

(APPENDIX A.)

SYDNEY, MARCH, 17, 1851.

I, John Lorway, of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton, Ship Owner, do hereby certify, that I have been the Owner and Master of vessels sailing out of the port of Sydney, for the last forty years. That I have made five hundred and fifty four voyages between the ports of Sydney and Halifax in that period, besides other trading voyages.

That I have never been detained by fog a single hour, or by any cause other than contrary winds, from entering the port of Sydney during the whole of that time. The soundings are so good and true that after clearing Scatarie, you cannot get wrong. From Flint Island or Mire Bay, it is always free from fog, and clear weather, even when foggy outside. Running from Scatarie you have a sea room of forty miles and upwards in making Sydney Harbor—before you a bold land fall, and at the entrance a good Light. There are no rocks, or shoals in the way, and masters may run for it night or day without risk.

I further certify that I know well all the creeks and harbours of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton—they are all bad for fog in summer. Louisburg, Whitehaven and Halifax, *I know them*; it is quite blind work, and very dangerous often going into them. *I have often been detained from going into Halifax three and four days at a time.*

JOHN LORWAY.

We, whose names are are undersigned, have read the foregoing Certificate of Captain John Lorway which we fully confirm, from a long experience as owners and masters trading out of Sydney on the southern coasts of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia.

JOHN MUGGAH,	35 Years.
JAMES MUGGAH,	22 "
WILLIAM MUGGAH,	23 "
CHARLES MUGGAH,	18 "
JOHN LORWAY Jr.,	12 "
THOMAS TOWNSEND,	18 "
GEORGE TOWNSEND,	13 "
DUGALD LISCOMBE,	12 "
MICHAEL CARLINE,	20 "