am Very Respectfully,
Geo. B. Smith,
Secretary

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A. C. Smith
Feb. 15-71

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State.

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Washington: 1964

Treasury Department,

dir Post

February 13, 1871.



Pa:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, addressed, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of certain Wine, Grapes and Raisins, as per Bill of Lading herewith returned,

Imported for the use of Señor Mauricio Roberts, the Spanish Minister in the "Panama" at the port of New York, from Malaga. The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

J. D. Hartley

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Washington, Oct. 16. 71

Geoff. Nugate

Lebanon Commission

Jan. 72

Pratt



New York February 16th 1871

Wm. M. Hamilton Esq

Secretary of State

Sir:

Many years ago my husband, Mr. James West made a claim against the Spanish Government in order to indemnify himself for the damages which he had sustained on account of his being restrained of his personal liberty, and also for the embargo which without any just excuse was laid on his property in the village of Sagua la Grande.

My husband died on the 29 of July 1861 and my father-in-law Mr. E. West continued the prosecution of the claim until his advanced years prevented him from undertaking any important business, and I therefore am under the necessity for my own and my children's sake to carry on this affair.

In order to economize your time I will give you a succinct account of this business, according to the documents which are in my possession.

Mr. James Howe West was a Native of the

and requesting in effect that effect be given to the
the Spanish Ministry of Justice & ordered that the
Spanish Cabinet is to General's Expressions in his
State of Rhode Island, in December 1859, he was
to the Island of Cuba for commercial purposes,
in the 21st of January 1860 he was arrested at Sagua
la Grande by the military authorities, on suspicion of
political designs against the government, his property
was there seized, but after a trial before a military court
he was fully acquitted.

Mr. West through his father begged the government
of this republic to demand of the Spanish Government
indemnifications for the damages which he had sustained.

The Secretary of State the Hon. Mr. Clayton, addressed
April 1st 1860, a letter to the ambassador in Spain, in
order that he should make the claim. He did so,
and his Catholic Majesty's Secretary of State, in a long
letter dated the 6th of May 1860, stated that his
Majesty knew nothing of this affair.

After another letter Mr. John West, father of
Mr. James West in January 1862, addressed the General
Assembly of the State of Rhode Island asking that
the Senator in Congress from that State be
instructed to enquire into the facts of this case,
and to adopt all constitutional means to
secure relief to one of his fellow citizens, the
oppressed without, caring and in violation of all

The General Assembly, February 3^d, resolved that the Senators and Representatives in Congress from that State be requested to use all means within their control which may tend to procure the release of said West, and the restoration of his property with a suitable and proper indemnity to him for any injury which he may have received.

Claims were therefore made in the Department of State as verified by the letters of the Secretary of State, dated there 21st of May 1860, 2nd of November and 13th December 1865, and addressed to Mr. John West in which acknowledgement is made of the receipt of his letters, and offers are also made of attention to this

business of less consequence to James West.

The Secretary of State in his letter of the 20th of March 1860. assured him that an agreement for the adjustment of claims between the United States and Spain had been signed in Madrid on the 5th of said month, of March, and was then before the Senate for its consideration with a view to its ratification.

The Attorney of Mr West in a letter dated in Washington the 15th of April 1869, says that the Senate had passed the claim to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and a Member of this Committee, had informed him that the claims had passed into the hands of a subcommittee of three, who had thoroughly investigated the claims and pronounced it a just one and that they were ready to make their report as soon as the Commissioners appointed by the Government of the United States and those appointed by Spain, should fix a day for their meeting in Washington in order to adjust all claims between the two Governments.

Nothing having as yet been done I beg of you to have the goodness to inform me of the State of this matter, in order that I may make use of the rights which belong to

my children and myself

I Remain.

Your Olt. Servt.

M. Deidamia West

406. West 22^d street.

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United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, Feb. 20th 1871.



Sir:

A gentleman who lost property on board the "Electric Spark", a steamship captured by the Confederate steamer "Florida", desires information as to the proper form in which to present his claim to the government. I shall esteem it a favor if you will forward to me such information as will be useful to him in the matter.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

Dwight A. Sawyer

Wm. Hamilton Fish.

Secretary of State.

Ans. Feb. 23^d 1871
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Washington, D. C., Feb'y 23^d 1871.

Wm Hamilton Fish,

Secretary of State

Dear Sir: I

write to inquire if there is possibility of sending the accompanying letters to my father, who is with the San Domingo Commission through the State Department, and to beg of you if in your power to transmit them to the Commission.

I have the honor to be your most
obedient servant,
Lewis H Douglass

February 23. 71.

Ramon Fernando Cordero y Gomez.

Cuban Commission

July 72.

New York Oct. 23. 71.

Antonio Maximus Mora

Centaur Commission

Jan. 72.

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Washington, D. C., Feb 24 1871.

Hon. Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Dear Sir: I enclose

the letters sent the Department yesterday as you have indicated in yours of the 23^d.
Accept my thanks for your kindness.

I am, dear sir, your obedient servant
Frederick Douglass

Ex. 10th
Cal. 11/11/1871
Feb 27

a. March 2, 1871 to ~~John~~ Payson

Washington Feb 25, 1871



Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether or not the correspondence between Brazil and the United States relative to the capture of the Rebel steamer Florida in the Bay of San Salvador Oct 7, 1864 by the United States steamer Wachusett, has been printed, and if so, where it may be found?

If it has not been printed, may I ask the favor of a copy of the same to use in connection with the investigation of the claim of the officers and crew of the Wachusett for prize money for the capture?

Very Truly Yours

Wm. H. Fish
Secretary of State }

Wm. Brewster

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auto to man
5 Day Room 19

Mr. Keats

New York Feb 27th 1871

Hon. G. S. Boutwell
Secy of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.



Dear Sir:

Will you
be kind enough to inform me what
course I shall take in regard to my
box of goods on the Steamship Electric
Spark which was captured by the
Florida July 10th 1864

Very Respectfully Yours

J. C. Brown

New York. Feb. 27. 71.

Madalena Torres de Moya.

Cuba Concunipim

July 72

REPORT
FEB 1871
attended to
Dr. Ratto

President Grant

My dear Sir

Will you do
me the favor to recom-
mend the settlement
of a claim long since
made by my husband
Mr James A West against
the Spanish Govt, this
far it has reached the
Com^{ee} of Foreign Affairs &
this Com^{ee} have passed
it into the hands of a
Sub Com^{ee} of three who
have thoroughly investigated
the claim & pronounced
it a just one & were

ready to make their
report, as soon as the
Com^{rs} appointed by the
Gov^t of the United States
& Spain should fix
a day for the settlement
of claims between the
two Gov^{ts}.

Wishing you
much prosperity - I
remain

Very respectfully
M^r Dexamia West

N York Jan 27th/71

N^o 56 W 51st St

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Executive.

July 11 1871

Case of West. Mrs. D.
New York

Relative to her claim
against the Spanish
Govt.

Respectfully referred to the Hon.
Secretary of State

By order of the President,

O. P. Babcock

Secretary.



Mrs. M. F. de Mora,

July 27, 1871

Claim ~~as for~~ her

Embargoed property

Aug 14, 1871

Wm

Inspector
Office of *Frederic L. Adams, Mr. Wood*
Shipping & Commission Merchants

Commander F. L. Adams
Frederic L. Adams

Leak Street Wharf
Philadelphia July 28 1871

Hon Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Washington

Dear Sir-

1871
OF STATE

Recd. July 2,

The enclosed advertisement appearing in our papers: We should be pleased to receive whatever information you may have in relation to loss Sch. Ralph Souder, at Trinidad de Cuba.

Our Mr. J. D. Adams is managing owner of Scho. Newbome & we would be obliged for whatever information you can give.

Yours Truly

Frederic L. Adams

DEPARTMENT OF STATE-
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28, 1871.
Information has been received at this Department from Mr. HORATIO FOX, the Consul of the United States at Trinidad de Cuba, of the total loss on the 25th of January, 1871, at Cape Blanco, of the American schooner "RALPH SOUDER," Captain J. B. Cowley, and owned by Samuel D. Adams & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.
The owners can obtain further information by addressing this Department.

 DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22, 1871.

Information has been received at this Department from Mr. HORATIO FOX, the Consul of the United States at Trinidad de Cuba, of the total loss on the 29th of January, 1871, at Cayo Blanco, of the American schooner RALPH SOUDER, Captain J. S. Crosby, and owned by Samuel D. Adams and others, Philadelphia, Pa.

The owners can obtain further information by addressing this Department.

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Wrote to Havana
Mar. 7. 71

to root.



Recd
Mar. 7.

Refuda. July 28th 1871.
Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State for the United States
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed we beg leave to
present you a Bill of the American Consig.
Garry Gordon and others, against the Spanish
Government, for the reimbursement to them of the
Amount of a Fine, illegally exacted from them in
November of 1869, at the Port of Cardenas in the
Island of Cuba, and for Damages resulting
to them from the illegal seizure and detention
of that vessel, at the aforesaid place in March
of 1870. as will appear from the Protest of the
Captain, Copy of which we herewith enclose together
with Copy of Letter of Spanish authorities to
United States Consul General at Havana
(acknowledging receipt of Copy of Protest) Copy of
Release, and Copy of Weekly Register, and also a
Letter of the Captain placing the matter in our hands
as Ship's husbands of the vessel, to all of which.

in ask your attention

Feeling that our claim is a
just one, and trusting that it may receive
early action at your hands

With Much Esteem

We Remain

Yours Wm. Smith

R. S. Peterson, Secy

New York Feb 24th 1871

Messrs D. S. Stetson & Co
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

I herewith enclose you a bill I have made out against the Spanish Government for the illegal seizure and detentions of my vessel in the Port of Cardenas in Mch. 1870. I wish you as ship's husband to present the same or have it presented to the proper authorities at Washington. The facts of the case plainly set forth in the protest a copy of which I enclose also a copy (in Spanish) of the release of my vessel at the time. On August last the Capt. General of Cuba sent a note to the Consulate at Havana saying that the fine was rescinded and all proceedings withdrawn against my vessel. Mr. Edward A. Sanchez of Matanzas who has attended to this matter for me from the beginning, writes he is in receipt of a note from the Intendente at Havana saying the Government at Madrid had authorized him to say to the Capt. and owners of the Brig Harry Vixen of Philadelphia that the Spanish Government would respond to a suit in the Courts of Havana for claims of said Brig — and asks what steps he shall take in the matter. I

Consider it a Proper Matter for the Two Governments
to settle and for Further Information refer to the
Consul General at Havana (Mr. Biddle) who is Co-
=nizant of the whole Matter

I remain Gentlemen
Respectfully
Walter Collins
Master of King Harry Virden

Consulate General of the United States
of America, Port of Havana } To wit:

By this Public Instrument of declaration and Protest
be it made known and manifest unto all to whom
these presents shall come or may concern, that on
the day of the date hereof, before me the undersigned
Consul General of the United States of America
at Havana, Island of Cuba, personally appeared
Mr. Walter Collins, Master of the American Brig
"Harry Birden" of Philadelphia, now lying in the
Port of Cardenas, of said Island who being by me
first duly sworn, did voluntarily and solemnly
declare and state as follows: that is to say, that
from about the fourteenth day of October to the
twelfth day of November last past, the said vessel
lay at the mouth of Pierreville Creek, Saint Lawrence
river, receiving a cargo of sugar Boxes & c. destined
for said port of Cardenas. - That the place at which
the cargo was loaded is situated one hundred
and fifty miles from Quebec, at which port, foreign
vessels loading in the Saint Lawrence river, are
required to clear. That, it being late in the
Season and to avoid detention from ice or
otherwise, before completing the loading of the
vessel, he proceeded to Quebec to obtain a clearance

He declares that on arrival at Quebec he ascertained that the Spanish Consul had removed his Office to Montreal, to which City he sent his papers for consular legalization. - That the Consular Manifest known as 'Sobordo' sent to the said Officer called for Five thousand Sugar Box hooks, which was the number, approximately, that this appearer supposed his vessel would carry, knowing that he had a right to rectify any difference that there might be, between his legalized manifest or 'Sobordo' and the true quantity that might be received on board, in his final note of cargo, known as 'Manifesto' which is the document to which faith is given at the Custom Houses of this Island, and also knowing that for any discrepancy between his 'Sobordo' and 'Manifesto' he would incur no other legal penalty than a fine of Twenty five Dollars, which this appearer considered of much less importance, than a longer detention of said vessel at that Port for the purpose of ascertaining the exact quantity received on board.

And this appearer further declares that in the prosecution of his voyage from Quebec to Cardenas he proceeded to sea and arrived at the Port named

Port on the 30th day of November last past and on being boarded he delivered to the Officers of Customs the usual documents, amongst which was his own manifest or note of cargo, known as "Manifesto" which latter document he had prepared and ready for delivery several days previous to his arrival.

And this appearer further declares, that the Collector of Customs at the Port of Cardenas, did demand and collect of this appearer the penalty of "Five hundred and sixty eight Dollars and six cents, alleging that said appearer had made himself responsible and liable for double duties on the goods that were omitted in the 'Bobordo' but were included in the final manifest of cargo which this appearer duly and timely presented, against which penalty this appearer entered his protest at the Office of the United States Consular Agent at that Port, under date of January tenth 1870. —

And the appearer further declares that in pursuance of his Charter party, he sailed in and with said vessel from the Port of Cardenas for New York, on the twelfth day of February last past, and thence again returned to

Cardenas in ballast, on or about the twelfth day of March last past, and after having received on board a portion of his return cargo the Custom House of that port, has demanded on the 26th day of March last, another penalty of Two thousand seven hundred dollars and upwards, being the value of the number of Shooks omitted in his Consular Manifest or "Libordo," but which as before stated were duly and timely included, in his final note of cargo or "Manifesto" all having reference to his aforesaid previous voyage, and placed the vessel under seizure until the question is settled.

And this appears further declares that the fine of Five hundred and sixty eight dollars and six cents, which was exacted of him in February last, is illegal, in that by the regulations of Custom Houses for this Island promulgated by Royal Decree, dated July first 1859, this appears can only be said to have violated the fifth paragraph of the first section of said decree which reads as follows: "Fifth, The bales, hogsheads, barrels, cases and other packages with their respective numbers and

marks, specifying in ciphers and writing, the quantity of each class, while the seventh section of said Royal decree provides the penalty for said violation in the following words, - to wit: "Seventh, And should it not contain the details mentioned in Rule First, they shall incur a penalty of Twenty five Dollars" - He further declares that the aforesaid Royal decree has been extensively published in foreign Ports, and has been represented by Spanish Consular Officers here, as the only regulations which foreign Ship-masters should observe, and the only penalties to be incurred.

And this appearer further declares that there are many precedents for the foregoing statements and there have been many instances wherein discrepancies have occurred between the "Cobordis" and the manifests or notes of cargo of masters of vessels, and that the penalty incurred in such cases, has been the legal fine of Twenty five Dollars, and that in the case of this appearer it is attempted to make him an exception to former precedents established, by similar cases at Cardenas and other ports of the Island.

Wherefore the said appearer, in behalf of

himself, of the Owners and Charterers of said vessel
and of all others concerned, has protested, and
I, the said Consul General at his special instance
and request, do also protest against the acts of
the Custom House Authorities of Cardenas, and
against all and every other authority and
authorities concerned in the exaction of the fine
of Five hundred and sixty eight Dollars and
six cents, against the subsequent fine of Two
thousand seven hundred Dollars and upwards
which is again demanded of the said appearer
against the seizure of the said vessel, and of all
other acts whereby this appearer and others con-
cerned have been injured, as are herein before
related - charging that the said fines are illegal
in that, they are imposed in contravention of
the aforesaid Royal decree, published for the
guidance of shipmasters, charging also, that it
is unreasonable in that there is no evidence
whatever of any intention on the part of this
appearer to defraud the revenues of this Island
he having in good faith, stated his full cargo
in the manifest or note of cargo, known as
"Manifesto," which he presented when first
visited by the Boarding Officers of Customs at

Cardenas and claiming damages for each and every days detention of said vessel at the rate of sixty Dollars per day, and remuneration for all losses, costs, charges, and expenses incurred or that may hereafter be incurred, in consequence thereof. -

This done and protested in the City of Havana the first day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy - In witness whereof this appearer has herunto subscribed his name and I the said Consul General have granted him this public instrument, under my hand and the seal of this Consulate General to serve him and all others concerned as need and occasion may require.

signed Walter Collins.

signed Thos R Biddle }
United States Consul General }

United States of America }
State of New York }
City County of New York }

I. Samuel H. Valentine, a
Notary Public for the State of New York, duly

commissioned and sworn, residing in the City of New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an original Protest, this day produced before me, and of the whole and every part of said original.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this twenty fourth day of February. A. D. 1871.

Saml H. Valentine
Notary Public
N.Y.C.

Translation

Superior Political Government,

de , de , de -

I have
received your communication of the 4th
instant enclosing copy of the protest
of Captain Walter Collins of the American
Brig "Harry Vidett", relative to a fine
imposed ~~at~~ the port of Cardenas, on
said vessel, all of which documents
I have remitted to His Excellency
the "Intendente de Hacienda" for his
first decision.

God guard you many ~~years~~

Havana April 6. 1870

(Signed) Carbo.

To the

Consul General of the United States

Secretaría Central
de Aduanas

A V. Mr. Sr. Gobernador
del Distrito a propuesta
de la Antendencia General
acuerdo en día del actual
se suspendiese la detención
del buque americano Harry
Verden, capⁿ Collins que
se halla en el puerto de
Cauenas sin perjuicio
de la resolución definitiva
que se adopte en virtud
del mayor estudio que
va a hacerse del expediente

Lo comunico a V. S.
para su inteligencia ha-
ciéndole a la vez presente
que en el día de hoy se
anunciado por telégrafo,

a la aduana, de donde
lata mesalucio, a fin
de que suspendiese la
detención de Citadela
que y le permitiese a
Marcha Cravola tenga
por su nacimiento

Leos que a W. S. S. S. S.
13 de Junio de 1870

Reverendo Villafam.

Translation

Central Section 3
of Customs 3

Via Excellency the Political Gov.
"a propuesta de la Intendencia General" -
agreed on the 10th Inst, that the detention of the
American vessel "Harry Forden" now in the Port
of Cardenas should be suspended, without
prejudice to the final resolution which may be
adopted in view of the review which is to take
place of the papers in the case

I communicate this to you for
your governance at the same time making known
to you that this resolution has been to day
announced by telegraph to the Customs House
at Cardenas in order that they may suspend
the detention of said vessel, and permit her
departure when found convenient

May God protect you many years.
June 18th 1840.

Federico Villa Campa



In Pursuance of an Act of the Congress of the United States of America, entitled "An Act concerning the Registering or Recording of Ships or Vessels," approved December 31, 1792, and of "An Act to regulate the admeasurement of Tonnage of Ships and Vessels of the United States," approved May 6, 1864.

Walter Collins of Philadelphia having taken or subscribed the Oath, required by the said Act, and having sworn that *he is the Master of the Ship or Vessel called the Barry Terdin of Philadelphia* whereof *Walter Collins* is at present Master, and a CITIZEN of the UNITED STATES: and that the said Ship or Vessel was built at *Flaxton* in the State of *New Jersey* in the year *1866* as per Register No. *37* issued at the Port of *Philadelphia* 27th Decr 1866 under Certificate Tonnage admeasurement.

only owner of the Ship or Vessel, called the *Barry Terdin* of *Philadelphia* whereof *Walter Collins* is at present Master, and a CITIZEN of the UNITED STATES: and that the said Ship or Vessel was built at *Flaxton* in the State of *New Jersey* in the year *1866* as per Register No. *37* issued at the Port of *Philadelphia* 27th Decr 1866 under Certificate Tonnage admeasurement.

and *Edw C Abel Deputy Surveyor* having certified that the said Ship or Vessel has *2* Decks: and *2* Masts, and that her length is *128* $\frac{5}{10}$ feet, her breadth *29* $\frac{5}{10}$ feet, her depth *10* $\frac{3}{10}$ feet, her height *42* $\frac{7}{10}$ feet, and that she measures *427* tons, *38* hundredths, viz:

Capacity under tonnage deck,
Capacity between decks above tonnage deck,
Enclosures on the upper deck, viz:

Total tonnage,

TONS.	100ths.
<i>412</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>00</i>
<i>427</i>	<i>72</i>

that she is a *Brig* has *2* Masts & *2* Sails and *2* Masts and *2* Sails head: and the said *Walter Collins* having agreed to the description and admeasurement above specified, and sufficient security having been given according to the said Act, the said *Brig* has been duly registered at the Port of *New York*.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at the Port of *New York*, this *22nd* day of *June* in the year one thousand eight hundred and *sixty nine*.

(ss.)

REGISTER.

(ss.)

DEPUTY COLLECTOR

(ss.)

DEPT NAVAL OFFICE:

District and Port of New-York,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

*I hereby Certify the within to be a true copy of the original on record
in this office.*

Given under my hand and seal, this 23^d
day of February 1871 }

W. W. W. W. Collector.

1870

Febry 10th.

To fine illegally imposed by the Spanish Authorities in Cuba and paid under protest

568 00

June 15th.

" demurrage, being the same amount per day, as allowed in Charter-Party, then in force, from the time of seizure of the vessel March 26th 1870 to June 15th 1870, the time she was released, say 81 days @ 60- pr day

4860 00

" Expenses incurred by the Master and Owners, growing out of the seizure, for travelling expenses, Board, Legal advice, Protest &c.

1500 00

July 2d.

" Loss of earnings to the vessel under a charter, in which it was stipulated, that should the vessel arrive at the port of New York before June 1st. 1870. she was to have as freight a full cargo of sugar from Cardenas to New York at 50^{cts} per 100 lbs and all Port charges paid. The vessel's capacity is 700 sthas and 100 boxes sugar weighing 1018000 lbs, as delivered the previous voyage, @ 50^{cts} per 100 lbs

5090 00

Less expenses required

to earn this freight

1480 00

3610 00

(vessel having been detained in Cuba and not arriving at the stipulated time, charterers declined to carry out the agreement)

Statement of damages claimed by the owners of the American Brig "Harry Virden" of Philadelphia, under my command, for having been illegally detained at the Port of Cardenas, Cuba, and kept in that Port with her cargo on board, from the 26th day of March 1870, until the 15th day of June 1870, and then released without any explanation or exacting any conditions. The vessel sailed for New York on the 16th day of June 1870

The voyage previous this vessel was fined illegally the sum of \$568⁰⁰ Gold, which I paid under protest in February 1870, being for the said alleged offense and for which a fine of \$2730²⁰ Gold, was subsequently imposed. This last sum I refused to pay I having been advised that the fine was illegal, and it was finally decided to be so

July 2d , damage sustained by the vessel by
 being harmed, in consequence of
 her being detained, after being loaded,
 and kept in custody by the Spanish
 officials, without sustaining the
 charges against her. 300000

1871
 March 1 , Interest on above Amounts to date 661.84
 Gold \$14199.93

P. J. On the arrival of the Brig in the
 Port of New York about the 28th
 June 1870, and having delivered
 there the cargo taken on board
 at Cardenas, payment of freight
 on same, amounting to the sum
 of \$5600. was refused by the
 Charterers on the ground that in
 consequence of the seizure of the
 vessel and detention of her cargo
 a damage of over \$4500 Gold was
 incurred by said charterers, and in
 consequence of such refusal to pay,
 the parties in interest of the vessel
 have been obliged to commence suit
 against said charterers for the
 recovery of said earned freight,
 which case is still in litigation,
 not having, as yet, been reached
 for trial

Walter Collins

Master and Agent for Owners

Brig "Harry Varden"
 of Philadelphia

New York Febry 24th 1870.