

Articles of agreement made between John J. Feltus
of the County of Rockland of the first part and
Pierre Vaubertaudt Junior John Holmes & Abraham
Bell of the second part as follows: The said party
of the first part agree to build a vessel, of the description
of vessels, called a schooner, the same to be built at the
town of ~~Branford~~ ^{Wye} in the County of Rockland. The said
schooner or vessel to be of the following size viz: to be
fifty five feet keel; twenty four feet beam and six feet
hold; to be flush deck with a trunk, to have locusts top
to come through the deck and locusts transoms; to be
planked with white oak planks, her decks to be white
pine plank clear of sap, the planks above sight water
to be well seasoned; to have ~~carried~~ two masts
to be of proper & suitable height & not less than
seventy three feet, two booms & two gaffs a bow-
sprit & flying jib boom & martingale; The cabin
need not be of hard wood, but is to be a suitable
cabin for such a vessel, she is to be half trammed
to her wales, to be full ceiled and have eight pairs of
Daga knees, that is, such knees as are under the beams.

The said party of the first part is to find & furnish
all the timber & materials of every kind for the building
and completing said vessel and to do the labor in
and about the building of the said vessel, he is to
finish her off ready for the riggers; to give her two
coats of paint, and the spurs to be all fitted with
keel bands and all on, & laid along side ready for
the riggers by the said party of the first part
all at his own expense. The said vessel is to be
built throughout of good timber & materials of
every kind, and to be built and finished off in a
good substantial & in all respects, in a workman-
like manner, and to be built in the proper &
approved style of building such a like vessel.

For doing all which the said party of the first part is to have of and be paid by the said parties of the second part at and after the rate of forty dollars a ton for every ton the said vessel shall measure. The payments thereof to be made in the following manner and times viz: in four instalments. The payment of five hundred dollars when the keel of said vessel shall be laid; the further sum of one thousand dollars when the top timbers shall be in, and five hundred dollars more when the said vessel shall be planked and Ceilings in and the deck laid; and the remainder when the whole of the work shall be done and the vessel delivered or ready to be delivered finished as aforesaid to the parties of the second part.

And it is declared to be the intention of the said parties that the said vessel shall be done finished and delivered by the first day of March next, And the said party of the first part agrees to commence the work of said vessel without delay and to put on & keep Employed on the said vessel a proper & sufficient number of hands and to drive on the work so as to have it done by the time aforesaid or within ten days thereafter, And the said party of the first part promises and undertakes to find all the materials of the quality and kind aforesaid & to Construct and build the said vessel in all respects the same & after the said manner & style above mentioned & deliver the said vessel finished as aforesaid to the said parties of the second part by the time above limited

for that purpose, And the said parties of
 the second part agree and undertake to
 pay for the same the sum above stipula-
 -ted and at the times and in the manner
 above mentioned. And it is further agreed
 that the said vessel shall be in the said
 vessel two good & sufficient pumps with
 iron frames to set on the deck to work them
 The said pumps to have turned tops & to come
 four inches above the deck, also the said
 vessel is to have one gammon Iron to go over
 the bow sprit & fasten to the stem, also a
 Carved figure head & trail boards; to have three
 and a half inches clamps, that is the clamps
 to be three inches and a half thick and
 twelve inches wide, also to have belged
 keelson, And it is agreed that all the
 oak planking of the said vessel are to be
 of Jersey plank, and the Davies are to
 have hinges there is also to be a patent wooden
 Windlass in the said vessel in Writings

Witnessed the parties have hereunto set
 their hands & seals 31st day of October
 1844

Oliver Van Cottan & Co

Witness.

Isaac Sherwood

John Raymond

John B. Holmes
 Abraham Bell

John S. Fetter

And it is further agreed
 to have seven dollars

John I. Fetter

and

Pierre V. Lottman Jr

John B. Holmes and

Abraham Bell

agreement

Re

Adrian B. Polhemus
Abraham Bell
John B. Holmes

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