

Carolina

To all people to whom these presents shall come to be seen. Read or Heard, Be it known and made manifest by this publick instrument of Protest. That Thomas Milton Master of the Sloop called the Thomas and William, together with Isaac Bodwell, Benjamin Bryan and others in the aforesaid Sloop upon the Sea about the latitude of thirty seven North on the fourteenth of the instant of October Anno Domini 1694. being bound with the said Sloop from New York to this Province did then and there meet with a violent Storm which grew to that extremity that the Sea being waxen to a prodigious height did beat with that extremity on the said vessel that the persons aforesaid were apprehensive of great Perill therefrom the Sea often ^{times} breaking on and passing over the said Sloop and sometimes shaking her to amazement, And in regard the said Sloop is Laden with severall Commodities perishable & subject to Damages, and that the persons aforesaid are apprehensive that Damage may be sustained through the violence of the said Storm, Doe solemnly Protest against the Sea for the same be it more or less, Further declaring that they know not but are wholly ignorant of any Damage otherwise sustained than as is aforesaid in this instrument set forth & expressed. And in Testimony of the truth & reality & verity of the same the persons before mentioned whose names are hereunto subscribed hath given their Testimony thereof in the publick office of this Province in Time & regular and in due form of Law, Dated at Charles Towne in the Province aforesaid this twenty eight day of October. And in the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord & Lady King William & Queen Mary. Anno Domini 1694.

Memorandum The 28th day of October 1694
 Then personally appeared before me & Mr.
 Tho. Milton Isaac Bodwell, & Benjamin
 Bryan who upon their oaths on the Holy
 Evangelist did declare that the above
 Instrument of protest is true in the
 substance thereof

Capt & Jurat did & stand
 present for me } William Haworth

Recorded & 28th day of October 1694

By Thomas Milton
 Dep^y Secy

Thomas Milton

Isaac Bodwell

Benjamin Bryan