

THE CAPTAIN DANIEL L. PORTER PAPERS MERCHANT SEAMAN PAPERS

A Descriptive Calendar

Introduction

Captain Daniel L. Porter (fl. 1810s-1850s) was a native of New Haven, Connecticut. During his career as a merchant seaman, he commanded a number of vessels, more especially, the MACON and the CELIA. These ships largely plied the waters between New York and Savannah, Georgia, and on occasion Le Havre, France or Liverpool, England, or Havana, Cuba especially during the period from about the late 1820s to the early 1840s. Captain Porter did not own the vessels he commanded, but worked for their owners such as Messrs. Griswold & Coates of New York. The MACON was a packet which was built in New York in 1827 and served in this capacity until 1836. The CELIA (a somewhat smaller vessel at 338 tons to the MACON's 359 tons) served in the same capacity between 1833 and 1842. Some background data on these and similar packets, and related overall information can be found in volumes II and V of the six volume work Merchant Sail, by William Armstrong Fairburn (1876-1947) and published by the Fairburn Marine Educational Foundation, Inc. of Center Lovell, Maine.

With but relatively few exceptions, documents in this Collection are bills or accounts (the term is used interchangeably) submitted to Captain Porter by various merchants and individuals (principally in New York or Savannah) for having supplied goods or some kind of services. For the most part, these bills or accounts were those for expenses associated with the vessels under his command. On occasion, however, some bills relate to family matters such as tuition for music lessons for his children, or medical bills, or church pew donations, and several of them will be issued to Mrs. Porter and not to the Captain. With but a few exceptions, these bills were receipted by the individuals after receiving payment, and whenever this is the case, this has been noted in this Calendar. In a very few instances, some documents appear to be merely receipts with virtually no indication of what goods were involved. Also, some accounts are rather detailed and written on the usual size paper of the day, a few others are barely scraps of paper. As stated above, though the vast majority of these documents are bills, some other types do exist, nevertheless. More especially also found will be Portage bills, large folio documents, for the most part, consisting of six or seven columns under which were listed the names of the sailors making a particular voyage, the amount of wages, the amount advanced, and similar notations. We also note that at the end of this Calendar will be found five documents which apparently are not directly connected with Captain Porter but may have come from family members or be related to family members. These are listed at the end of the Calendar. Here also will be found a few photocopies of some documents, and not the originals. These were obtained, apparently, while a researcher was undertaking some research into Porter's life for Mr. Gene Reid the donor of this Collection. This Collection covers the years 1815 to 1838 (especially the 1830s), except for one of the non-Porter documents which dated 1846, and some of the photocopies also dated in the 1840s.

Most documents are in poor physical condition, and in many instances difficult to read due largely to the fading of the ink. Nevertheless, nearly all those which are in poor condition have been repaired, especially through the process of "silking". On the documents, the Captain is referred to in several ways such as Captain Porter, Captain Daniel L. Porter, or Daniel Porter. Usually the place name is mentioned, that is, New York, Savannah, or others, sometimes not. Also to be noted is the fact that a few documents were submitted in Havre, France, the port city of Paris, or, less frequently, in Liverpool,

England. Also, in a very few cases, accounts bear some printed letterhead, but the majority do not. Whenever, any printing is found, this has been noted in this Calendar. Also, in several instances, names will be approximate due mainly to the illegibility of the signature, and most of these names will be indicated with a question mark.

Though the vast majority of documents are dated, several are not or dated only by year. Also, in some instances, there is no specific date indicated as to when the account was settled. In these cases, we have placed that particular document under the date found for the last transaction, that is, when a final item was purchased or service rendered. In most cases, we have tried to indicate with some degree of specificity the thrust of the document, and to quote two or three words trying to show what it entailed. It was not always possible to do so, however. When quoting, we have not always quoted strictly, that is, in some cases, we corrected a misspelling or used small letters instead of capital letters or similar. This did not effect the meaning of the document in any way. Finally, we note that all documents have been stored in chronological order as indicated in the Calendar. The placing of an asterisk (*) next to a date indicates, however, that the particular document is an over-sized one and, therefore, stored in an over-sized box. This Collection measures approximately two cubic feet and consists of 259 original documents exclusive of several photocopies. This Collection was a gift from Mr. Gene Reid of Framingham, Massachusetts, an alumnus of Maritime College Class of 1960, to Cmdr. Jeffrey Monroe, of the Department of Marine Transportation, and who was elected the Director of the Museum of Maritime Industry in 1987. This gift was made in 1988.

Calendar

Box 1

1815

Dec 26 - Letter from a Mr. Duprey of Bordeaux? describing illness of Porter and offering various prescriptions. "... he must avoid all excesses, also sharp and heating food...". "I think that Mr. Porter's situation (is) more fatiguing than dangerous...". It would appear that in all probability, this letter is a translation from the original French.

1816

Nov 11 - Account Current and Interest of C.C. Griswold of New York.

1817

*Mar 15 - Letter from H.C.? Griswold of New York giving instructions regarding voyage of the Brig AMERICAN to Savannah. "... on arrival at Savannah you will report to Mr. C.C. Griswold...".

Aug 12 - Agreement, dated in Middleton, Connecticut of several individuals probably for wages due for service by them on the Brig AMERICAN during a voyage from New York to Lisbon.

Dec 20- Affidavit, printed, signed by Henry Light, Public Notary in the State of New York, attesting to the fact that "John J. Marauder, a black man, Mariner ... is a freeman and Citizen of the United States of America...".

1818

Jan 24 - Manifest, printed, signed by the Collector of the Port of New York giving permission to the ship MARY AUGUSTA bound from New York to Savannah, to proceed with a slave to said port since "to the best of our knowledge and belief, the above mentioned Slave was not imported or brought into the United States from and after the first day of January, One__housand Eight Hundred and Eight ...".

Jan? 24- Account (printed) receipted, of Smith and Maintain of New York for Indian Meal, Potatoes, soap and other items.

May 1? - Receipt of Hezekiah Rayus of New York for having received... "Twelve dollars and fifty cents for rent to this date".

*Oct 24 - Copy of Deed of Captain Joel Cook of Chillcothe, Ohio granting to Daniel Lord Porter and Stephen Lee Porter a parcel of land in New Haven.

Nov 14 - Custom House Permission Slip, printed, granted at New York to Captain Porter of the AURORA to land his cargo of Country Produce in the Port.

Nov 25 - Bill, receipted, of A. L. Wheeler of New York for having received tuition payment for Ceclia and Daniel.

Dec 28 - Affidavit, printed, signed by James Maury, Consul of the United States of America for the Port of Liverpool, attesting that Daniel L. Porter, Master of the vessel PACKET, "hath deposited in this Office, the Register, Mediterranean Pass and List of the Crew... .

1819

*Jan 28 - Letter of Lobby Mirhaed?, dated in Liverpool, regarding poor conditions aboard a certain ship.

Apr 20 - Account, receipted, of Porter and Pardee? of New Haven for various goods supplied such as candles, wood, sugar, and apples.

Apr 20 - Bill, name not given, for payment due to a man for washing floor, for joiners, and similar. This document appears to have a piece missing.

*Nov 13 - Affidavit of W. R. Higginbotham of the United States Commercial Agents Office in Bermuda attesting to the fact that Porter of the ship PACKET states that two of his crew have left the ship and cannot be listed.

Nov 15 - Sworn Testimony before United States Commercial Agents Officer W. R. Higginbotham in Bermuda regarding mutinous behavior of several seamen.

1820

*Feb 14 - Letter, dated New York, of Griswold & Coates to Benjamin Story of New Orleans introducing Porter of the Brig HOPE and recommending him.

*Feb 16 - Letter, dated New York, to Mr. Charles Sagery of New Orleans from Edward Brisguard of New York offering a proposal regarding material to be shipped to Havannah. The bearer of the letter was Captain Porter of the Brig HOPE.

Mar 24 - Note from Captain Porter, dated Havana to Messrs. A Canes & Co. "to pay the Bearer for one Days labor on Board of the Brig Hope...".

Mar 24 - Note similar to the above

Mar 25 - Note similar to the above

Mar 26 - Note similar to the above

Mar 28 - Note similar to the above

Mar 30? - Note similar to the above

Mar 30 - Note similar to the above

Mar 30 - Note similar to the above

Mar 31 - Note similar to the above

*May 1 - Account of the Brig HOPE with Captain Porter from the owners of the ship. Steerage passengers, cabin passengers,

custom duty, and similar are mentioned.

July 29 - Bill, receipted, of George Hodges of New York for painting services on the Brig HOPE.

1821

*Jan 1 - Account with Griswold & Coates of New York listing various services performed or goods delivered in 1820 for the Brig HOPE and the Ship PACKET.

June 6 - Receipt signed by A. Parsons of Savannah for having received payment for goods purchased.

Nov 15 - Bill of Lading, printed, issued at Savannah for goods to be shipped on the ship CORSAIR bound for New York (signed for Porter).

Nov 23 - Receipt signed by A. Hernandez for having received payment for 1 cannon.

1822

Feb 25 - Letter of Instruction from Messrs. Laeffer and Groome of New York concerning "oakum shipped on board your vessel to Savannah" (and) "you will dispose of this at the best the market offers for cash and bring the proceeds with you on your return to the city...".

July 1 - Receipt, dated New York, for placing on board the ship CORSAIR seaman John Christopher and Charnels Drake. Signed by E. Fisher.

July 28 - Bill, printed, receipted of Robert Worrell, Jr., Chemist and Druggist of Savannah for having received payment for "1/2 Dozen Boxes Soda Powders (and) 1 Doz (Boxes) Soda Water...". Print of a drug scene depicted in upper left corner.

Aug 7 - Bill, receipted, of O. Harriman of New York for having received payment for food items such as "3 Sacks Brown Salt" which he delivered.

Oct 25 - Receipt of Benjamin Marshall, M.D. for having received payment for attending James Bennet? "when sick with his last illness at Mr. C. Morris Sailor Boarding House".

Oct 30 - Note submitted by John Christopher for "the Balance of my Wages".

1823

Jan 23 - Bill, receipted of O. Harriman of New York for having received payment for sundries and sugar.

Feb 4 - Bill of O. Harriman for various goods such as 1/2 bushel parsnips and "Maderia Wine".

Mar 26 - Bill, receipted of O. Harriman of New York for various items such as sugar.

May 31 - Receipt signed by Clayhaun & Basset of Savannah for having received payment from Captain Porter of the ship CORSAIR, for "6 bottles Port wine \$6.00".

June 7 - Receipt signed by M. Touchelot of Savannah for having received payment for "6 bottles syrup \$3.75".

Aug 21 - Receipted bill of O. Harriman of New York for having received payment for various goods but essentially apples.

Oct 31 - Bill submitted by O. Harriman for food items including "Domestic Coffee". It is interesting to note that a \$12.00 Watch was submitted as payment and that \$4.20 was due Captain Porter since the bill amounted to only \$7.80.

Dec 29 - Bill of Williams & Harriman of New York for various food items such as Newton Pippins, bell pears, and smoked beef.

1824

Feb 10 - Bill, receipted by Williams and Harrison of New York for having received payment for supplying such goods as potatoes, butter, brown sugar, and cinnamon.

Mar 17 - Bill submitted by Dr. E. G. Dummel essentially for bleeding and medicines for Mrs. Porter?

Mar 26 - Check, printed, of the Mechanics Bank of New York signed by Captain Porter.

Mar 27 - Bill submitted by Williams & Harrison for such goods as butter and apples.

Sep 16 - Bill, receipted by Williams & Harrison of New York for having received payment for such goods as potatoes, apples and butter.

Nov 3 - Receipt signed by Williams & Harrison of New York for having received payment from Captain Daniel L. Porter for food items such as cider and port. 8 1/4 x 11.

Dec 18 - Bill, receipted by James Harris of New York for having received payment for "139 1/2 Bush(els of) Peanuts (and) 86 Bush(els) Peanuts".

1825

Feb 5 - Bill submitted by Williams & Harrison of New York for such goods as butter, cider and peanuts.

Apr 6 - Receipt, printed, of J. B. Herbert & Co. for having received payment for buying 1 Cask at auction.

Apr 26 - Bill, receipted, by Williams and Harrison for having received payment for butter. A note on this document signed W & H reads "The above article is the

best butter we could find in market - and is very choice article tho' high but we could not get it for less - ".

Apr 27 - Check, printed, issued by Merchant' Bank of New York. Signed by Captain Porter.

May 2 - Bill, receipted, by John D. Seits of Savannah for having received payment for "9 1/2 Gallon Cider a(t) 50¢ for \$4.75".

May 17 - Bill submitted by J. B. Herbert & Co. of Savannah for goods sold for Captain Porter at auction.

May 23 - Bill of H. B. Hathaway of Savannah to Captain D. L. Porter for pails and for Drayage, storage, advertising, and commission for selling the same.

May 24 - Bill, receipted by (James B.?) Hathaway of Savannah for supplying the Ship CORSAIR with ice.

June 10 - Bill, receipted by Williams and Harrison for having received payment for supplying salmon, butter, molasses and cherry brandy.

June 11 - Bill, receipted by John J. Manning for having received payment for supplying such goods as almonds, raisins, and grapes.

June 11 - Bill, receipted by Bill Hemingway of New York for having received payment from Captain D. Porter for freight and 1 passage of D.L. Porter on the packet JENNETT.

- July 9 - Bill, of N.B. Wilson? for "2 Boxes cider".
- July 9 - Bill, receipted of H.B. Hathaway of Savannah for ice and "Casks and Drayage" for the Ship CORSAIR.
- July 11 - Receipt of H.B. Hathaway for smoked beef for Ships CORSAIR and OWL.
- July 26 - Account of Williams and Harriman for raisins, prunes and other items.
- ca. Aug 13 - Account, receipted from Williams and Harriman for brown sugar, pork, and other goods.
- *Aug 17 - Account of James Griswold with the Ship CORSAIR. Various disbursements listed.
- Sep 14 - Account of Abel S. Clapp of New York for "Eight bushels of corn... and two flour barrels...".
- Nov 7 - Bill of Williams & Harrison of New York for cloves, nutmeg, butter and other goods.
- Nov 8 - Receipt of Robert Hardie for Packing Box and other item.
- Nov 8 - Account with Williams and Harrison of New York for potatoes, ale, mace, nutmeg, and other items.
- Nov 11 - Bill, receipted, of A & E Wood of Savannah for boots.
- Nov 21 - Account, receipted of E. Wood of Savannah for "Mens Nailed Boots...".
- Nov 28 - Receipt of Alexander A. Smets of Savannah for Reeds.
- Dec 16 - Receipt from Bush & Daly? of New York for payment received for "two Boxes of olives returned".
- Dec 21 - Account, receipted from Tucker & Carter for nails, hatchet, paint and other items.
- Dec 22 - Receipt of J.J. Adams for payment received for Reeds and Boards for the Brigs WILLIAM and EMELINE.
- Dec 24 - Receipt of James Wilson of New York for a "cook stove...".

Dec 28 - Account, receipted from William Scovil of New Haven for payment received for beef purchased.

1826

June 3? - Receipt for having received payment for coffee brought from Baptiste? at Savannah.

Aug 18 - Account, receipted from Post Office at New Haven for having received payment for "Sundry Postage".

1827

*Jan 29 - Portage bill of the Ship AUGUSTA. This is a Printed Form with various columns listed such as Names, Shipped, Wages per Month, Total Advance, and similar. Eleven names of crew members starting with Porter's have been written and appropriate entries made in the various columns. There are several Portage bills found in this Collection, all pretty well identical. The number of crew members and their names vary, of course.

Feb 17 - Receipted bill of Hall, Shupter and Taper? for freight for "50 barrels apples", and other items for the Ship AUGUSTA.

Feb 22 - Bill, receipted of John Shellman & W.B. Dobson? of Savannah for Lodging at the "Mansion House".

Mar 7 - Receipted bill of Sidney P. Whitlock for "5 Kegs White Lead" and other painting items.

Mar 14 - Received bill of M. B. & H. Weed of Savannah for "1 Saw & Handle" and other items.

June 27 - Bill, of B & H Weed of Savannah for "1 Sett Knives & forks" and other items.

July 16 - Received bill of Miss A. Bakewell of New Haven "For the Instruction of Charles...", and other services evidently concerned with teaching duties.

*Dec 14 - Account of Captain Porter for "amount and interest..." with William Whitlock Junior of New York.

1828

Apr 26 - Bill of Gifford & Bonney of Savannah for shirts and other clothing items for the men of the Ship MACON.

May 31 - Received bill of G. & C. Bonney for clothing provided for several men of the Ship MACON.

June 1 - Received bill of W. C. Douvill for two visits.

June 8 - Received bill of Ephim Speace of Savannah of the Ice House for supplying ice for the Ship MACON.

July 20 - Received bill of Anson Parsons of Savannah for "Congress Water" supplied for the ship MACON.

Aug 30 - Received bill of L. Munroe? of New Haven to Mrs. Porter "for making a Bonnet...".

Sep 25 - Received bill of Charles Hacker of New Haven for medical visits and medicines.

*Dec 1 - Account Current and Interest Account of Daniel L. Porter with William Whitlock, Jr. & Co. of New Haven relative to the Ship MACON. One entry mentions the Ship AUGUSTA.

Dec 30? - Bill of an unknown individual for services provided several men of the Ship MACON.

1829

*Jan 20 - Portage bill (printed) similar to Jan. 29, 1827. There are fifteen names on this bill.

Jan 22 - Received bill of H. Hobb for buckwheat.

Jan 23 - Received bill of Samuel Allen of New York for "2 Bales Hay".

Apr 20?- Bill, printed, of Mlle. Suzanne Boursy of Au Havre essentially for cotton.

May 6 - Received bill of W. Quidal? of Inganville near Havre? for apples, pears, and other goods for the Ship MACON.

July 6 - Received bill of McKinley Whitford? for lemons for the Ship MACON.

July 6 - Received bill of Chickester & Scranton of Savannah for cloth, buttons, and other items.

July 22 - Received bill of W. Scrugham for pants, socks, jackets, and other items.

July 26 - Received bill, dated New York, of Edward Whitlock for cheese.

Nov 12 - Received bill of Lyman Evarts of New Haven for mending and other services.

Box 2

1830

Jan 1 - Received bill of Charles Hooker of New Haven for medicine and visits.

Jan 14 - Receipt of Mrs. S. Jarman to Mrs. Porter for tuition for son.

Jan 23 - Account Current of Scott and Sharpter Co. essentially for the Ship MACON.

Apr 22 - Account, receipted, printed, of Thomas Ryerson, Junior of Savannah, Chemist and Druggist "for drugs". Small vignette in upper left corner.

May 1 - Receipt of Anthony P. Sanford to Mrs. Porter for "Pew Rent in Trinity Church ...".

June 2 - Bill, printed, of P. Hue, Woolen-Draper and Man's Mercer of Havre De Grace, essentially for trousers and jackets for men of the Ship MACON.

Aug 26 - Account, receipted bill of Forest Shepherd for "tuition for his son Charles E. one quarter \$6.00".

Oct 4 - Receipt of F. Shepherd of New Haven for receiving "three dollars in advance for the tuition of his son Charles".

Oct 11 - Receipted bill of Hotckiss (Fem & Co.?) for "1 Ton Schuylerkill Coals".

Nov (?) - Affidavit? regarding transfer of land to Captain Porter by Garry Perry of Huntington. Receipted for having received payment.

(1830?) - Blank Certificate, printed, dated New York, used when discharging a sailor and recommending "him as worthy of employment".

1831

Jan 18 - Receipt signed by Patmes and Lee for having received from Captain Porter "one dollar & 50 for one hundred oranges".

Feb 24 - Receipted bill of Smith Daniels of New Haven for having received payment for "repairing House".

Feb 28 - Receipted bill of Mrs. Porter with James B. Armisted "for instructing Miss Cecelia Porter in the science of Grammar."

*July 27 - Account of Coleman Lambert of Liverpool with the Ship MACON from Savannah. Items include dock charges, weighing materials charges, supplying twine, and for "Sundry freights".

Sep 19 - Account of Captain Porter for disbursements made by him for the Ship MACON at Liverpool. Besides food items such other items are included as "Watching the Ship" and "Labor discharging Cargo".

Sep 22 - Agreement between Porter and John S. Griffin and Ebenezer Alling to build "a certain dwelling house to be located in ... New Haven on the corner of Wooster Street and Franklin Street...". Receipted for having received payments at various times.

Nov 14 - Printed Receipt of Alling Brown of New Haven for "1 quarter's Musical tuition, of two children".

Nov 21 - Receipted bill of William Sebring of New York for "2 Weeks Board ... and Medicine".

1831 - Small Account Notebook (12 pages) listing various purchases made (1 qt of oil, 1 loaf of bread, 6 lbs. of wheat flour, etc.) Most entries are for 1828, a few may be for 1829, while a very few others are for 1830 and 1831. 4 x 6 1/2".

1832

Jan 16 - Receipted bill of George W. Barker of New Haven for having received payment from Captain Porter for "2 1/2 ... Steel ... Lattinet?".

Jan 28 - Received bill printed form of FAD and E.G. Jarman of New Haven to Mrs. Porter for such goods as muslin and silk.

May 1 - Received bill of Jacob Farrey for his services as seaman on the Ship MACON for "five Months & 9 days".

*May 4 - Portage bill of Ship MACON on a voyage to Savannah and Havre. This document is similar to that dated Jan. 29, 1827. Fifteen individuals are listed.

May 23 - Received bill of C. Hotchkiss? of New Haven for supplying various goods especially boards?

July 26 - Portage bill (not printed but similar to previously listed Portage bills) providing information on twelve individuals. A woman's name, Margaret, appears on the list. Though name of vessel is unclear, it was on a voyage to Savannah.

Sep 8 - Received bill from Hotchkiss Fenn? for "1 ton Lackawana Coal".

Sep 10 - Received bill of Edward Gilbert for providing shoes or boots to various members of the family.

Sep 18 - Received bill, printed, of Cooley and Smith of New Haven to Mrs. Porter for a "Silver Mounted Caster".

Sep 22 - Received bill of Doctor B.C. Lavenger? for medical treatment to Henry Brown.

Sep 24 - Received bill of Stephen Holt of New York for "2 half Bbls of Biscuit & Crackers".

Sep 25 - Received bill of Brown and Gray? of New York for supplying various articles of clothing.

Sep 26 - Received bill of Anthony Francis of New York for supplying shoes for various members of the household.

Nov 10 - Receipt of H. Eld? to for having received
"Ninety Dollar Interest on his note...".

Nov 10 - Receipt of H. Eld? for having received
"twenty one Dollars... in full of all debts ...".

Nov 19 - Portage bill (not printed but similar to
printed portage bill, Jan. 29, 1827) providing information
on sixteen individuals.

Nov 30 - Receipted bill of H. Todd for having
received payment for supplying 20 quarts of milk.

Dec 15 - Receipted bill of Samuel Hughes & Son for
having received payment for supplying silk, carpet, and
other items.

1833

Jan 1 - Receipted bill of Charles Hooker of New Haven for
medical visits and medicines between Mar. 27, 1831 and
Dec 16, 1832.

*Jan - Portage bill, printed and similar to Jan 29, 1827, for
ship MACON on a voyage to Savannah. Sixteen
individuals are listed.

Jan 9 - Account Current with Scott & Shapton, essentially
for expenses connected with the ship MACON.

Feb 1 - Receipt of Elizabeth Kilgour of New Haven to Mrs.
Porter "For 6 lessons on the Piano at the rate of 6 Dollars
per quarter".

Feb 12 - Receipted bill of Jerome B. Wheat of New
Haven for dental work.

Feb 20 - Receipted bill of Chatterton & Bobcock for
mending coats, supplying cotton lining & braid, and similar
services.

Apr 4 - Receipted bill of Chales Robertson for plastering work performed.

Apr 6 - Receipted bill of M. Parker to Mrs. Porter for "Repairing hat for Cecilia", for ribbon, and for similar services.

Apr 6 - Receipted bill of (P.S. Weeks?) for wages for work performed for Captain Porter and for nails supplied.

Apr 18 - Receipt of Scott & Shapter of New York on account.

May 1 - Receipt of Anthony Sanford "for Pew rent in St. Paul's Chapel".

May 8 - Deed (printed form) for land in New Haven bought by Porter from Anna Terrell "in trust for the use of Clarissa Olds".

June 17 - Receipted bill of Mary L. Rogers of New Haven to Mrs. Porter for making a vest.

July 2 - Receipt of J. Meigs Hall of New Haven for "one Barrell of Cider".

July 9 - Receipted bill of Dran, Cutler and Bradley of New Haven for silk, thread, and similar items.

July 15 - Receipted bill of Street & Noble of New Haven for providing such goods as linen, cotton shirting, gloves, and other items.

July 17 - Receipted bill of Nathaniel Olmstead of New Haven to Mrs. Porter for "1 silver cream spoon", and other items.

July 23 - Receipted bill of John Saxton & Co. of New York for soda crackers and butter.

July 24 - Receipted bill of Elise M. Perry of New Haven for Piano Lessons for Miss Porter.

July 29 - Receipted bill of C. Mc Mahon for beef, lamb, and other food items supplied.

- July 30 - Receipt, printed of Wyllys Warner of New Haven for having received payment of "Twenty five Dollars, on account of the first installment... towards a fund... for the use of Yale College."
- July 31 - Received bill of W. Todd to Mrs. Porter? for "43 qts milk at 4¢". We note that this is the smallest document in this collection measuring about 4 1/2 x 2".
- Aug - Received bill of Anna Daggett of New Haven for oranges, lemons, and other food items supplied.
- Aug 2 - Received bill of John Dinslow of New Haven for work performed and bricks supplied.
- Aug 4? - Received bill of Elah Gramham for supplying horse and carriage and horse and wagon at various times.
- Aug 6 - Received bill of J. Knight of New Haven for "Medical Attendance".
- Aug 8 - Received bill of Carter & Collins of New Haven for mending various pairs of shoes.
- Nov 27 - Received bill printed, from the Town Collector of New Haven, Justin Redfield for Town Tax, State Tax, City Tax, and Society Tax.
- *Nov - Agreement, headed "It is agreed between the Master, Seamen or Mariners of the Ship CELIA of New York, D. L. Porter or whoever else may go Master, now bound from the Port of New York to Savannah and back to New York..." bind "themselves to obey the lawful commands of their officers". Twenty signatures are found on this document. Said document and six others following in 1834 though not identical are very similar agreements varying essentially only in the ship involved, namely either the CELIA or the MACON, and their destinations, and the number of crew involved. Though only one of these six documents (March 10) has the specific year of 1834 (the others only have the month), they have been placed under 1834, this year or the year immediately preceeding or following being considered as their most probable date. Most documents are large measuring ca. 17" x 22" or so.
- 1833 - Contract for Cabin Work on the new Ship CELIA by Henry Crum. All work is described in some detail.

- *Jan 18 - Agreement similar to that of Nov 1833 involving the Ship CELIA bound from New York to Savannah and back to New York. There are fourteen signatures.
- Feb 14 - Receipted bill, printed, of B.S. St. John of New York for shirts and other clothing items.
- *Mar 5? - Agreement similar to that of Nov. 1833 involving the Ship CELIA of New York bound from the Port of New York to Savannah "or any other port of places for Four Months". There are sixteen signatures.
- *Mar 10 - Agreement similar to that of Nov. 1833 involving the Ship MACON of New York bound from Savannah to Liverpool. There are fifteen signatures.
- Apr 15 - Receipted bill of H & L Hotchkiss of New Haven for lumber and nails and similar items.
- *Apr 28 - Agreement similar to that of Nov 1833 involving the Ship CELIA of New York bound from the Port of New York to Savannah and back to New York. There are fifteen signatures.
- May 1 - Receipt of William R. Hitchcock of New Haven to Mrs. Porter for receiving Pew Rent payment at St. Paul's Chapel.

May 16 - Account, printed, of J. Conway & Co. of Liverpool. This account and the following nine accounts of J. Conway & Co. are for supplying jackets and other items of clothing for crew members of the Ship MACON. For the most part, these accounts have a statement at the bottom signed by the individual crew member for whom the clothing items were being provided which reads "Captain Porter Please to pay the above (amount) and charge the same against my wages".

May 17 - Account, printed, of J. Conway & Co. of Liverpool.

May 31 - Account, printed, of J. Conway & Co. of Liverpool.

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June 3 - Account, printed, of J. Conway & Co. of Liverpool.

*Aug 7 - Agreement similar to that of Nov 1833 involving the Ship CELIA of New York bound from New York to Savannah or from Savannah to one or more ports in Europe. There are fourteen signatures.

*Aug 15? - Portage Bill, printed, form for Ship MACON on a voyage from Savannah to Liverpool. Fifteen names are listed.

Oct 9 - Received tax bill, printed, of New Haven Town Tax Collector, Justin Redfield, for Town Tax, State Tax, City Tax, and Society Tax.

Nov 30 - Receipt of Henry Hall? of New Haven for having received payment for milk supplied.

Dec 5 - Received bill of John W. Burges of New York for sugar crackers and soda crackers.

Dec 9 - Received bill of Henry Carum of New York for silk Chest, and other items.

*Dec 11 - Agreement similar to that of Nov. 1833 involving the Ship MACON of New York bound from New York to Savannah and from Savannah "to One or more ports in Europe...". There are twenty-one signatures.

Dec 16 - Received bill of William Philpitt and Co. for 5 barrels of apples.

*Dec 16 - Portage Bill (printed form) for Steamer Ship at Savannah. Seven individuals or positions are listed

Dec 17 - Bill of Jacob Fisher of New York for mutton and beef.

Dec 31 - Received bill of A. Ryerson and Co. of Savannah for shaving soap and teeth powder.

1835

*Jan - Letter from Houglatner A. Treppler? of Savannah? to Captain Porter on the ship MACON urging him to take on a consignment. "If you should go to Europe you will be back here in time for Spring passengers, but if you go..., you will lose this advantage which is to be taken into consideration".

Feb 5 - Receipt of Wyllys Todd & Co. of New Haven to Mrs. Porter "for one Hog".

Apr 18 - Bill, printed, of S. Cowan & Co. of Liverpool to John Bahul of the ship MACON for clothing and blanket.

Apr 18 - Bill of Thomas Stephens for shoes supplied for the men of the Ship MACON.

Apr 24 - Bill, printed, of J. Conway & Co. of

Liverpool to Charles Dawson for clothing items. "Captain Porter Please to pay the above and charge the same against my wages".

Apr 24 - Bill, printed, of E. Hudson of Liverpool, "Manufacturer of Woolen Cloth, etc.", for supplying various articles of clothing to the "Men belonging the Macon".

Apr 25 - Bill, printed, of J. Conway & Co. of Liverpool for clothing items.

Apr 27 - Bill, printed, of John Briscoe of Liverpool to Mrs. Bond for "27 yards Irish Linen".

Apr 28 - Bill, printed, of S. Cearns of Liverpool for wine and liquor.

Apr 29 - Bill of Edward Owens to the Owners of the Ship MACON for "Watching the Vessel for three weeks".

Apr 29 - Receipt of Wainwright & Shields? of Liverpool for "Forty Pounds Received from him on account the Ship (MACON)".

Apr - Receipt, printed, of H.T. Fuller of New Haven for tuition of Amelia? for "One Quarter in the art of Dancing".

June 22 - Account, receipted, of J.W. Burges of New York for butter crackers, sugar crackers, and soda crackers.

July 27 - Account, receipted, of Judah Fisher of New Haven for cotton hose, Irish Linen and similar goods.

Box 3

1836

Jan 5 - Bill, receipted, of E. Sperry of New Haven to Mrs. Porter for supplying and repairing combs.

*Sep 30 - Bill of Frisbie Street & Co. of New Haven for having supplied linen, cotton and similar items.

Dec 8 - Bill receipted, of Samuel W. Tourthill? of New Haven to Mrs. Porter for supplying shoes.

Dec 21 - Bill of A. Stover of New Haven to Daniel L. Porter for apples and butter.

Dec 22 - Bill of Mary Hinman of New Haven to Miss Celia Porter for dress work.

*1836? - Portage Bill, similar to previously listed Portage bills. About twelve names are listed.

1837

Apr 29 - Bill, receipted of Dean & Cutler to Mrs. Porter for calico, muslin, and similar items.

1838

Apr 4 - Account receipted, of J. Knight for medical attendance for daughter Sarah.

Apr - Bill of Horace A. August of New Haven for well bucket, door lock, sofa, and other items.

July 23 - Bill, receipted, of Sandford & Bliss for cotton, drapes, muslin, and similar items.

Oct - Small note book maintained by Captain Porter with entries ca. July 1835 to Oct 1838 listing items purchased and amount paid. An advertisement of William Hollwell of Liverpool is inserted. 4" x 6"

Undated

Many of these documents are rather illegible and difficult to decipher. Many do not bear any place names.

1 - List of Steerage Passengers on board Ship MACON bound from Havre to New York. There are about twenty-five individuals listed.

2 - Receipted bill from Rivers, Hopkins & Co. to Captain Porter for receiving payment for tobacco and allied items.

3 - Bill from a New York individual or company for looking glass, painting, towels and various other items.

4 - Bill for washing services. Written in French and from Maton Savoir?

5 - Genealogical Sheet listing various Marriages, Births, and Deaths in the Porter Family. It is possible that these were copied June 4, 1873 by Dr. Charles Merritt of 25 West 23rd? Street in New York City "from the Family Bible of Daniel Lord Porter".

6 - Note to Captain Porter from William Philpitt stating that he has sent "Sixty Seven Bbls of apples all in good order for Shipping".

7 - Receipted bill of Braut & Fox? for molasses, rice, eggs, and various other items.

8 - Bill for "Washing (services) in France".

9 - Bill, receipted printed, of E. Bolles of the Eagle Tavern.

10 - Bill printed of the Eagle Tavern to Captain Porter.

11 - Bill, receipted, of Doctor D. Cooper? for services on the Ship MACON.

12 - Bill, receipted, August 29, New York for 11 weeks Board. (cut document)

13 - Bill of Susan Bolt to Captain Porter for washing services.

14 - Receipted bill of Hall Shapter & Co.?, Feb. 26 for "1 Box figs".

15 - Receipted bill of Gifford & Allen of Savannah for shoes and other items.

16 - Receipted bill of Susan Boll for Boarding and Lodging services and for Washing services.

17 - Receipted bill of E.R. Austin?, July 12 for ham.

18 - Receipted bill of Susan Boll, May 15, for "Washing 1 doz 10 pieces, 4¢ per piece".

19 - Bill for clothing provided for several men on the Ship MACON.

*20 - Receipted bill of Draut? and Fox for crackers, coffee, rice, corn and other food items.

21 - An Account Book. Columns in it are generally headed Marks, Numbers, Numbers of Packages, Packages, and Consignees. ca. 8 x 13

Non-Porter

These documents are only five in number. They have been indicated as being "Non-Porter" because they do not appear to be directly related to him. They may have been documents pertaining to other family members or relatives or in some other way connected to the Porter Family but this is simply not clear.

- 1816, July 12 - Note signed by Hezekiah Augur of New Haven to Mr. Warner of Hampden requesting payment of "the balance Dew to me".
- 1820, Dec 15 - Letter of Attorney, printed form, of William Johnston, "a private in the fourth Battalion of United States artillery under the command of Captain Roach" appointing William Cawfield, "a Seargeant in the said Fourth Battalion..." his lawful attorney.
- 1830, Jan 16 - Letter of Lyon Wright and Co. of Bridgeport to Messrs. Lyon Nichols & Co. of Savannah agreeing to terms of an order placed for Saddles. "I requested them to be very particular with regard to the workmanship and also to the fairness of the stock...".
- 1832, Nov 21 - Affidavit signed by the Clerk of the Marine Court of the City of New-York attesting that Andrew Anderson of the Kingdom of Sweden declared an oath "that it was his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity... particularly to the King of Sweden". This document is inscribed as being a duplicate of a document which was issued May 24, 1830.
- 1846, Dec 5 - Letter of H.L. and Susan M. Barber of Syracuse, New York to their uncle Hezekiah Augur of New Haven. Each individual has written about a page each in the letter, and essentially this is family news. "Mary is now in Bridgeport. She left here on Wednesday morning of last week...". "Our neighbors on both sides are well. They often ask after your welfare...".

Miscellaneous Photocopies

Apparently, these several photocopies (except, perhaps for the last one) were made during the process of researching the background of Captain Porter by a researcher working for the donor of the Collection, Mr. Gene Reid.

- 1847, Nov 27 - Photocopy of two pages from Ship Register of The District Of Salem and Beverly, 1789-1900, and photocopy of an Enrollment (licensing), dated Nov. 27, 1847 concerning the

vessel BACKUS, "built at Philadelphia... Daniel L. Porter... present master...".

- 1848, Apr 29 - Photocopy of affidavit signed by Porter, "Master of the Bark called the BACKUS OF SAVANNAH...", swearing that "one male Slave" was not brought into the United States after 1808. This photocopy is stamped as being from the National Archives.
- June 14, 1848- Photocopy (in two parts) of Coasting Manifest of the Bark BACKUS bound from New Orleans to Baltimore. Names of nineteen Shippers listed, and the goods (such as cotton) being shipped. This photocopy is stamped as being from the National Archives.
- Undated - Photocopy of manifest of Slaves, Passengers on board the Bark Backus. The name of one individual is listed as being bound from Savannah for New Orleans. This photocopy is stamped as being from the National Archives.
- Undated,
Aug 22 - Photocopy of a newspaper or other press ad advertising Savannah and Boston Packets. "This Day From India wharf... barque LAGRANGE, Capt. Porter..."

Appendix

Photocopy Samples of some of the types of documents found in this Collection. In some cases, sizes are not always to scale, having been somewhat reduced.

Container List (Shelf List)

For Staff Use Only

Box 1 1815 - 1829

No. of folders - 99

Box 2 1830 - 1835

No. of folders - 97

Box 3 1836 - 1838 - undated, and Non-Porter documents, and Photocopies, and Accession folder.

In the Accession folder there is a letter from Cathy D. Knepper, a researcher doing work for Mr. Reid, dated April 9, 1984, concerning her research. It was she who, no doubt, supplied all or most of the photocopies. The folder also also contains a "Catalog of Daniel Lord Papers", probably prepared at the time the gift was made. It was intended to list, in a not too detail manner, most of the documents being donated. In this folder will also be found an inter-office memorandum of acknowledgment, dated Dec. 5, 1988 from Mr. Richard H. Corson, Library Director to Comdr. Jeffrey Monroe acknowledging receipt of the Porter papers from him via Mr. Reid. Mr. Reid lived at 12 Brookvale Road in Framingham, Mass. 01701.

No. of folders - 40

Box 4 (oversized)

No. of folders - 28