

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

PROTEST

THE SCHOONER J.L.A.

Her Master, Captain James R.Gilker
and First Mate, Allan Law, make a
formal PROTEST before Notary Public
Joseph Guillaume LeBel in December,
1863.

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The 87 ton schooner, J.L.A. of the Port of New Carlisle had Captain James R. Gilker as her Master and Allan Law as First Mate. On the fifth day of December, 1863 these men appeared before the local Notary Public, J.G. LeBel to make a formal, notarial PROTEST of events that had occurred on a voyage in the previous month. That voyage had begun in the Port of Quebec on November 20th when, in the words of their PROTEST:

...the said ship or schooner called the "J.L.A.", laden with a general cargo of flour, apples, ale, cheze (sic), candles, soap, etc-which was then staunch, firm, tight, strong and properly manned for sea, set sail from the Port of Quebec on a voyage to Paspébiac and New Carlisle in the County of Bonaventure and to Bathurst in the Province of New Brunswick on the Baie des Chaleurs, and on the twenty-fifth day of November last past at 2 a.m. arrived at Paspébiac in a thick snow storm from the S.E., and at 10 a.m. delivered some of the Deck load; in the evening a strong gale from the W.N.W. at 8 p.m., fine and clear weather. Wind N.W. strong gale and very cold.

On Thursday the twenty-sixth, first part of this day still a strong gale which continued the whole of the day.

And on the twenty-seventh unloaded the remaining part of the cargo for Paspébiac.

Saturday, November the 28th, at noon, came to anchor at New Carlisle and at 2 p.m. commenced to unload - evening stopped unloading on account of the heavy swell from the South West.

And on Sunday the 29th at 4 a.m. commenced to unload the remaining freight for New Carlisle- and at 10 a.m. put some ballast on board and very cold weather.

And on Monday the 30th at 2 a.m., still at anchor at New Carlisle, a heavy roll from the S.W.-taking in ballast - in the evening wind down from the N.W. stiff gale.

December 1st, first, middle and latter part of the day strong gale from the Westward and very cold weather - midnight moderate weather, breeze from the S.S.W., lying still at New Carlisle.

Wednesday, December 2nd at 2 a.m., strong gale from the S.S.W., struck adrift and dragged in 2 and 1/2 fathoms of water under the Cape - at noon, strong gale, riding with both anchors - at 2 p.m. a heavy swell from the N.W. and cold weather.

Thursday December 3rd, first and middle part of this day very cold, wind from the W.N.W. Moved the vessel from under the Cape - sent down the top gallant yard and the flying jib boom and stored the gear in the hold. At midnight, same wind and weather - freezing hard - not able to proceed to Bathurst, strong gale.

Friday the 4th of December, the first and middle part of this day moderate and calm weather, a part of the day light breeze from the N.E. - got under way for Bathurst - at 5 p.m. calm and snowy weather. Came to anchor off New Carlisle in 6 fathoms of water. Midnight calm and snowy weather - at anchor.

Saturday, December 5th at 4 a.m. got under way for Bathurst with wind from the N.N.W. At 8 a.m. standing in the Bay of Bathurst with strong breeze and snow squalls - freezing hard, wind still N.N.W. but not safe to anchor in the Bay of Bathurst, and then and there, for the protection of the vessel and cargo on board, returned back to New Carlisle where we discharged that part of the cargo destined to parties in Bathurst and put the same in safe keeping for the benefit of all concerned.

And the said Notary Public at the request of the said James R. Gilker have protested and by these Presents doth solemnly protest against all and every person or persons whomsoever it doth, shall or may concern, for and on account of all manner of damages, losses, prejudices and detriments whatsoever which the said ship or schooner called the "J.L.A." and her cargo on board, or part thereof, or either of them have or hath already sustained, or may hereafter sustain, for the causes or reasons already stated....by reason or means of the aforesaid ship or schooner, "J.L.A." not being able to proceed to her last destination (Bathurst)...

...This done and protested at New Carlisle aforesaid in the office of the undersigned Notary on the day and in the month and year first above written.

(Signatures)

James R. Gilker
Allan Law

J.G. LeBel



BATHURST IN THE 1860's BY THE NEW CARLISLE AUTHOR
THOMAS PYE.

INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY OF BATHURST IS TO BE FOUND
IN THE "COMPENDIOUS HISTORY OF THE NORTHERN PART OF
THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND OF THE DISTRICT OF
GASPE" PUBLISHED IN HALIFAX, 1832, BY JOSEPH HOWE.

*Signed, sealed &
delivered
in the presence of*

*L. G. Bel
A. Brudreau*

*James R. Gillman
Maurice Gave*

In testimony whereof

L. G. Bel

(Signature)