

To the Commissioners under the Convention, between the United States
and his Majesty the King of the French, concluded on the fourth day of July
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty one

The Memorial of Wm William & Nathan Smith Stanton
and Goddington Billing respectively represents that all your
memorialists are native born citizens of the United States, you
reside, the said William and Nathan Smith Stanton in Honington
in the State of Connecticut & the said Goddington Billing in
New London in said State of Connecticut. That at the time of
the origin of the claim herein after set forth, you memorialist
William William and Nathan Smith Stanton resided in New London
aforesaid, and you memorialist Goddington Billing in said
Honington. And you memorialist further represent that
on the 23 May in the year one thousand eight hundred & three
they together with Ebenezer Stanton owned and possessed a Brig
or Vessel called the Friendship of New London whereof your
memorialist, Nathan S. Stanton was master, lying in the
Port of New York bound for Amsterdam in Holland with
a Cargo taken on freight on account of Ebenezer Durvell of
the City of New York. Ebenezer Stanton aforesaid, Peter Brown &
of your memorialist, William William & Nathan Smith Stanton
consisting of Hogsheads & Barrels of Sugar, hogsheads, tierces and Bands
of Coffee, hogsheads of Tobacco & Bales of Cotton, which said Brig &
Cargo was consigned to Peter John Wendover a merchant
residing in said Amsterdam. That with this Cargo on board
the said Brig Friendship sailed from New York on or about
said 23 May 1804, on the Voyage aforesaid and in the latter
part of the month of June following, arrived off the Coast
of Holland on the way to Amsterdam, that while there
and on 29 June 1804, the said Brig with the Cargo aforesaid
on board was captured and taken possession of by the
French Privateer L. Hebe, Commanded by Jacques Toly
an officer of the French Navy, and manned by French officers
and a French crew. That your memorialist believe said
Capture, to have been made under a Decree of Napoleon
of the Twentieth Oct^r 1804, That after the said Captors had taken
possession of said Brig & Cargo & before their arrival at Amsterdam
they were again taken by Sloops from Dutch Men of War

claiming that said Capture had been made within the Waters and
Jurisdiction of Holland, and in the Conduits in possession of both
the French & Dutch Captors, the said Prig & Cargo were taken to
Amsterdam, your Memorators further represent that after the
Arrival of said Prig and Cargo at Amsterdam, the Cargo was
taken out without the Consent of your Memorialists or their
Consignees aforesaid & placed in the Public Warehouse or
King Store at Amsterdam aforesaid, the said Prig & Cargo
being claimed as a lawful prize by said French Privateer, and your
Memorators further represent, that on or about 13 July 1809 the
Capt & owners of the said French Privateer, instituted proceeding in
the imperial Council of prize at Paris, against the said Prig
Friendship and her Cargo and that the said Council on the 13th Nov^r
of the same year decided that said Prig & Cargo was lawfully
Captured by said Privateer, at the time of the Capture, was
not within the Waters or Jurisdiction of ~~Holland~~ and
Condemned the same as lawful prize to said French
Captors, as will more fully appear by the Act of Condemnation, a
Copy whereof is in the possession of your Memorialists, of your
Memorators further represents that subsequent to said Act of
Condemnation, on or about 19 Dec^r 1809, the said Prig Friendship
was sold for your Memorialists before the proceeds thereof were
then or afterwards paid over to the said French Captors or retained
by the French Government — and your Memorialists further shew
that no portion of the proceeds of said Prig has been received by
them or either of them or by any other person, so far as is known
to them for their benefits — that no part of said Prig was insured
but that the whole of said Prig together with the sum expended
in attempting to recover said Prig, and in disbursements
during her detention at Amsterdam amounting to more
than three thousand dollars, have been hitherto wholly lost
to your Memorialists, and your Memorialists further shew
that on said 23 May 1809, the said Prig Friendship, was worth
Eight thousand dollars, and your Memorators further represent
that at the time of the sailing of said Prig, and when the claim
aforesaid for the loss of said Prig originated, and since that time
they and Ebenezer Stanton aforesaid, have owned the said Prig, as follows
the said W^m Williams one half thereof, the said Nathan Stanton one
Eighth thereof, the said Coddingtons & Billing, one Eighth part thereof

and the said Ebenezer Stanton, since deceased, a native born citizen
of the United States, then & till his death, residing at London
aforesaid the remaining one fourth part thereof, that your
Memorialist William Wilbur, still continues down ^{said} one half
of said Prigg, and claim therefor and has always owned the
same solely & absolutely, that said Nathan S. Stanton, still
owns & has always owned solely & absolutely said one eighth part
said Prigg's claim therefor, that said (addington) Billingy
still owns & has always owned solely & absolutely said one
eighth part of said Prigg and claim therefor and that
the said Ebenezer Stanton, was father of your memorialist Nathan
S. Stanton & that he died on or about the 31 day of May 1841
testate and that the said Nathan S. Stanton is sole surviving
Executor of his last Will & testament, and legatee of his
claim, and that said Nathan S. Stanton and his father
the said one fourth part has always solely & absolutely
belonged, and that they are ready to make proof thereof by
documentary & other evidence as the Commissionery may
direct. Your memorialist therefore request that the
Commissionery will take this memorial into their
consideration and that their claim as herein set
forth together with interest thereon may be allowed.

To John C. Frost Esq. Secretary of the Board
of Commissioners. For carrying into effect the Convention
between the United States & his Majesty the King of the
French concluded on the 24th July 1831.