

I caulked a survey on the ship I am. know discharging
 strength in two days more will be ready to leave down
 I have got track of the leak it is in forward of the foremast
 what it is I am not able to tell yet I think the cause is by
 ice Mr. Harster agrees to leave her down on both sides
 furnish every thing for fifty ⁽⁵⁰⁾ dollars, the expense of
 repairing I think will be small the worst job is discharging
 and loading, probably it will be an underwriters job
 Mr. Murphy I have discharged he is a man of no
 principal and know whalerman Freeman I have
 also discharged in the Harpottle I send you their
 bills my oil and bone I expect to go by the
 Reduger I have seen trouble enough this
 voyage what will turn up next I am not able
 to tell I have got whaling enough to last me
 for life I will write further particulars soon
 as the ship is home down

Truly your friend
 William Benjamin

I employ Mr J. S. Pratt to do my business
 Cooper I have not discharged yet I shall
 keep him if possible

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while lying at Tahanea Marie I consulted with
 Master Elias Perkins what was best to do the ship leaked
 so bad all the crew was opposed to go north in her another
 season with out repairing and I did not think the
 ship fit my self I took in water and concluded with
 the advice of Mr Perkins to cruise off Oahu for sperm
 untill I could get word from you gold being so high I
 was at a loss what to do in the mean time I went to
 Honolulu to see about my provisions that had
 arrived in the perie and by the advice of Capt. Sam
 Green and Mr J. S. Pratt and others I concluded
 to take the General Williams in and see what
 could be done with her I arrived at Honolulu Monday
 the ship increased her leak from Tahanea Marie
 down her five inches she now leaks over ten
 thousand strokes in twenty four hours lying
 at the dock I caulked a survey on the ship I am
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 to go by the Reduger Cooper I have not discharged
 I shall keep him if possible I employ Mr J. S. Pratt
 to do my business I have seen trouble enough
 this voyage a leaky ship to contend with know
 if I have got all the whaling I want for life

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