

United States of America  
State of Rhode Island + Providence Plantations  
Newport, Feb. 20 Beriah Waites  
Isaiah Crooker.

Whereas a request hath this day been made unto me, the undersigned a public Notary, for the County of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, duly elected, sworn, commissioned & sworn, residing at Newport, within said County of Newport, by Joshua Hutchings, master of the Schooner Richmond of Rhode Island, that two suitable persons be appointed by me to repair on board of the ~~Richmond~~ said Schooner now ashore in Princes-River-Cove, Beach, on the South West side of the Island of Rhode Island, in the Port of Newport, to examine into, ascertain, and Report the damages sustained by said vessel on her late voyage from, Leaden, Rappahannock and bound to Boston.

These are therefore to require and authorize you the said Beriah Waites and Isaiah Crooker, jointly, to repair on board of said vessel, and then and there to examine into and ascertain the actual state and condition of said vessel, in her Hull, masts, Spars, sails, Rigging, Boats, cables, and Anchors, & her appurtenances to her in any way appertaining or belonging; - and also to examine the state and condition of her Cargo, and to ascertain the damage and injury, the same hath sustained in any manner or found whatsoever. and to Report your doings thereon in writing, to me; for which thing shall be your sufficient Warrant and authority. Given under my