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## 1.0 Abstract

The “www Research Project” is about, discovering by on line research details of ships, on the MADU data base of wrecks of North Wales, the circumstances of their loss, details of the owners and crew, the cargo carried and their history.

The *Surpass* was built by Bernard Sherris on Scilly in 1846 and he was the first master. The *Surpass* sailed to the Mediterranean, South and North America, southern Africa and Mauritius. Edwin Sherris was the master of the *Surpass* from about 1852 until her sale in 1867. The registration of the *Surpass* was then moved from Falmouth to Grangemouth and the *Surpass* sailed between Scotland, Northeast England, London and Europe. The *Surpass* was sold again in 1873 and then sailed mainly between Liverpool, Europe, Wales and Ireland.

In June 1876 on arriving at Porthmadog in ballast from Waterford the *Surpass* failed to answer the helm crossing the bar, went aground and sank. The crew used the ship’s boat to reach the shore safely. The *Surpass* started to break up and was dismantled and sold.

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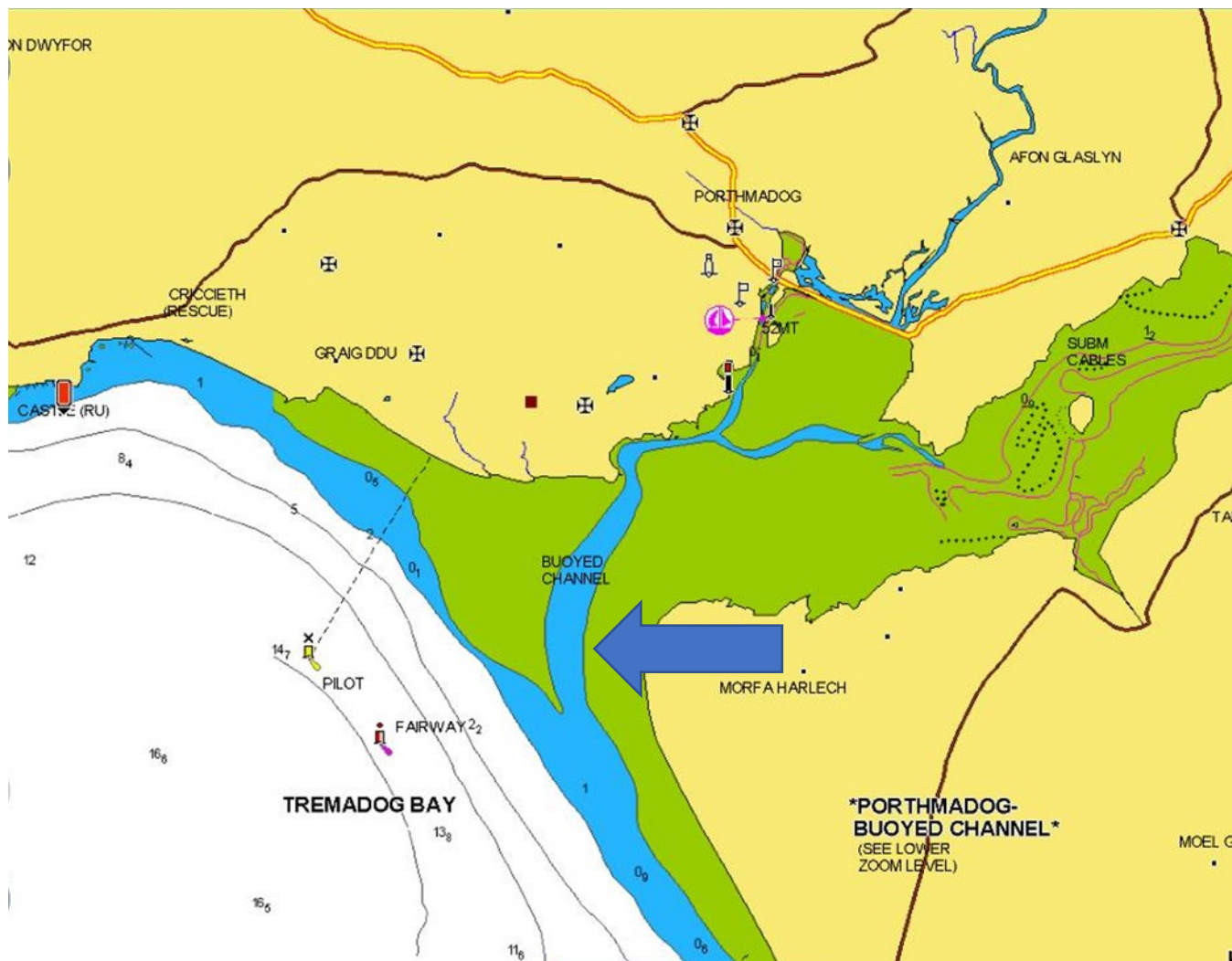
<b>BNA</b>	<b>British Newspaper Archives</b>
<b>FF</b>	<b>Firth of Forth</b>
<b>LL</b>	<b>Lloyds List</b>
<b>LR</b>	<b>Lloyds Register of shipping</b>
<b>MADU</b>	<b>Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit</b>
<b>NAS</b>	<b>Nautical Archaeology Society</b>
<b>NAW</b>	<b>National Archives of Wales</b>
<b>NB</b>	<b>New Brunswick, British North America</b>
<b>NF</b>	<b>Newfoundland, British North America</b>
<b>SMG</b>	<b>Shipping and Mercantile Gazette</b>
<b>WNL</b>	<b>Welsh Newspapers on Line</b>
<b>w/e</b>	<b>Week ending</b>

### 3.0 Introduction

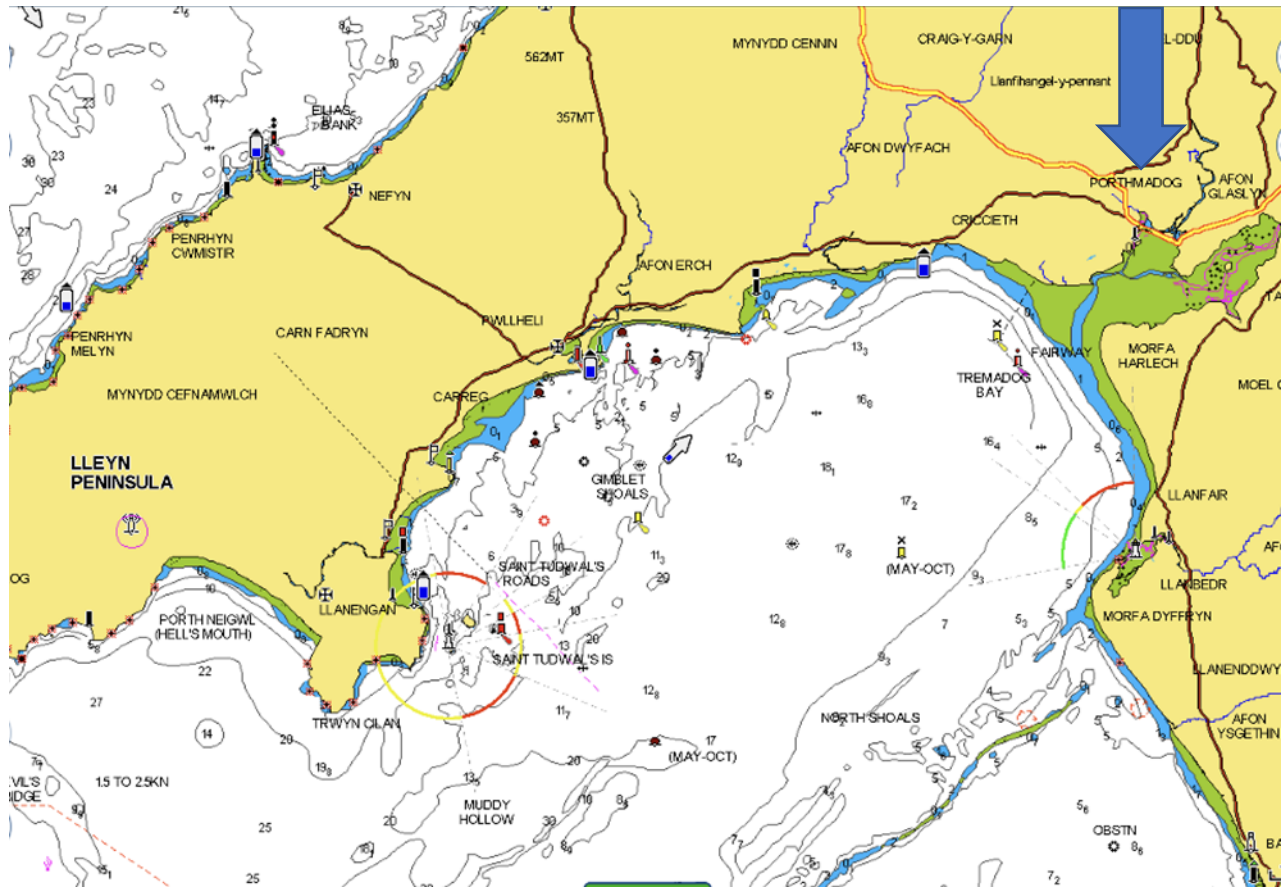
1. I selected *Surpass* to research because she was a schooner lost on Portmadoc bar and wished to identify her and see how much information I could find about her. I also wanted to find out what happened and I wanted to discover:
2. The dimensions of the vessel, although for this period of time apart from the draught, they would have only been recorded in on line information if the Lloyd's survey was available or the vessel had been advertised for sale in a surviving newspaper. Who the builder was and when she was built and any other information available about her.
3. Information concerning the voyages, cargo's, any events affecting the vessel, details of its masters, crew and owners.
4. To find out the sequency of events leading up to the loss of the vessel, whenever that was and the event in 1876.
5. To discover the cause of the event in 1876 and if the vessel survived, the cause of its eventual loss.
6. The events that happened after the incident in 1876 and up to and after its loss if it survived.
7. If there were any previous research of the vessel for the 1876 incident and its story.
8. If there was a wreck site for *Surpass* and if it had been identified, dived and recorded.
9. If any salvage of the vessel and its cargo had been carried out
10. If any previous reports had been produced for the *Surpass*.

### 4.0 Background

When I started this project it was reported that *Surpass* was a schooner of 129 tons wrecked on sands near Portmadoc harbour on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1876.



Porthmadoc & Approach Channel



Porthmadog & Approaches

## 5.0 Research Methodology

I used a Microsoft Pixel laptop with access to my home internet running windows 10 operating system. I also used my Apple I pad for research when I was away from the laptop. The new internet provider has now connected my home by a fibre connection so it is very much faster. The Laptop uses Bing search engine but I also use Google which produces less advertisements and less Americanised content.

I searched Lloyds Register of Shipping ( LR ) for "Surpass" looking for details of her dimensions, master, builders and owners from 1846 with a match. I then searched yearly until 1876, finding matches after a break with no entry for four years in the 1870's.

I searched LR ships, plans and survey reports for "Surpass" with no match.

I searched the Crewlist Project for " Surpass" looking for her official number and links to MNL, appropriation book, crew lists, owner and master with a match. I followed the links for crew lists and found matches.

I searched The British Newspaper Archives (BNA) for "Surpass", "Surpass Sherris", "Surpass Casey", "Surpass Mitchell", "Surpass Blaney", "Surpass Robertson", "Surpass Thomas ", "Surpass Falmouth", "Surpass Grangemouth", "Surpass Scilly", "Schr Surpass" and "schooner Surpass" looking for sailings, arrivals, a launch, owners, builders, mishaps and any details of her loss and found a number of matches. I also searched "Surpass Sherries", "Surpass Blamey", when I found the masters name spelt incorrectly. I restricted the searches to Lloyds List (LL), Shipping, Mercantile Gazette (SMG), Royal Cornwall Gazette, Liverpool papers, Newcastle papers (inc Shields) after 1856 when the search failed to find the matches for *Surpass* in the first pages of the search result, but they were amongst several thousand possible matches.

I also searched "Bernard Sherris", "Edwin Sherris", "John Crawford Spring Kerse" and "Nathaniel Thomas Newport" looking for further details about them and their business's with matches. The search for "Bernard Sherris" produced the details of the launch of the *Surpass*, as she was not named in the newspaper report. I also searched "Edward Williams" with no matches. I used the filters on BNA to select the correct country and location's.

I searched Welsh newspapers on line for "Surpass" looking for sailings, arrivals, owners, builders and any details of her loss and found matches for her loss and details of a few sailings. I also searched "Nathaniel Thomas Newport" and "Edward Williams" with no matches.

I searched Coflein site for "Surpass" looking for any details of the vessel, wrecking and a chart with no match.

I searched wreckeu site for "Surpass" looking for any details of the wreck with no matches.

I searched the American Library of Congress , newspapers ALC for "Schr Surpass" looking for arrivals, sailings and cargo and found a match. A search for "Schooner Surpass" found no matches.

I searched in Google for "Schooner Surpass" for any details of the vessel or her owners and found a match to original commercial documents held in the Gwynedd Archives.

## 6.0 Results

Vessel	Name/s	Surpass	
	Type	Clipper Schooner	
		Cargo	
Built	Date	1846 in Mr. John Edwards's ship yard, St Mary's Scilly	
Launched		May 27 <sup>th</sup> 1846	
	Builder	Bernard Sherris	
		Scilly Isles	
Construction	Materials	Wood	
	Decks	One	
	Bulkheads	None	
Propulsion	Type	Sail	
	Details	Fore and aft rigged	
Engine	Details	N/A	
	Boilers		
Drive	Type		
	Number		
Dimensions	Length	81 ft	1 ins
	Beam	21 ft	7 ins
	Draught	12 ft	6 ins
Tonnage	Gross	140 tons	
	Net	128 tons	
Owner	First	Sherris & Son	
		St Mary's. Scilly Isles	
	Last	Captain Edward Williams and Co	
		Glanllyn near Falsarnam, Merionethshire	
	Others	Edwin Sherries, Falmouth - John Crawford, Spring Kerse, Sterling - Nathaniel Thomas, Newport, Mon.	
Registry	Port	Scilly, Falmouth, Grangemouth	
	Flag	British	
	Number	1600	
History	Routes	Scilly to Mediterranean, Liverpool to North & South America, Lisbon, Black sea, Africa, Mauritius and Mediterranean, Grangemouth to Europe, Newport to Waterford	
	Cargo	Sugar, Hides, Bones, Tallow, Coal, Fruit, Salt, Coffee, Iron bar, Valonia, Pilchards, Sand, Pig iron, Oil, Sand loam	
Final Voyage	From	Waterford / Cork	
	To	Portmadoc	
	Captain	Nathaniel Thomas	
	Crew	Unknown	
	Passengers	None	
	Cargo	ballast	
Wrecking	Date	June 17 <sup>th</sup> 1876	
	Location	Portmadoc Bar	
	Cause	Heavy swell making vessel fail to respond to steering and hitting bar	
	Loss of life	None	
	Outcome	wrecked	

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### Royal Cornwall Gazette - Friday 05 June 1846


ST. MARY'S, SCILLY -There was launched at Mr. John Edwards's ship yard, on the 27th ult, a schooner of 141 tons n. m. She is the property of Mr. Bernard Sherris, and Son, and is intended for the foreign trade.

### Gore's Liverpool General Advertiser - Thursday 17 December 1846



For VENICE, Direct,  
The beautiful new British-built Schooner  
**SURPASS**, BERNARD SHERRIS, Master;  
Burthen per register 140 tons, and classed A 1 at  
Lloya's for twelve years: loading in King's Dock.—For  
freight apply to  
M'NAIR and DUTTON.

### Gore's Liverpool General Advertiser - Thursday 27 May 1847



For TRIESTE,  
The fast-sailing British-built Schooner  
**SURPASS**, B. SHERRIS, Master;  
Burthen per register 140 tons, classed A 1 at  
Lloyd's for twelve years.—For freight apply to  
M'NAIR and DUTTON.

### Morning Advertiser - Tuesday 14 December 1847

SCILLY, Dec. 10.—On the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, it blew a strong gale here from W. to W. N. W. The *Surpass*, Sherris, from Liverpool to Syra, and Salonica, anchors at Tresco, and went on shore, but was assisted off, and warped into a place of safety.

### Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Saturday 20 May 1848

Report of the Schooner *Supply*. Woodcock, from Patras for London, in the Downs, May 19 April 22 —Left, Gibraltar Bay and at the Back of the Rock, about 200 sail, homeward bound, among which were the *Surpass*, Sherris.

We have experienced little else than a head wind from the time left Gibraltar Bay until got into lat. 48 20, long 8 30.

### Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Monday 07 August 1848

SCILLY—ST. MARY'S—Aug. 4 Wind S.S.W., fine. Put back, July 31—The *Surpass* Sherris, from London for Rio Janeiro, with loss of jibboom, after having been 80 miles to the westward.

Remain, Aug. 4—The *Surpass*, Sherris, for Rio Janeiro

### Royal Cornwall Gazette - Friday 22 February 1850

At St. Mary's Scilly, the wife of Capt. Sherris", of the schooner *Surpass*, of a son

### Gore's Liverpool General Advertiser - Thursday 30 January 1851

**LINE of PACKETS for BUENOS AYRES.**

*Has only room for a limited quantity of fine freight, and will be forthwith despatched, being positively first Vessel.*

The beautiful British-built clipper **Schooner**  
**SURPASS**, Captain SHERRIS;

At Lloyd's twelve years, 168 tons old, 140 tons new measurement, a very rapid and in all respects a first-rate conveyance: loading in the Prince's Dock.—Apply to

**COTESWORTH, WYNNE and LYNE.**



**Lloyd's List - Friday 19 September 1851**

Vessels spoken with:

Brasiliana 22<sup>nd</sup> July 3N 28W by the *Surpass*, Sherris, Scilly.

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Friday 03 October 1851**

IMPORTS INTO THE PORT OF LONDON FOR THE WEEKENDING OCT. 2

September 29

Buenos Ayres [*Surpass*], 9,000 bones, 6 bls horse hair, 30 cs preserves, 110 pps 9 half pps tallow, 1,907 ox and cow hides, 2,730 horse hides.


**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Wednesday 27 October 1852**

Report of the *Surpass*, Drew (late Sherris), from Rio Janeiro, at Scilly:— Spoke — The William Edwards brig, from Liverpool, at the entrance of Rio, Aug. 20. Herald barque, from London for Valparaiso, Aug. 29, lat. 19 38S., long. 34 38W, Passed—The I. W. Lanrensen, Hamburg barque, Sept. 16, lat. 14 1 N., long. 27 4W.

Spoke—The General Jessop, American barque, from Philadelphia for Rio Janeiro, Sept. 26, lat. 25 17 N., long. 35 18 W

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Friday 19 November 1852**

For ALGOA BAY direct,  
With immediate dispatch, having the greater part of her cargo engaged,

 THE splendid clipper Ship **SURPASS**, 250 tons, A 1 twelve years; Edwin **Sherris**, Commander; lying in the London Docks. Has good accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage apply to  
**BENNETT and ASPINWALL, 77, Cornhill.**

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Friday 31 December 1852**

RAMSGATE-Doc. 30: W., fresh, cloudy.

Put in—The *Surpass*, Sherris, of Scilly. for Algoa Bay. with loss of Binnacle and compass

**Cork Constitution - Saturday 07 January 1854**

The schooner *Surpass*, to Cork for orders, had to put back with mainmast gone, and other damage, having been caught a squall when 350 miles from Mauritius.

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Monday 16 January 1854**

SCILLY—St. Mary's—Jan. 13; 10 a.m.—W.B.W., fresh, with rain. Put in 12— The *Surpass*, Sherris, from Mauritius, for Cork or Falmouth, for orders, 75 days, with loss of mainsail and other sails, main boom, jibboom, bulwarks, stanchions, two shrouds, forestay, and three chain plates ; experienced succession of heavy gales from the Azores since Christmas day.

**Lloyd's List - Monday 16 January 1854**

SCILLY. 13th Jan.— The *SURPASS*. Sherris, from Mauritius for orders, arrived here yesterday with severe damage, and must discharge part of cargo to repair.

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Wednesday 18 January 1854**

SCILLY—St. Mary's—Jan. 16;

The *Surpass*, Sherris, will obliged to discharge part her cargo (sugar) to get at the chain bolts. .

**The New York herald, December 17, 1854,**


ARRIVED

Schr *Surpass* (Br) Sherris from Malaga 50 days with fruit to A McAndrew

**Liverpool Standard and General Commercial Advertiser - Tuesday 19 June 1855**

*Surpass*, Sherries, hence for Salonica, at Scilly, 9th June, with two shrouds of main rigging carried away, having experienced heavy weather.

**Northern Daily Times - Monday 15 October 1855**



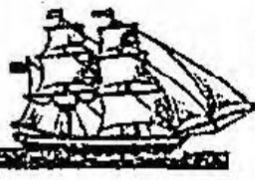
**ALEXANDRIA (EGYPT), THE LEVANT  
CONSTANTINOPLE,  
BLACK SEA, AND THE DANUBE.**

Regular Line of First-class Clipper Vessels, for ALEXANDRIA (EGYPT), the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE, BLACK SEA, and the DANUBE, despatched by E. and J. P. SCHILIZZI, Jun.

Destination.	Vessel.	Will sail about the
ALEXANDRIA.....	ALICE GILL .....	31st October
SALONICA & SMYRNA..	EMMA .....	18th October
SMYRNA (direct).....	HANNAH.....	25th October
SYRA .....	ENIGMA .....	20th October
CONSTANTINOPLE ....	JAPE & ESTHER.....	20th October
TREBIZONDE .....	<b>SURPASS</b> .....	31st October
BALAKLAVA.....	VARNA.....	18th October

For Freights, &c., apply to  
**E. & J. P. SCHILIZZI, JUN.,**  
8 Brunswick-buildings.

**Glasgow Herald - Wednesday 09 March 1859**



**AT GLASGOW—FOR MALTA.**

**T**HE remarkably fast-sailing A. 1 Clipper Schooner **SURPASS**, 128 tons register, Capt. SHERRIS, has a great portion of her Cargo engaged, and will meet with early despatch.

For freight, &c., apply to  
**ALLAN C. GOW & CO., 87 Union Street.**

**Public Ledger and Daily Advertiser - Monday 02 July 1860**

COFFEE market steady but without activity. , . .

Imported in the *Surpass*, from Jamaica, 121 tierces 141 barrels 189 bags;

**Cardiff Times - Friday 19 July 1861****CARDIFF SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.**

FROM THE BILL OF ENTRY OFFICE.

EXPORTS.

July 16


Naples *Surpass*, iron bar 203 tons Dowlas Iron Co.

**Gore's Liverpool General Advertiser - Thursday 04 June 1863**

**LINE of PACKETS for BAHIA.**  
*Positively First Vessel.—Has nearly the whole of her cargo engaged and will sail in a few days.—Loading West side George's Dock,*

The splendid clipper **Schooner**  
**SURPASS.**

**EDWIN SHERRIS, Commander ;**  
 128 tons, A 1 at Lloyd's for twelve years, has just been newly coppered and put in first-rate order, sails fast, and has always delivered her cargoes in the most perfect condition.—Apply to **E. C. FRIEND and CO.**


**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Monday 11 April 1864**

SMYRNA—March 29: The following Charters have taken place here —The schooner *Surpass*, 128; and *Pass By*, 137; both to load Valonia for orders 40s. Freights are on the decline, vessels are expected, and exporters are hanging back for cheap rates.

## Royal Cornwall Gazette - Friday 13 January 1865

The St. Ives Pilchard Fishery.— The following figures show the total quantity of pilchards caught at St Ives during the season of 1864, what vessel shipped in when sailed, and the total value :— October 26th, *Tamar*, Plymouth, Bryant, Naples, 450 hogsheads ; October 27th, *Glenfeadon*, Portreath, Philp, Naples, 730 hogsheads ; October 29th *Florence Vivian*, Truro, Dyer, Venice, 605 hogsheads ; November 2nd, *Queen of the Sea*, Portreath, Noall, Naples, 685 • Dec 6th, *Eliza Bam*, Portreath, Cock, Naples, 1,000; Dec 8th *Mischief*, Dartmouth, Conham, Genoa, 400 ; Dec. 8th *Glynn*, St. Ives, Walls, Naples, 760 ; Dec. 12th, *Island Maid* Plymouth, Hill, Naples, 700 ; December 16th, *Forest Fairy*, Falmouth, Trewern, Leghorn, 600; Dec. 18th, *Surpass*, Falmouth Sherris, Naples, 700 ; *Lizzy*, Padstow, Henwood, Leghorn' 626 ; Dec. 21st, *Caroline Brown*, London, Shead, Genoa, 640 ; *Richard Tredwen*, Cardiff, Rosewarne, Naples, 690 ; Dec. 23rd *Eliza Ann*, St. Agnes, Cobbledick, Leghorn, 625 ; Dec. 24th *Jonadab*, St. Ives, Stevens, Naples, 640 ; Dec. 30th, *Volant*, Dartmouth, Wheaton, Leghorn, 560 ; Dec. 31st, *London*, St' Ives, Lander, Naples, 610; Jan. 7tb, *Fanny Buller*, Looe Barber, Naples, 738 ; sent by land carriage to Penzance to be shipped for the Mediterranean, 177 ; total quantity. 11,726 hogsheads ; total value, £27,849 5s

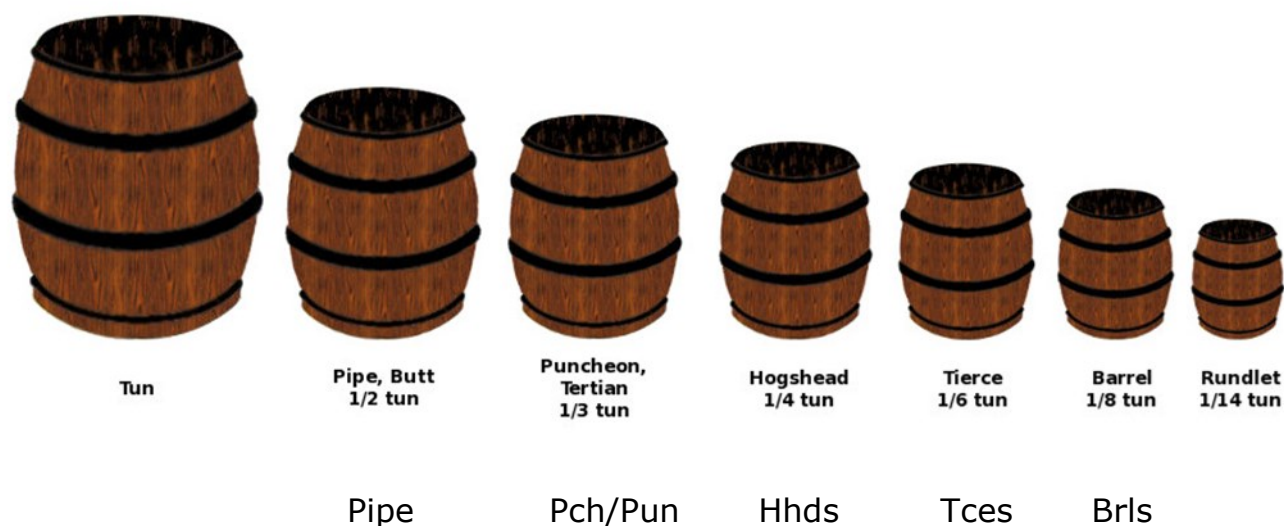



Fig. 1 Measures used for dry and wet goods

## Lloyd's List - Monday 08 January 1866

Lisbon arrived *Surpass*, Sherris from St John's, Newfoundland

With loss of spars, sails and gear, jolly-boat destroyed, Longboat damaged and other damage, and part of cargo thrown overboard, having encountered very severe weather on her passage.

## Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Friday 24 May 1867



**THE fine fast-sailing Clipper Schooner**  
**SURPASS**, 128 tons N.N.M., 210 tons D.W. ; built  
 at Scilly, of the best materials, in 1846 ; originally  
 classed A 1 twelve years ; metalled and metal fastened, is  
 abundantly found in stores, shifts without ballast, is well known  
 in the Mediterranean and Newfoundland trades, has always  
 turned out her cargoes in excellent order, is a desirable vessel  
 either for foreign or coasting trade, and could be sent to sea  
 without any outlay. For further particulars apply to  
 Mr. EDWIN SHERRIS, Falmouth.

## Royal Cornwall Gazette - Thursday 11 July 1867

**Sales by Auction.**

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**SCHOONER FOR SALE.**

**T**O BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION by Messrs. OLVER  
 & SONS, Brokers, on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at  
 Two o'clock in the Afternoon, at the Falmouth Town  
 Pier, the well-known and fine fast-sailing  
**SCHOONER "SURPASS,"**  
 128 tons Register N.N.M., and 210 tons Burthen,  
 Metalled and metal fastened, is well known in the New-  
 foundland and other trades, is in good order, and can be  
 sent to sea with little or no expense, and has always  
 turned out her cargoes in excellent condition. She was  
 built at St. Mary's, Scilly, in 1846, and then classed A 1,  
 12 years. Her dimensions are as follows :—Length, 81  
 feet ; breadth, 21½ feet ; depth, 12½ feet. May be in-  
 spected any day where she now lies at the Falmouth  
 Pier ; and further information, with Inventory of Stores,  
 may be had on application to Mr. EDWIN SHERRIS, Fal-  
 mouth, or the  
 BROKERS, Green Bank, Falmouth.  
 Dated 6th July, 1867.

**The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian Glamorgan Monmouth and Brecon Gazette 9th August 1867**

PORT OF CARDIFF.

**T**O BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by MR. GEORGE SULLY, at his Sale Rooms, 25, Mount Stuart Square, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1867, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Fine Fast-Sailing Clipper Schooner "SURPASS" 128 Tons Register N.N.M., and 210 Tons Burthen. Metalled and Metal Fastened, shifts without Ballast, well known in the Newfoundland and other Trades, is in good order and can be sent to sea with little or no expense, and has always turned out her cargoes in excellent condition. Length, 81 ft. 1-10th; breadth, 21 ft. 6-10ths; depth, 12 ft. 5-10ths. Built at St. Mary's, Scilly, 1846, and then classed A 4 12 years. Now lying in the Glamorganshire Canal, Cardiff.

For Inventories and Particulars, apply to Mr. J. H. ANNING, Ship Broker; or to Mr. GEORGE SULLY, Marine and General Auctioneer, 25, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff. [1216

**Cardiff Times - Saturday 05 October 1867**

SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

*Surpass* schooner, of Falmouth, Robertson, from Cardiff for London, put into Falmouth 21st inst. leaky.

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Tuesday 09 March 1869**

HARWICH—March 8; The *Surpass* schooner, of and for Grangemouth from London, put in 6th inst. with loss of jibboom and damage to cutwater, having been in collision, when entering, with the *Union*.

The *Union*, Franckham, from Rochester for the north, has put in with damage to covering board, stanchions, bulwarks, fore boom, and boat, from collision with the *Surpass*.

**Falkirk Herald - Saturday 28 June 1873**

Vessel Sold.—Captain Thomas, of Port Madoc, has, we understand, purchased the schooner *Surpass* from Mr John Crawford here. We believe she is intended principally for the Bristol Channel trade. The price was £750.

**Dover Express - Friday 28 February 1873**

## ENGINEERS AND ENGINEERING.

The canal Languedoc connected the Garonne below Toulouse with the Mediterranean at Cette. It was commenced in 1666 and completed in 15 years.

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Monday 06 January 1874**

*Russia* (s), from Liverpool for New York, came into collision in the Mersey 3rd Inst., with the *Surpass*, of Grangemouth, from Huelva, and carried away her bowsprit, cutwater, stanchions, and cross tree.

**Liverpool Journal of Commerce - Monday 05 January 1874**

The *Russia* (s), for New York, and *Surpass*, of Grangemouth, from Huelva, were in collision in the river Mersey on Saturday morning, and latter lost cutwater, stanchions, &c. . .

**Lloyd's List - Wednesday 07 January 1874**

Liverpool, 5th Jan.

*Surpass* (schr.), of Grangemouth, from Huelva to Garston ; deposition of N. Thomas, master (Cert, of comp., 83,184). [48,103]

**Liverpool Journal of Commerce - Monday 26 January 1874**

## SHIPS' REPORTS.

Report of JOSEPH DAVIES, PILOT OF THE RUSSIA (s), of Glasgow, from Liverpool Jan. 3 for New York, via Queenstown : —Ship proceeded, and after casting off from the mooring buoy dropped a little to the southward. All hands were on duty. I was on the bridge with master and third officer ; chief officer was forward: second officer at the con; four men at the wheel. I gave orders to put the helm hard to port to clear a buoy, and the engines to go ahead slow. When we were abreast of the buoy - a schooner I observed on our port bow weighing anchor, ported her helm, apparently with the intention of crossing our bow. Our engines were at once stopped, but it was considered dangerous to reverse, as in that case she must have come across our bow, and would probably have been sunk. The schooner had only staysail set, and paid off against our port bow, striking it with her jib boom. She then dropped alongside of us, and rapidly drifted away astern. One of our boats was slightly damaged, but the ship sustained no damage. and we proceeded on our voyage, sending back one of the steam tugs which was in attendance on us to see if they required assistance. The schooner's name is the *Surpass*.

**Lloyd's List - Tuesday 18 August 1874**

MILFORD. 16th Aug.—The *Surpass*, Thomas, from Santander for Liverpool, iron ore, has put here leaky, and with loss of jibboom and sails

**Lloyd's List - Tuesday 30 May 1876**

NEWPORT, 29th May, 3.58 p.m.—The *Surpass* (schr), of Grangemouth, Thomas, hence for Waterford with coal, put back last night, making water and other damage, having struck on the Woolves rocks.

The Wolves are three rocks just over a mile northwest of the island of Flat Holm in the Bristol Channel. They measure approximately 25 metres by 20 metres.

**Lloyd's List - Wednesday 07 June 1876**

## RECEIVER'S REPORTS.

Newport, 29th May. *Surpass* {schr.} of Grangemouth, from Newport to Waterford : deposition of N. Thomas, master (No. of cert., 83.,184). [53,246]

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette – Monday 19 June 1876**

PORTMADOC— June 17: a gale. The *Surpass* schooner from Waterford (ballast), aground on the north side this bar. The crew left their own boat and landed here, and reported three feet of water the vessel before they left.

**Lloyd's List - Wednesday 21 June 1876**

PORT MADOC. 19th June.— The *Surpass*, stranded on this bar, has been dismantled. She lies in a very bad position, with a heavy list to starboard, and part of deck is reported floating from her. [See paragraph in List of yesterday.]

**The North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser for the Principality 24<sup>th</sup> June 1876**

PORTMADOC. SHIPWRECK.—On Saturday afternoon last, during a heavy sea, a shipping disaster occurred on the bar. The schooner *Surpass*, hailing from Cork, and carrying ballast, was attempting to enter the port, but owing to the heavy swell at the time she refused to answer her helm, and becoming unmanageable, drifted upon the sands, where she soon became a wreck. The crew left, her directly she struck, and succeeded in reaching the land in an open boat belonging to the vessel. The *Surpass* was the property of Captain Edward Williams and Co., and was built in 1846. She was registered to carry 129 tons. At low water she is left high and dry on the sands, but the damages are such that there is no hope of saving her.

**Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Monday 03 July 1876**

PORTMADOC—July 1: SW, fresh. The Surpass, wrecked this bar, has been sold by public auction, together with her materials landed at Borth.—[See paragraph in S M & G of June 19<sup>th</sup>]

**Bernard Sherris****Royal Cornwall Gazette - Friday 04 February 1853**

At Ramsgate, on the 26th ult., Mr. Bernard Sherris, of St. Mary's, Scilly, ship-owner, after a very short illness, aged 66 years.— He was highly respected and is deeply regretted.

**Edwin Sherris**

Born St Mary's, Isles of Scilly about 1825

Father Bernard Sherris 1787-1853

Mother Elizabeth born 1786

**Commercial, Shipping & General Advertiser for West Cornwall - Saturday 24 August 1867**

APPLEDORE —A fine schooner was launched on Saturday morning from the shipbuilding yard of Mr. Robert Cocks. at Appledore. She is called the Eliza Sherris, the name of the wife of the owner, who performed the ceremony of christening. The vessel is 195 tons register, N. M., and carries upwards of 300 tons. She is owned by Mr. Edwin Sherris, of Falmouth, and is designed for the Mediterranean trade.

**Cornish Echo and Falmouth & Penryn Times - Saturday 24 May 1873**

At Pernambuco, on the 22nd ult., of yellow fever, Capt. Edwin Sherris, of Clare Terrace, Falmouth, shipowner, aged 49 years. Also at the same date and place, of yellow fever, Bernard, eldest son of the above named, aged 16 years.

In Brazil,( Appendix C )

## Yellow fever

Yellow fever is a serious infection spread by mosquitoes. It's found in parts of Africa, South America, Central America and Trinidad in the Caribbean. Yellow fever is a disease caused by a virus that is spread through mosquito bites. Symptoms take 3–6 days to develop and include fever, chills, headache, backache, and muscle aches. About 15% of people who get yellow fever develop serious illness that can lead to bleeding, shock, organ failure, and sometimes death. In the 18th and 19th centuries, yellow fever was considered one of the most dangerous infectious diseases; numerous epidemics swept through major cities of the US and in other parts of the world.

## John Crawford

### Dundee Advertiser - Tuesday 10 April 1866



### Falkirk Herald - Thursday 26 April 1877

The Loss of the Steamer Thistle.—A Board of Trade enquiry into the circumstances attending the loss of the screw-steamer Thistle, of Grangemouth, was opened at Leith on Wednesday. Bailies Wilkie and Mackintosh occupied the bench. Captain Grant, R.N., and Captain Besley were the nautical assessors; and Mr W. J. Sands acted for the Board of Trade. Mr J. Sutherland, S.S.C., appeared on behalf of the master, Captain John Burns. The steamer was owned by Mr John Crawford, of Spring Kerse, and left Middlesbro' on the 31st of March last with a cargo 440 tons of pig iron for Grangemouth. John Burns, the captain, said that he left Middlesbro' on the day mentioned at 4 p.m., the tide being at last quarter flood. He went below at 8.30 p.m., being the mate's watch. At twelve o'clock the mate called him. He jumped out of bed, and before he could get his clothes on the ship struck heavily on the Newton Rocks, off the coast of Northumberland. When he got on deck he saw the Fame lights very plainly about six miles distant. The tide was dead low, and the sea very smooth. He ordered the engineers to lift

the sluices and put on the bilge pumps, but it was of no avail, as the vessel was rapidly settling down. At the time he gave this order the water was over the stoke-hole. When he saw there was no chance of saving the vessel, he gave orders to clear away the boats order to save the lives of the crew. The vessel broke her back about ten o'clock Sunday morning. The crew were lauded at Newton coastguard station, barely mile from the place where the vessel struck. Witness had been 41 years at sea, 37 years of which time he had sailed more less on the same passage. When got on deck he asked the mate what he was doing that place with the ship. The mate gave him answer. Before going below he had ordered the vessel to be steered so that she could either go inside or outside the Fame lights as the weather allowed. George Fotheringham said he was chief mate on the. Thistle on her voyage from Middlesbro' to Grangemouth, and held a certificate of competency master. After leaving port at 4.30 P.M. he remained on deck for half an hour. He came on deck again at eight o'clock. The master told him to keep the ship about north, and keep well inshore, but to beware of Newbigging point. He did this, and everything went well until he left the deck to call the captain. Directly he came on deck the ship struck. He succeeded in saving part of his own effects, but the rest went down with the ship. There was no chart of the coast that he saw on board. There were some charts. There was one deviation card for the three compasses. The log was lost with the ship.— Three other witnesses were examined, and the Court adjourned till Thursday. On Thursday forenoon, the Court at Leith resumed the investigation. Three additional witnesses were examined, and at the conclusion of the evidence, Sands, on behalf of the Board of Trade, made a charge against the captain (John Burns), and the mate (Geo. Fotheringham), of having caused the loss of the vessel through their unskilful navigation. After hearing evidence for the defence, the Court adjourned till the following forenoon. On Saturday morning, the court of inquiry gave the following decision :—" The Court having considered the evidence led and the charges made on behalf of the Board of Trade of unskilful navigation on the part of both the master and mate, thereby causing the loss of the steamship Thistle or about midnight of the 31st day of March last, and the statements for the parties, find said charges proven. Although the evidence is conflicting as to whether the course given by the master was north half-east or north when he went below at eight o'clock p.m., leaving the mate in charge of the deck, at the same time telling him to keep the vessel close in shore, but to beware of Newbigging Point, the course actually steered brought her into too close proximity to the land at a dangerous part of the coast, and the master ought to have exercised more care and caution than have gone to bed without leaving definite orders with the mate in such circumstances. The mate did not take any cross-bearings to ascertain the exact position of the vessel, nor inform the master of the ship's close proximity to the land, and he allowed the deck to be left without look-out for period of five or six minutes when navigating close to

danger. Court therefore find both the master and mate in default, and resolve to suspend, and hereby suspend, the certificate of the mate, George Fotheringham, for a period of six calendar months from this date ; but, taking into consideration the length of time the master, John Burns, has served without any casualty, and also his high character, resolve to suspend, and hereby suspend, his certificate for a period of three calendar months only from this date."

### **Nathaniel Thomas**

#### **Star of Gwent - Saturday 04 January 1873**

#### MARRIAGES.

Thomas —Williams—On the 1st inst., at Holy Trinity Church. Plymouth, by the Rev F. Barns, vicar. Nathaniel Thomas, master of the brig Florence, of Newport, to Martha Williams, of Talyearnau, Merionethshire.

## 7.0 Analysis

The master of the *Surpass* was given as Sherris from when she was built until the sale in 1867, but the original master was Bernard Sherris and this later changed to Edwin Sherris. In the advertisement in Shipping and Mercantile Gazette 19 November 1852 the master is Edwin Sherris, but when the change took place is not recorded on line. The owners of the *Surpass* were given as Sherris and Son, the son was Edwin Sherris. The port of registration was changed to Falmouth in 1858.

In May 1867 the *Surpass* was offered for sale by private sale, then in July 1867 at an auction at Falmouth but apparently failed to reach the reserve price and was then sailed to and auctioned at Cardiff, when she was sold. On the first voyage after the sale from Cardiff to London the *Surpass* put into Falmouth leaky. The owner of *Surpass*, Edwin Sherris had a new schooner launched in Appledore in August 1867, which was probably the reason for the sale of the *Surpass*. Edwin Sherris and his son Bernard (16 yrs.) died in April 1873 at Pernambuco, Brazil of yellow fever on the same day.

The *Surpass* was described as a clipper schooner in advertisements for the auction, the most important aspect of a clipper ship was speed and it was built to enhance a streamlined design and enable cargo owners to maximize revenue while keeping down costs. The description was probably to infer that the *Surpass* was able to make fast passages.

Fig.'s 2 & 3 show cargo's shipped from ports in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and suggest details to fill in the gaps of information of the actual cargo carried by *Surpass*. Where the destination for the *Surpass* is given as Falmouth or Queenstown this is the location where orders for the final destination for the cargo are sent for the master to act upon. The port is for the vessel's master to choose depending on the winds when he arrives in the western approaches of the English Channel.

The *Surpass* details of port and owner were deleted from the LR in 1867 and it ceased to appear in 1870. The new owner Nathaniel Thomas had her surveyed, probably before he sold her, and she appeared again in the 1875 LR, and until she was marked broken up in the LR of 1876. The new entry in LR gives a different length and width to the details given when the details were first published in LR, but has returned to the dimensions given in the first LR survey, when she was built.

After the *Surpass* grounded she soon began to break up, the Lloyd's List 21 June 1876 reported her as dismantled with part of the deck floating off. Shipping and Mercantile Gazette 03 July 1876 reports she was sold by auction together with

her materials landed at Borth. This is probably the parts dismantled before the sale. The cargo of ballast had no value, and was probably thrown overboard to facilitate the salvage.

The steering on any vessel on water requires water flowing over the rudder or rudders to affect the direction the vessel is moving. This can be seen in tankers arriving in the Solent for Fawley refinery who tow a tug backwards to enable more water to be pushed over the rudder to enable them to steer in the sometimes narrow and bending channel. The *Surpass* once she had insufficient water moving over the rudder was controlled by the tide and swell, resulting in her grounding on the bar and sinking.

Almost all the records for the *Surpass* came from the BNA with a few coming from the WNL. This was the case even when she was sailing from and to Wales.

The original papers held at the Gwynedd Archives, Caernarfon include repair bills from 1874 for the *Surpass*.

## 8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

I have spent approximately 45 hours on this project with 90% of the time spent on line and copying reports found.

The details of the captains held by Ancestry.com would probably give details of their careers in shipping, since they would be applying for a masters certificate based on their experience at sea, when previous ships and dates are given. The same site would probably provide details of the families of the owners and masters where sufficient detail is available to identify them.

There is no dive site for the *Surpass*, she was dismantled and sold, being broken up. It may be some of the lower portion of the hull exists under the sand on the bar which was not salvaged at the time.

The research has answered most of my original questions except for any details of the crews, and little information about the owners and masters. The crew lists are not held on line and a subscription is required for the details mentioned in the last paragraph. The crew lists for two years are held at the National Archives (there may be some or all of another four years there), Three years at the National Maritime Museum and the remainder at the Maritime History Museum in Canada.

I found no other research on line for the *Surpass*.

The *Surpass* made a number of interesting voyages with some mishaps, including collisions but unfortunately there is little detail available on line to make any further publication interesting.

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## Appendices:

### Appendix A – Table of Lloyd’s Registers entries for the Surpass

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Sr Rob <sup>l</sup> Peel Sr C.46 over pt I.B.	Bridgman	85	Ditmh	1846	Cockings	Torquy	Dr. Nfudd	10	A 1	5
Steph <sup>n</sup> Knight Sr I.B.	Whyatt	82	Bristol	1813	Taylor&c	Plymth	Ply. Coastr	—	Æ1	8
Symbol Sw I.B.	Lawther	200	Sndrld	1845	J. Hay	Sundrld	Sld. London	7	A 1	45
Standard Bg pt I.B.	W. Froud	212	Mntros	1846	Birnie&c	Mntros	Mtr. Ptrsbg	8	A 1	8
Surpass Sr YM.46	B. Sherris	140	Scilly	1846	Sherris&s	Scilly	Sil. Medit.	12	A 1	7
Shake Bk F.4 .44	Hendrson	525	Rstgh	1838	Kendall	Liver	RioJan S.S.43—5 yrs	—	Æ1	8
Sapho .B.	Clements	94	Hlmstd	1833	Clements	Hlms	on. Gtnbg	—	Æ1	9
Syr	Guilbert	177	Gmsy	1846	Jones&C	Gmsey	Gus. PtAdd	8	A 1	

#### Lloyd's Register of Shipping 1846

by [Lloyd's Register Foundation](#), [Heritage & Education Centre](#)

1846 Surpass, schooner, master B. Sherris, 140 tons, built Scilly in 1846, owners Sherris & s, registered Scilly, sailing Scilly to Mediterranean, classified A1 for 12 years in July 1846, Yellow metal fitted 1846.

1847, 1848, 1849 No changes

1850 Yellow metal 1851, new survey January 1851, still A1 sailing Scilly to Quebec, added Scilly to Buenos Ayres

1851 No changes except sailing Scilly to Buenos Ayres only

1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856 No changes

1857 Copper covering, now sailing Lyn to Hamburg remainder not shown

1858 Yellow metal 1858, now registered in Falmouth, new survey in April 1858, sailing from Falmouth, Rest. 58-

1859, 1860, 1861 No changes

1862 Felt and Yellow Metal 1863, Damage repairs 1863, new survey June 1863, sailing Liverpool to South America, still A1

1863 Now includes dimensions 78.5, 20.0, 12.4 No other changes

1864, 1865, 1866 No changes

1867 owner and port deleted

1868 owner and port blank

1869 No change

1870, 1871, 1873, 1874 No record

Year	Ship Name	Type	Owner	Port	Dimensions	Notes
1838	Bristol	Bn	R. Cock	Bideford	71.5   19.0   11.3	srp.54&61
1866	Surat	ScwBg	P.&O. Steam Nav.Co.	London	316.2   41.3   30.3	500HP
1856	Surf	Bn	J. Stitt	Belfast	94.0   22.6   10.7	
1856	Suriname	Bk	J. Schut	Amstmdm	115.0   28.0   14.8	Drtdrecht Schouten
1846	Scilly	Sr	N. Thomas	Grngmh	81.1   21.6   12.5	
1839	Suriname	Sr	J. Clarke	Strnowy	70.4   19.5   12.2	Rest.55-8yrs
1835	Suriname	Bn	R. Peek	Guernsv	98.5   23.9   13.8	len.&srp.63drp.65&67srp72
1851	Suriname	Sr	G. Dix	Lowestft	68	ND.&srp.72

Lloyd's Register of Shipping 1875



1876 owner now E Williams - Marked Broken Up

## Appendix B – The Timeline for the *Surpass*

### 1846

August 6 1846 Newport, Mon. sailed *Surpass*, Sherris for Malta

August 9 1846 St Mary's Scilly arrived *Surpass*, Shenis from Cardiff for  
 . Mediterranean

August 13 1846 St Mary's Scilly sailed *Surpass*, Sherries for Malta

August 31 1846 Malta arrived *Surpass*, Sherris from Newport

September 15 1846 Malta sailed *Surpass*, Sherre for Zante

September 17 1846 Zante arrived *Surpass*, Sherris from Malta

September 25 1846 Zante sailed *Surpass*, Sherris for Patras

September 26 1846 Patras arrived *Surpass*, Sherries from Zante

November 20 1846 Liverpool arrived *Surpass*, Sherries from Patras

November 26 1846 Liverpool entered loading *Surpass* 140, Sherries for Venice -  
 . Mc Nair & Co.

### 1847

January 5 1847 Liverpool cleared *Surpass*, Sherris for Venice

January 12 1847 Liverpool sailed *Surpass*, Sherris for Venice

February 26 1847 Malamoco arrived *Surpass*, Sherris from Liverpool

March 15 1847 Venice sailed *Surpass*, Sherris for Liverpool

May 7 1847 Scilly put in *Surpass*, Sherris from Venice

May 10 1847 Scilly sailed *Surpass*, Sherris for Liverpool

May 13 1847 Liverpool arrived *Surpass*, Sherris from Venice

June 14 1847 Liverpool cleared *Surpass*, Sherris for Trieste

June 17 1847 Liverpool sailed *Surpass*, Sherris for Trieste

June 21 1847 Scilly put in *Surpass*, Sherris from Liverpool for Mediterranean

July 31 1847 Trieste arrived Surpass, Sherris from Liverpool

August 6 1847 Trieste sailed Surpass, Sherris for Zante

August 11 1847 Zante arrived Surpass, Sherris from Trieste

September 20 1847 Cephalonia arrived Surpass, Sherris from Zante

October 7 1847 Cephalonia sailed Surpass, Sherris for Liverpool

November 1 1847 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Sherris from Cephalonia

November 23 1847 Liverpool cleared Surpass, Sherris for Syra &c.

November 27 1847 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Sherris for Syra

December 6 1847 Scilly grounded & refloated Surpass, Sherris from Liverpool  
 . for Mediterranean

December 20 1847 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Syra

## **1848**

January 20 1848 Syra arrived Surpass, Sherris from Liverpool

February 5 1848 Salonica arrived Surpass, Sherris from Syra

February 15 1848 Salonica sailed Surpass, Sherris for Orfano

February 25 1848 Smyrna arrived Surpass, Sherris from Salonica

March 23 1848 Smyrna sailed Surpass, Sherris for London

May 20 1848 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Smyrna

May 22 1848 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for London

June 1 1848 London customs house entered inwards Surpass, Sherris from  
 . Smyrna -Ray

June 12 1848 London enter out for loading Surpass, Sherris for Rio Janeiro -  
 . Jones

June 30 1848 London loading Surpass, Sherris for Rio Janeiro - Jones

July 6 1848 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Sherris for Rio Janeiro

July 8 1848 Gravesend sailed Surpass, Sherris for Rio Janeiro

July 9 1848 Deal arrived from the river Surpass, Sherris for Rio Janeiro  
and anchored

July 28 1848 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Rio Janeiro – put back damaged

August 8 1848 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Rio Janeiro

September 28 1848 Rio Janeiro arrived Surpass, Sherris from London

October 25 1848 Rio Janeiro in port Surpass, Sherris

December 21 1848 Rio Janeiro sailed Surpass, Sherris for Pernambuco

### **1849**

January 8 1849 Rio Grande arrived Surpass, Sherris from Rio de Janeiro

February 24 1849 Rio Grande sailed Surpass for orders

May 15 1849 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Rio Grande

May 24 1849 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for London

May 31 1849 Gravesend arrived Surpass, Sherris from Rio Grande

May 31 1849 Symons's London customs inwards Surpass, Sherris from  
Rio Grande

June 19 1849 Newcastle sailed Surpass, Sherris for Messina  
– 78 chs coals R Wareham

June 23 1849 Deal arrived Surpass, Sherris from Newcastle for Messina

June 23 1849 Deal sailed Surpass, Sherris for Messina

June 28 1849 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Shields

July 2 1849 St Mary's, Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Messina

July 27 1849 Messina arrived Surpass, Sherris from Newcastle

August 11 1849 Messina sailed Surpass, Sherris for Girgenti

August 18 1849 Patras arrived Surpass, Sherris from Zante

August 28 1849 Back of Gibraltar Surpass of Scilly

October 21 1849 Gravesend arrived Surpass, Sherris from Patras

October 22 1849 London customs house entered inwards Surpass, Sherris from  
. Vostizza – Ray

October 25 1849 London customs house entered outwards Surpass, Sherris  
. for Venice

October 30 1849 London loading Surpass, Sherris for Venice – Griffiths

November 9 1849 London loading Surpass, Sherris for Venice – Griffiths

November 12 1849 London cleared outwards Surpass 140, Sherris for Venice

November 13 1849 Deal arrived Surpass, Sherris from the river Palermo

November 21 1849 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from London for Venice

November 23 1849 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Venice

December 24 1849 Venice arrived Surpass, Sherris from London

## **1850**

January 11 1850 Venice sailed Surpass, Sherris for Zante

January 22 1850 Zante sailed Surpass, Sherris for Smyrna

February 4 1850 Smyrna arrived Surpass, Sherris from Zante

February 28 1850 Smyrna sailed Surpass, Sherris for Exmouth

April 3 1850 Exmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Smyrna

April 21 1850 Exmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Scilly

April 23 1850 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Exmouth

May 2 1850 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Cardiff

May 17 1850 Cardiff sailed Surpass, Sherris for New York

May 21 1850 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Cardiff for New York

May 31 1850 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for New York

July 17 1850 New York arrived Surpass, Sherris from Cardiff

August 27 1850 St John, Newfoundland arrived Surpass, Sherris from New York

November 21 1850 Lisbon arrived Surpass, Sherris from Newfoundland

December 13 1850 Lisbon sailed Surpass, Sherris for Liverpool

December 28 1850 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Lisbon

## **1851**

January 3 1851 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Sherris from Lisbon

February 14 1851 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Sherris for Buenos Ayres

Before May 4 1851 Buenos Ayres arrived Surpass from Liverpool

May 16 1851 Buenos Ayres in port Surpass, Sherris

June 27 1851 Buenos Ayres sailed Surpass, Sherris for London

September 15 1851 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Buenos Ayres

September 21 1851 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for London

September 29 1851 London customs house entered inwards Surpass 140, Sherris  
from Buenos Ayres – Nelson

October 23 1851 London entered outwards Surpass 140, Sherris for Rio Janeiro

October 31 1851 London loading Surpass, Sherris for Buenos Ayres- Martin & Co

November 21 1851 London loading Surpass, Sherris for Buenos Ayres-Martin &Co

November 27 1851 London cleared outwards Surpass 140, Sherris for Rio Janeiro

December 3 1851 Deal came down the river & sailed Surpass, Sherris for Bahia

December 12 1851 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from London for Buenos Ayres

w/e December 26 1851 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Buenos Ayres

## **1852**

April 25 1852 Rio de Janeiro arrived Surpass, Sherris from Buenos Ayres

May 12 1852 Rio de Janeiro in port Surpass, Sherris

June 3 1852 Rio de Janeiro in port Surpass, Sherris

August 11 1852 Rio de Janeiro in port Surpass, Sherris for London

August 20 1852 Rio de Janeiro sailed Surpass, Drew for London

October 27 1852 Scilly sailed Surpass, Drew for London

November 1 1852 London customs house entered inwards Surpass 140, Drew  
 . from Rio Janeiro – J G Marzetti

November 19 1852 London loading Surpass, Sherris for Algoa Bay- Bennet & Co

December 10 1852 London loading Surpass, Sherris for Algoa Bay- Bennet & Co

December 16 1852 London cleared outwards Surpass 140, Sherris for Algoa Bay

December 30 1852 Ramsgate put in Surpass, Sherris of Scilly for Algoa Bay  
 . – Lost Binnacle and compass

### **1853**

January 22 1853 Ramsgate sailed Surpass, Sherris for Algoa Bay

January 24 1853 Falmouth put in Surpass, Sherris from London for Algoa Bay  
 . -gales

January 27 1853 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Algoa Bay

January 28 1853 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from London for Algoa Bay

January 28 1853 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Algoa Bay

February 26 1853 Spoken to English schooner Surpass 16 S 23 W

March 18 1853 Algoa Bay in the bay Surpass, Sherris

May 7 1853 Mauritius arrived Surpass, Sherris from Algoa Bay

July 25 1853 Algoa Bay arrived schooner Surpass from Table Bay

August 15 1853 Cape of Good Hope, Algoa Bay sailed schooner Surpass, Sherris  
 . for Mauritius

September 3 1853 Mauritius arrived Surpass, Sherris from Algoa Bay

September 29 1853 Mauritius sailed Surpass, Sherris for Queenstown

October 2 1853 Mauritius put back Surpass, Sherris for Queenstown – Leaky &c

October 26 1853 Mauritius sailed Surpass, Sherris for Queenstown

**1854**

January 12 1854 St Mary's, Scilly put in Surpass, Sherris from Mauritius  
· -damaged

February 17 1854 Clyde arrived Surpass, Sherris from Mauritius

March 28 1854 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherries for Genoa

March 22 1854 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Clyde for Genoa

March 28 1854 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherries for Genoa

April 25 1854 Genoa arrived Surpass, Sherris from Clyde

May 11 1854 Genoa sailed Surpass, Sherries for Cardiff

July 12 1854 Deal arrived Surpass, Sherris from Carthagen

July 13 1854 Gravesend arrived Surpass, Sherris from Danzig

July 27 1854 Deal came down the river & sailed Surpass, Sherris for Newport

August 3 1854 Newport arrived Surpass, Sherris from London

August 10 1854 Newport sailed Surpass, Sherries for Malaga

August 13 1854 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Newport for Malaga

August 19 1854 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherries for Malaga

September 8 1854 Malaga arrived Surpass, Sherris from Newport

December 16/17 1854 New York arrived Surpass, Sherris from Malaga – fruit

**1855**

March 14 1855 St Ubes arrived Surpass, Sherris from Mazagan

April 1 1855 St Ubes sailed Surpass, Sherries for Queenstown

April 16 1855 Queenstown arrived Surpass, Sherris from St Ubes – Salt

May 6 1855 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Sherris from St Ubes

May 8 1855 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 140, Sherris for Salonica –Broad

May 29 1855 Liverpool cleared for sea Surpass, Sherries for Salonica

June 1 1855 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Sherries for Salonica

June 9 1855 Scilly put in Surpass, Sherries for Salonica from Liverpool -damaged

July 28 1855 Salonica arrived Surpass, Sherris from Liverpool

August 10 1855 Salonica sailed Surpass, Sherries for Cavalla

October 18 1855 Liverpool loading Surpass 140, Sherris for Trebizonde

October 24 1855 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 140, Sherris for  
. Constantinople and Trebizonde

November 20 1855 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Sherries for Constantinople

## **1856**

January 3- 7 1856 Constantinople arrived Surpass, Sherris from Liverpool

March 10- 17 1856 Constantinople arrived Surpass, Sherris from Trebizond  
. & cleared for the Mediterranean

March 25 1856 Piraeus arrived Surpass, Sherris from Constantinople

March 29 1856 Piraeus sailed Surpass, Sherries for Falmouth or Queenstown

May 11 1856 Spoken to Surpass, Sherris in Gibraltar Bay

May 26 1856 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Athens

June 8 1856 Antwerp arrived Surpass, Sherris from Athens

w/e July 31 1856 Cardiff loading Surpass 140, Mitchell for Smyrna

August 13 1856 Cardiff sailed Surpass, Casey for Smyrna

October 27 1856 Spoken to Surpass, Casey lat. 38 N Long. 4 E

October 28 1856 Spoken to Surpass, Casey lat. 38 N Long. 2 E

November 17 1856 Spoken to Surpass, Casey lat. 46 N Long. 9 W

November 21 1856 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Casey from Smyrna

December 4 1856 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherries for Exeter

December 9 1856 Starcross arrived Surpass, Casey from Smyrna

**1857**

January 2 1857 Charlestown arrived Surpass, Sherris from Exeter

January 15 1857 Charlestown, Fowey sailed Surpass, Sherris for Marseilles

February 4 1857 Marseilles arrived Surpass, Sherris from Charlestown

February 26 1857 Marseilles sailed Surpass for Falmouth

March 16 1857 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Marseilles

. - oil cake for orders

March 26 1857 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Lisbon

April 20 1857 Hamburg arrived Surpass, Sherris from Lynn

May 14 1857 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris Hamburg to St John's,

. Newfoundland

May 18 1857 Falmouth sailed Surpass for Newfoundland

June 8 1857 St John, Newfoundland arrived Surpass, Sherris from Hamburg

November 29 1857 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Cephalonia for London

December 4 1857 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for London

December 7 1857 Gravesend arrived Surpass, Sherris from Cephalonia

December 9 1857 London customs house entered inwards Surpass from

. Cephalonia – Barter

**1858**

June 27 1858 Naples arrived Surpass, Sherris from Cardiff

July 12 1858 Naples sailed Surpass, Sherris for Castelamare

September 17 1858 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Giogio

September 22 1858 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Liverpool

September 24 1858 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Sherris from Giogio

October 7 1858 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 128, Sherris for Palermo &

. Messina

October 18 1858 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 128, Sherris for  
Civitia Vecchia & Messina – Broad

October 23 1858 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Sherris for Messina

November 19 1858 Civitia Vecchia arrived Surpass, Sherris from Liverpool

## **1859**

January 31 1859 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Sicily

February 22 1859 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris from Leghorn for Clyde

February 26 1859 Clyde arrived Surpass, Sherris from Gergenti

March 4 1859 Clyde entered outwards Surpass 128, Sherris for Malta

March 9 1859 Glasgow advertised Surpass, Sherris for Malta

April 10 1859 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Clyde for Malta

April 16 1859 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Malta

May 8 1859 Malta arrived Surpass from Clyde

## **1860**

January 22 1860 Naples sailed Surpass, Sherris for New York

June 22 1860 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Jamaica – Coffee

June 27 1860 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for London

June 28 1860 Gravesend arrived Surpass, Sherris from Jamaica

July 4 1860 London entered outwards Surpass, Sherris for Venice

August 17 1860 London customs house cleared out with cargo Surpass, Sherris  
for Venice

August 17 1860 Port of London loading Surpass 128 , Sherris for Venice – Nickols

August 23 1860 Deal sailed Surpass, Sherris for Venice

September 2 1860 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from London for Venice

September 7 1860 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Venice

October 2 1860 Venice arrived Surpass, Sherris from London

October 21 1860 Venice sailed Surpass, Sherris for Falmouth or Queenstown

December 2 1860 Scilly arrived Surpass, Sherris from Venice for orders

December 4 1860 Scilly sailed Surpass, Sherris for Falmouth

December 5 1860 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Sherris from Venice

December 13 1860 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Dublin

December 18 1860 Dublin arrived Surpass, Sherris from Venice

### **1861**

January 22 1861 Cardiff sailed Surpass, Blamley for Grenada

March 8 1861 Grenada arrived Surpass, Blaney from Cardiff

April 28 1861 Nevis sailed Surpass, Blaney for London

June 5 1861 Gravesend arrived Surpass, Blaney from Nevis

June 6 1861 London customs house entered inwards Surpass 128, Blamey  
· from Nevis

June 14 1861 Deal arrived Surpass, Robin from river & sailed for Cardiff

July 1 1861 Cardiff entered outwards Surpass 128, Blamey for Naples-J H Anning

July 18 1861 Cardiff sailed Surpass, Blaney for Naples

October 3 1861 Patras arrived Surpass, Blaney from Malta

October 28 1861 Patras sailed Surpass, Blaney for Falmouth

December 2 1861 Falmouth arrived Surpass, Blaney from Patras

December 11 1861 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Blaney for Liverpool

December 11 1861 Falmouth put back Surpass, Blaney for Liverpool

December 24 1861 Holyhead arrived Surpass, Blamey from Patras for Liverpool

December 29 1861 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Blaney from Patras

**1862**

January 2 1862 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 128, Blamey for Naples

January 18 1862 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 128, Blamey for Leghorn

February 6 1862 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Blaney for Leghorn

March 21 1862 Leghorn arrived Surpass, Blamey from Liverpool

April 11 1862 Leghorn sailed Surpass, Blaney for Falmouth

April 23 1862 Zante arrived Surpass, Blamey from Leghorn

April 24 1862 Zante sailed Surpass, Blamey for Carvassera

July 16 1862 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Blamey for Liverpool

July 19 1862 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Blamey from Prevesa

August 12 1862 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 128, Blamey for Matamoras

August 27 1862 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Blamey for Matamoras

December 23 1862 Vera Cruz arrived Surpass, Blamey from Matamoras

**1863**

April 23 1863 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Blaney from Mexico

May 14 1863 Liverpool entered outwards Surpass 128, Sherris for Bahia – Friend

June 21 1863 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Sherris for Bahia

Before September 23 1863 Bahia arrived Surpass, Sherris from Liverpool

November 8 1863 Bahia sailed Surpass, Sherris for Hamburg

**1864**

February 22 1864 Swansea sailed Surpass, Shewan for Smyrna

March 26 1864 Smyrna arrived Surpass, Sherris from Swansea

April 21 1864 Smyrna sailed Surpass, Sherris for Falmouth – Valonia

May 22 1864 Off Lisbon Surpass, Sherris for Falmouth

June 16 1864 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for Hull

June 20 1864 Hull arrived Surpass, Sherris from Smyrna

September 7 1864 Smyrna sailed Surpass, Sherris for Queenstown

December 18 1864 St Ives sailed Surpass, Sherris for Naples – Pilchards

## **1865**

January 8 1865 Naples arrived Surpass, Sherris from St Ives

January 30 1865 Naples sailed Surpass, Sherris for Catania

February 7 1865 Messina arrived Surpass, Sherris from Catania

March 1 1865 Messina sailed Surpass, Sherris for Bristol

April 28 1865 Off Penzance Surpass, Sherris from Malaga

May 1 1865 Bristol, Pill arrived Surpass, Sherris from Messina

June 14 1865 Cardiff arrived Surpass, Sherris from Bristol

June 15 1865 Cardiff entered out Surpass 188, Shenis for Newfoundland

September 19 1865 Lisbon arrived Surpass, Sherris from Catalina NF

October 1 1865 Lisbon sailed Surpass, Sherris for St John's Newfoundland

November 13 1865 St John's Newfoundland arrived Surpass, Sherris from Lisbon

December 30 1865 Lisbon arrived Surpass, Sherris from St John's NF – damaged

## **1866**

January 8 1866 Lisbon arrived Surpass, Sherris from St John's NF – Damaged,  
 . part cargo thrown overboard

February 1 1866 Leghorn arrived Surpass, Sherris from St John's NF

March 24 1866 Leghorn sailed Surpass, Sherris for Bristol

April 18 1866 Spoken to Surpass, Sherris from Leghorn to Bristol off Cape Sines  
 . Lat. 39 39 Long 10 1 W

April 30 1866 Bristol arrived Surpass, Sherris from Leghorn – general  
May 24 1866 Bristol sailed Surpass, Sherris  
May 25 1866 Cardiff entered outwards Surpass 128, Sherris for St John's NB  
. – Cory Bros. & Co  
June 14 1866 Bute west dock, Cardiff sailed Surpass, Sherris for St John's NB  
. –coal  
June 22 1866 Falmouth sailed Surpass, Sherris for St John's NB  
July 23 1866 St John's Newfoundland arrived Surpass, Sherris from Cardiff  
October 25 1866 Lisbon arrived Surpass, Sherris from Labrador  
November 5 1866 Lisbon sailed Surpass, Sherris for Genoa  
November 24 1866 Genoa arrived Surpass, Sherris from Labrador  
December 10 1866 Genoa sailed Surpass, Sherris for Oneglia

## **1867**

February 19 1867 Bristol, Pill passed for Bristol Surpass, Sherris from Denia  
. & Leghorn  
February 26 1867 Bristol, Pill sailed Surpass for Swansea  
February 26 1867 Swansea arrived Surpass, Sherris from Bristol  
March 8 1867 Mumbles passed Surpass, Sherris for Falmouth  
May 13 1867 Falmouth offered for sale Schooner Surpass, Edwin Sherris  
July 27 1866 Cardiff arrived Surpass, Sherris from Falmouth  
July 31 1866 Cardiff offered for sale by auction Schooner Surpass on August 13  
September 21 1867 Falmouth put in Surpass, Robertson from Cardiff for London  
. – Leaking  
October 31 1867 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Charleston - Light  
December 21 1867 West Hartlepool arrived Surpass, Robertson from Dieppe

**1868**

February 28 1868 Dieppe arrived Surpass from Charleston

April 12 1868 Fecamp arrived Surpass, Robertson from Kennetpans

April 27 1868 Fecamp sailed Surpass, Robertson for Shields

May 2 1868 Shields arrived Surpass, Robertson from Fecamp

June 11 1868 Fecamp sailed Surpass, Robertson for Shields

June 19 1868 Shields arrived Surpass, Robertson from Fecamp

July 8 1868 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Shields

September 6 1868 Fecamp arrived Surpass, Robertson from Charlestown FF and  
 . Kennetpans

September 19 1868 Fecamp sailed Surpass, Robertson for Shields

November 11 1868 Fecamp sailed Surpass, Robertson for Middlesbrough

November 16 1868 Dungeness passed east HKQP (Surpass of Falmouth)

November 18 1868 Off Dover Surpass, Robertson from Fecamp for  
 . Middlesbrough

November 19 1868 Dover arrived Surpass, Robertson from Fecamp for  
 . Middlesbrough

December 11 1868 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Alloa

**1869**

January 8 1869 St Catherine's Dock London Surpass 123, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

February 1 1869 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Alloa via London

March 3 1869 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Robertson for Alloa

March 6 1869 Harwich put in schooner Surpass of and for Grangemouth after  
 . collision damaged

March 30 1869 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Alloa

March 30 1869 Alloa arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

April 24 1869 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
. Grangemouth

May 5 1869 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

May 19 1869 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Alloa

July 3 1869 Alloa arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

July 6 1869 Alloa sailed Surpass, Robertson for Charlestown FF

July 7 1869 Charlestown, Firth of Forth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Alloa

July 18 1869 Fecamp arrived Surpass, Robertson from Charlestown FF

August 18 1869 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Hartlepool

August 24 1869 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Charlestown

September 21 1869 Alloa arrived Surpass, Robertson from Limekilns

October 23 1869 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
. Alloa

November 2 1869 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

November 17 1869 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

November 27 1869 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Calais – Pig iron

December 3 1869 Calais arrived Surpass, Robertson from Grangemouth

December 12 1869 Calais sailed Surpass, Robertson for Grangemouth

December 14 1869 West Hartlepool arrived Surpass, Robertson from Calais

December 28 1869 West Hartlepool sailed Surpass, Robertson for Grangemouth

December 30 1869 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Hartlepool  
. – sand

## **1870**

January 8 1870 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Alloa

January 20 1870 Alloa sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

February 2 1870 Grimsby in the roads HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

February 7 1870 Grimsby in the roads HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

February 11 1870 Grimsby passed south HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

March 19 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

April 11 1870 Deal passed HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth) from north to west

April 13 1870 Dieppe arrived Surpass from Grangemouth

April 28 1870 Dieppe sailed Surpass, Robertson for Runcorn

May 1 1870 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

May 13 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Dieppe

May 24 1870 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London – Oil

June 1 1870 Aldborough passed south HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

June 1 1870 Great Yarmouth passed south HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

June 11 1870 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

June 13 1870 Great Yarmouth passed north HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

June 19 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
 . – Loam sand

June 25 1870 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Maldon – Pig iron

June 29 1870 Maldon arrived Surpass, Robertson from Grangemouth

July 21 1870 Great Yarmouth passed north HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

July 26 1870 Leith sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

August 1 1870 Alloa arrived Surpass, Robertson from Grangemouth

August 3 1870 Alloa sailed Surpass, Robertson for Dieppe

August 15 1870 Dieppe arrived Surpass, Robertson from Kennetpans

August 31 1870 Dieppe sailed Surpass, Robertson for Newcastle

September 1 1870 Deal passed HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth) from west to  
 . north

September 3 1870 Middlesbrough arrived Surpass, Robertson from Dieppe

September 13 1870 Middlesbrough sailed Surpass, Robertson for Grangemouth  
 . – Rails

September 19 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Middlesbrough – Pig iron

September 29 1870 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

October 25 1870 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

November 1 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
 . – Loam sand

November 7 1870 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Stirling – General

November 9 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Stirling – light

November 11 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Stirling – light

November 18 1870 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London – Oil

November 26 1870 Great Yarmouth passed south HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

December 16 1870 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
 . – Loam sand

## **1871**

January 16 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London – Pig iron

January 27 1871 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

February 4 1871 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Robertson for  
 . Grangemouth

February 6 1871 Great Yarmouth passed north HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

February 10 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
 . – Loam sand

February 20 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London  
 . – Pig iron & Oil

March 2 1871 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

March 2 1871 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Robertson for Alloa

March 9 1871 Alloa arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

March 11 1871 Alloa sailed Surpass 128, Robertson for Grangemouth  
. – Fullers earth

March 11 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
. – Loam sand

March 13 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Alloa

March 18 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

April 14 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
. – Loam sand

May 13 1871 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Robertson for Hull

May 23 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London – Oil & Sand

June 3 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

June 18 1871 Great Yarmouth passed north HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

July 5 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robinson for London

July 18 1871 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
. Grangemouth

July 29 1871 Alloa arrived Surpass 128, Robertson from London – Oil casks

August 2 1871 Alloa sailed Surpass, Robertson for Grangemouth

August 3 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Stirling – light

August 12 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London – Iron ore

August 31 1871 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Robertson for  
. Grangemouth

September 11 1871 Alloa arrived Surpass 128, Robertson from London – Oil

September 18 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from Stirling

September 26 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London  
. – Iron , Oil & Brick

October 8 1871 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

October 22 1871 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

October 27 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

November 11 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London  
 . – Iron & Oil

November 22 1871 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

December 16 1871 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

December 27 1871 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

## **1872**

January 4 1872 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

January 29 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

February 13 1872 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

February 21 1872 Great Yarmouth passed south HKQP ( Surpass of  
 . Grangemouth)

March 1 1872 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

March 10 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
 . – Loam sand

March 22 1872 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

March 31 1872 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

April 16 1872 Bridlington Quay in bay at anchor HKQP (Surpass of Grangemouth)

April 22 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

May 9 1872 Grangemouth sailed Surpass for London

May 27 1872 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

May 27 1872 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Robertson for  
 . Grangemouth

June 7 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass from London

June 23 1872 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

June 28 1872 Aldborough off bound south HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

July 6 1872 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

July 17 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

August 21 1872 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Dunkirk

August 27 1872 Great Yarmouth passed south HKQP (Surpass of Grangemouth)

August 29 1872 Dunkirk arrived Surpass, Robertson from Grangemouth

September 12 1872 London customs house entered in Surpass 128, Robertson  
 . from Dunkirk – J Moakes

September 30 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

October 24 1872 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for London

October 31 1872 Great Yarmouth at anchor HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

November 5 1872 Gravesend arrived Surpass, Robertson from Grangemouth-Coal

November 9 1872 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

November 22 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London  
 . – Loam sand

December 2 1872 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

### **1873**

January 25 1873 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
 . Grangemouth

February 24 1873 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

March 4 1873 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Robertson for Burntisland

March 25 1873 Burntisland sailed Surpass, Robertson for Copenhagen

April 4 1873 Great Yarmouth passed south HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

April 16 1873 Millwall Dock London Surpass 128, Robertson from River

April 16 1873 London customs house cleared out Surpass, Robertson for  
 . Hamburg

April 29 1873 Aldborough off HKQP ( Surpass of Grangemouth)

May 3 1873 Hamburg arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

May 27 1873 Cuxhaven sailed Surpass, Robertson for Newcastle

June 2 1873 Gravesend arrived Surpass from Hamburg

June 2 1873 London customs house entered in Surpass, Robertson from  
Hamburg

June 11 1873 Grangemouth arrived Surpass, Robertson from London

June 28 1873 Reported sold to Capt. Thomas of Portmadoc at Grangemouth

July 18 1873 Grangemouth sailed Surpass, Thomas for Dieppe

July 31 1873 Dieppe arrived Surpass, Thomas from Grangemouth

August 14 1873 Dieppe sailed Surpass, Thomas for Runcorn

August 24 1873 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Thomas from Dieppe

August 27 1873 Runcorn arrived Surpass, Thomas from Dieppe

August 30 1873 In dock at Runcorn Surpass 128, Thomas

September 22 1873 In dock at Runcorn Surpass 128, Thomas

September 23 1873 Runcorn sailed Surpass 128, Thomas for Cette

September 27 1873 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Thomas for Cette

December 4 1873 Huelva arrived Surpass, Thomas from Cette

December 15 1873 Huelva sailed Surpass, Thomas for Liverpool

## **1874**

January 1 1874 Liverpool arrived Surpass, Thomas from Huelva

January 6 1874 Docked Garston Dock Surpass 128, Thomas from Huelva

January 31 1874 Docked Garston Dock Surpass 128, Thomas

February 7 1874 Docked Garston Dock Surpass 128, Thomas

March 9 1874 Falmouth passed east Surpass of Grangemouth

March 28 1874 Plymouth sailed Surpass, Thomas for Santander

April 7 1874 Plymouth sailed Surpass, Thomas for Santander

May 20 1874 In Mersey inward bound Surpass, Thomas from Santander

May 20 1874 Docked Garston Dock Surpass 128, Thomas from Santander

June 10 1874 Docked Garston Dock Surpass 128, Thomas – Thomas Bros

June 15 1874 Liverpool sailed Surpass, Thomas for Galway

June 24 1874 Galway arrived Surpass, Thomas from Runcorn – Coals

July 10 1874 Galway sailed Surpass, Thomas for Santander

August 16 1874 Milford put in Surpass, Thomas from Santander for Liverpool  
· damaged & leaky

September 17 1874 Liverpool sailed Surpass 128, Thomas for Garston  
· -Thomas Bros

September 28 1874 In dock Garston Surpass 128, Thomas

October 13 1874 In dock Garston Surpass 128, Thomas

## **1875**

February 16 1875 Plymouth sailed Surpass, Thomas for Santander

March 5 1875 Santander sailed Surpass, Thomas for Newport

March 23 1875 Newport arrived Surpass, Thomas from Santander

April 17 1875 Newport sailed Surpass, Thomas for Lisbon

May 1 1875 Lisbon arrived Surpass, Thomas from Newport

May 18 1875 Lisbon sailed Surpass, Thomas for Ardrossan

June 10 1875 Ardrossan arrived Surpass, Thomas from Lisbon

June 8 1875 Ardrossan sailed Surpass, Thomas for Plymouth

August 9 1875 Newport arrived Surpass, Thomas from Plymouth

August 13 1875 Newport, Mon. sailed Surpass, Thomas for Waterford

August 16 1875 Waterford arrived Surpass from Newport

August 30 1875 Newport arrived Surpass, Thomas from Waterford

September 5 1875 Newport, Mon. sailed Surpass, Thomas for Waterford  
 September 8 1875 Waterford arrived Surpass, Thomas from Newport  
 September 25 1875 Waterford sailed Surpass, Thomas for Newport – ballast  
 September 27 1875 Newport arrived Surpass 128, Thomas from Waterford-ballast  
 November 9 1875 Waterford sailed Surpass, Thomas for Newport  
 November 11 1875 Milford sailed Surpass, Thomas for Newport  
 November 14 1875 Newport arrived Surpass, Thomas from Waterford  
 November 24 1875 Newport sailed Surpass, Thomas for Waterford  
 November 25 1875 Waterford arrived Surpass, Thomas from Newport  
 December 25 1875 Newport arrived Surpass, Thomas from Waterford

## **1876**

January 3 1876 Newport, Mon. sailed Surpass, Thomas for Waterford  
 February 1 1876 Waterford, Tide Note passage sailed Surpass, Thomas  
 . for Cardiff - Pitwood  
 February 3 1876 Newport arrived Surpass 128, Thomas from Bideford - Pitwood  
 March 2 1876 Newport, Mon. sailed Surpass, Thomas for Waterford  
 April 11 1876 Newport arrived Surpass, Thomas from Waterford  
 April 28 1876 Newport, Mon. sailed Surpass, Thomas for Waterford  
 May 27 1876 Newport, Mon. sailed Surpass, Thomas for Waterford  
 May 28 1876 Newport put back schr Surpass, Thomas for Waterford - damaged  
 June 17 1876 Portmadoc struck bar and sank Surpass, Thomas from Waterford  
 . – ballast, Crew safe

## Appendix C – Ports and Other Locations

**Aldeburgh** is a coastal town in the county of Suffolk, England. Located to the north of the River Alde

**Alloa** is a town in Clackmannanshire in the Central Lowlands of Scotland. It is on the north bank of the Forth at the spot where some say it ceases to be the River Forth and becomes the Firth of Forth.

**Appledore** –a village at the mouth of the River Torridge, about 6 miles west of Barnstaple exported sand and gravel

**Castellammare del Golfo** is a town and municipality in the Trapani Province of Sicily.

**Catalina** is a community located on the eastern side of the Bonavista Peninsula, in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

**Catania** is the second largest city in Sicily, after Palermo, and among the ten largest cities in Italy. It is located on Sicily's east coast, at the base of the active volcano, Mount Etna, and it faces the Ionian Sea.

Sète (French pronunciation: [sɛt]; Occitan: Seta, ['seto]), also historically spelt **Cette** (official until 1928) and Sette, is a commune in the Hérault department, in the region of Occitania, southern France. It is a port and a seaside resort on the Mediterranean. The canal Languedoc connected the Garonne below Toulouse with the Mediterranean at Cette. It was commenced in 1666 and completed in 15 years.

**Cavalla** ; Kavala is a city in northern Greece, the principal seaport of eastern Macedonia

**Charlestown** - Charlestown a port on the south coast of Cornwall, 2 miles south east of St Austell. Exported copper ore, then china clay, main port Fowey.

**Charlestown** (also known as Charlestown-on-Forth) is a village in Fife, Scotland. It lies on the north shore of the Firth of Forth, around 1 mile (1.6 km) west of Limekilns and 3 miles (5 km) south-west of Dunfermline. It was established as a harbour town for the shipment of coal mined on Lord Elgin's Fife estates, and for the production of lime.

**Civitaa Vecchia** - in Italy, near Rome

**Dénia** is a historical coastal city in the province of Alicante, Spain, on the Costa Blanca halfway between Alicante and Valencia. A community of English raisin

traders lived in Denia from 1800 until the time of the Spanish Civil War in the late 1930s.

**Fécamp** is a commune in the Seine-Maritime department in the Normandy region in north-western France in the English Channel.

Agrigento, Sicilian: **Girgenti** is a city on the southern coast of Sicily, Italy

Kefalonia or **Cephalonia** is the largest of the Ionian Islands in western Greece and the 6th largest island in Greece after Crete.

**Fowey** - small town, and cargo port at the mouth of the River Fowey in south Cornwall, England, Tin, copper and iron mines, along with quarries and china clay pits became important industries in the area, which after the railway was built in 1869 were exported here.

Agrigento (Sicilian: **Girgenti** ) is a city on the southern coast of Sicily, Italy

Porto San **Giorgio** is a town in the Province of Fermo, in the Marche region of Italy and it is located on the coast of the Adriatic Sea.

**Grangemouth** is a town in Scotland. Historically part of the county of Stirlingshire, the town lies in the Forth Valley, on the banks of the Firth of Forth, 3 miles east of Falkirk, 5 miles west of Bo'ness and 13 miles south-east of Stirling. Goods from Glasgow were conveyed by lighters along the canal to Grangemouth, on the Firth of Forth, and then taken on board vessels.

**Kennetpans** is situated on the north bank of the River Forth 2 miles (3 km) northwest of Kincardine. It once had an active harbour and took advantage of the local supplies of grain and fuel to produce spirit for the London gin market.

**Leghorn** - Livorno is a port city on the Ligurian Sea on the western coast of Tuscany, Italy. It is traditionally known in English as Leghorn

**Limekilns** is a village in Fife, Scotland. It lies on the shore of the Firth of Forth, around 3 miles (5 km) south of Dunfermline. Unlike the neighbouring village of Charlestown, Limekilns is an old settlement dating back to the 14th century. The importance of the local limestone became clear quite early in the village's history, being used both as a fertiliser and for the manufacture of mortar used in the construction stone buildings. Workings using kilns fuelled by charcoal and later coal to convert lime to quicklime grew up, the product being exported from the port along the east coast of Scotland.

**Malamocco** was the first, and for a long time, the only settlement on the Lido of Venice barrier island of the Lagoon of Venice.

The Portuguese fortification of **Mazagan**, now part of the city of El Jadida, 90-km southwest of Casablanca, was built as a fortified colony on the Atlantic coast in the early 16th century. It is a major port city on the Atlantic coast of Morocco.



Fig. 2 Magazan, Morocco

**Matamoros**, officially known as Heroica Matamoros, is a city in the northeastern Mexican state of Tamaulipas, and the municipal seat of the homonymous municipality. It is on the southern bank of the Rio Grande, directly across the border from Brownsville, Texas, in the United States.

**Oneglia** is a former town in northern Italy on the Ligurian coast, in 1923 joined to Porto Maurizio to form the Comune of Imperia. The name is still used for the suburb



Fig. 3 Oneglia, Italy

Called **Orfano** in the 19th century, Orfani is a village and a former municipality in the Kavala regional unit, East Macedonia and Thrace, Greece.

**Pernambuco** is a state of Brazil, located in the Northeast region of the country. Historically a centre of sugarcane cultivation due to the favourable climate. It was dominated by the patterns established by monoculture, latifundia, and slavery (until 1888). Sugar and cotton were grown on large plantations and rural society was largely divided into landowning elites and the impoverished poor. Cotton was profitable during the U.S. War of Independence, the War of 1812, and the U.S. Civil War. Each time the bust in Pernambuco came when U.S. growers resumed their exports.

**Piraeus** - in Greece near Athens

**Preveza** is a city in the region of Epirus, north western Greece, located on the northern peninsula at the mouth of the Ambracian Gulf.

Cove of Cork now Cobh was from 1849 until 1920 called **Queenstown**, is a seaport town on the south coast of County Cork, Ireland. Largest island in Cork Harbour.

**Shields** – Port of Tyne, Newcastle upon Tyne. Shields is a coastal town on the north and south bank of the River Tyne in North East England, eight miles north-east of Newcastle upon Tyne.

**Smyrna** was a Greek city located at a strategic point on the Aegean coast of Anatolia. Due to its advantageous port conditions, its ease of defence and its good inland connections, Smyrna rose to prominence. The modern Turkish name of the city is Izmir.

**Starcross** is a small, village on the estuary of the River Exe, across the Exe Estuary from Exmouth, about eight miles south of Exeter, Devon.

**Stirling** is a city in central Scotland, 26 miles (42 km) northeast of Glasgow and 37 miles (60 km) north-west of Edinburgh. The market town, the Old Bridge and the port, located on the River Forth, above Alloa

**Syra** -Syracuse is a historic city on the Italian island of Sicily, the capital of the Italian province of Syracuse.

Trabzon historically known as **Trebizond** in English, is a city on the Black Sea coast of north eastern Turkey and the capital of Trabzon Province.

**Veracruz**, officially known as Heroica Veracruz, is a major port city and municipal seat for the surrounding municipality of Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico in the Mexican state of Veracruz.

Vostitsa - In the Chronicle of the Morea (14th century), it is first mentioned with this new name. The following centuries the name is found in various documents having different spelling forms like Bostizza, Ligustizza, Bostitza, Bostiza, **Vostizza**. It has been one of the main export hubs for Corinthian raisins since the 19th century. Now known as Aigio, also written as Aeghion, Aegion, Aegio, Egio, it is a town and a former municipality in Achaea, West Greece.

## Appendix D – Cargo explanations

**Fuller's earth** is any clay material that has the capability to decolorize oil or other liquids without the use of harsh chemical treatment. Fuller's earth typically consists of palygorskite or bentonite. Fulling is an important step in the production of woollen garments, and can be traced back to ancient times.

**Oil cake**, the residue obtained after the expression of vegetable oil from various seeds, beans and nuts. When ground is known as meal. Shipped in bags or in bulk, there is a danger of combustion.

**Sand Loam** is soil composed mostly of sand silt, and a smaller amount of clay

**Pilchards** were packed in salt in hogsheads for preservation and transport.

**Valonia** is dried acorn cups especially from a Eurasian evergreen oak (*Quercus macrolepis* synonym *Q. aegilops*) used in tanning or dressing leather



Fig. 4 Mediterranean Trade



Fig. 5

Atlantic Trade

## Appendix E – Mercantile Navy List & Crew list Index

Mercantile Navy List, 1865, page 348 Ship: SURPASS Image source: [clip](#) Crew List Index Project

Year	1865	GO	Page	348	GO	Notes	Search again
Surf, Cowes	V.D.T.F	47	John Tempest, Little Eaton, Derby.				
Surge, Ardrossan	O.G.N.K	16	Daniel Wilkie, Cour, Kintyre, Argyle.				
Surge, Bombay	H.D.P.S	543	Hajee S. H. Goolmahomed, Bombay.				
Surge, Glasgow	N.K.B.H	30	William W. F. Hay, Leamington, Warwick.				
Surinam, Maryport	L.Q.N.W	164	James Brownfield, Maryport.				
Surinam, Shields	R.C.T.N	313	William Miller, Bell Street, North Shields.				
Surpass, Falmouth	H.K.Q.P	129	Edwin Sherries, Falmouth.				
Surprise, Arbroath	K.Q.V.C	68	James Smith, Shore, Arbroath.				
Surprise, Arbroath	S.T.K.R	54	Phair, Auckland, N.Z.				
Surprise, Arbroath	T.F.P.Q	6					
Surprise, Bridport	L.T.V.P	72	Fox, Bridport.				
Surprise, Bridport		23	Thomas Egelstoff, Bristol.				
Surprise, Cardigan	K.T.M.D	34	David Evans, Havod, Cardigan.				
Surprise, Cardigan	J.B.N.P	127	Richard Thomas, Nevin.				
Surprise, Cardigan	Q.K.P.L	113	Amose E. Nageou, Port Louis.				
Surprise, Cardigan		36	James Smithyes, jun., East Cowes, Isle of Wight.				
Surprise, Cardigan	T.Q.J.G	28	James Bunnell May, West Cowes, Isle of Wight.				
Surprise, Dublin		20	Thomas and Charles Cumiskey, Balbriggan, Dublin.				
Surprise, Faversham		48	Isaac Redman, Oare, Kent.				
Surprise, Fleetwood		31	Richard Leadbeater, Fleetwood, Lancashire.				
Surprise, Goole	P.W.H.V	54	John Banks, Howden, York.				
Surprise, Grimsby	J.T.V.S	37	G. J. Osborne, Barking.				
Surprise, Guernsey	V.B.H.D	186	Richard Peck, Guernsey				

Surpass of Falmouth H.K.Q.P. 129 tons, owner Edwin Sherries, Falmouth

1866 Number 1600, no other changes

1867 No changes

1868 Surpass of Grangeworth, owner John Crawford, Spring Kerse, Sterling

1869 Surpass of Grangemouth, no other changes

1870, 1871 No changes

1872 Now shown as a Schooner, built in Scilly 1848, No changes

1873 Not on line

1874 Owner now Nathaniel Thomas, Newport, Mon.

1875 No changes

1876 Owner now Edward Williams, Glanllyn near Falsarnam, Merionethshire

1877 No record.

## Crew List Index

 Crew lists for official number 1600

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Crew lists from 1861 onwards

Ship	Year	Port	Archive	Archives reference/link	Transcript
SURPASS	1861		National Maritime Museum		
SURPASS	1862		National Maritime Museum		
	1863		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1864		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
SURPASS	1865		National Maritime Museum		
	1866		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1867		The National Archives	<a href="#">BT 99/322</a>	
	1868		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1869		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1870		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1871		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1872		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1873		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1874		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	
	1875		The National Archives	<a href="#">BT 99/1046</a>	
	1876		Maritime History Archive	<a href="#">MHA</a>	

Crew lists 1857 to 1860 in BT 98 at TNA

Year	ON Range	TNA reference
1857	1551-1608	<a href="#">BT98/4782</a>
1858	1541-1606	<a href="#">BT98/5116</a>
1859	1571-1607	<a href="#">BT98/5580</a>
1860	1571-1606	<a href="#">BT98/6272</a>

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### Appendix F – Appropriation book Entry

Appropriation Books, Official Numbers 1551 - 1600 (1600) Image source [clip](#) CLIP images

Year	Ship Name	Official Number	Port	Date
1593	<i>Alice</i>	55	Liverpool	21 June --
1594	<i>Hope</i>	31	Weymouth	24 Dec <sup>r</sup> 1599
1595	<i>Sambria</i>	97	--	5. 27 <sup>th</sup> 1555
1596	<i>Bother</i>	30	Lancaster	20 Oct <sup>r</sup> 1556
1597	<i>Pillingmaid</i>	16	Bartholomew	13 July 1556
1598	<i>Peterel</i>	52	--	19 May 1553
1599	<i>Lyon</i>	76	Liverpool	25 Oct <sup>r</sup> 1556
1600	<i>Surpass</i>	140	Sally	27 May --



**Appendix G Details of surviving documentation 1873 - 1877**

Reference: XM/3626/125-36 ([click here to view this record in archive's external catalogue](#))

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Description: charter party, bills of lading bills and vouchers

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Date: 1873-77

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