

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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NESTOR

Location

Portland

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S487

Date lost

17/10/1854

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet

Year of construction

1840

Built port

Deptford, Sunderland

Built country

England

Registration Port

London

Date lost

17/10/1854

Departure

Plymouth

Destination

Melbourne - India

Cargo

Railway iron

Owner

Crawford.

Master

Captain Brown

Cause of loss

Dragged anchor and was beached with forehold full of water and three auger holes in hull near stern post

Passenger comments

Immigrants

VHR history

Was probably refloated, according to Loney. Weather: Force 4. The Barque NESTOR had made numerous voyages from England to Australia as well as intercolonial trips. After arriving at Portland, the NESTOR, discharged its passengers and was destined to sail for Madras with a cargo of Railway Iron for the Madras railway, when on Friday, October 27, 1854, the master of the vessel had a cannon fired indicating that the vessel was in distress. Observers on shore noticed that the ships anchors had been slipped and it was drifting ashore. The Harbour Master boarded the vessel and was informed that the Captain had ordered the vessel to be sounded and discovered 6' of water in the hold. The Captain then ordered the vessel to be driven ashore in order to preserve life. The NESTOR grounded just off the jetty. A Marine Enquiry held on the 28 October, 1854, found that the loss of the vessel was due to three auger holes being bored through the hull near the sternpost. Captain Brown, and two others, Robertson and Jully were charged with feloniously scuttling the barque NESTOR. The charges were later dropped due to lack of evidence.