

Honolulu Dec 5th 1864
Mr Williams & Barns
New London

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have found the leak on the starboard bow from the End of the garboard running aft 9 feet two feet the seam all gave seam open enough to run my hand in the other six feet the seam very bad from the garboard up to the eleven foot mark to the scarf of the new stem I found the seam very slack and also the seams from the wood ends aft from two to three feet on most every plank was slack up to the scarf of the new stem and found about 12 feet aft on the garboard to the turnpost the seam very slack and about 6 inches on the feet of the turnpost to the ~~up~~ sheparwater very open the worst of the seam on the garboard found good when we tried on the larboard side found the garboard streak seam good except 8 inches on the feet of the turnpost to the sheparwater found it very open the seam on the wood ends of turnpost when tried found good farward on the larboard side found the garboard up to the 7 foot mark seam good but need at home ~~from~~ from the seven foot mark up to the scarf of the new stem found the seam very open, now half day more will finish the repairs and ready to load and think the ship will be tight she leaked had done down on the larboard side but I think the leak is above water it was well I came in here to repair as I did one month more at sea in the condition the ship was in would have been most impossible to keep her free

this was sent home

Capt Allen in ship ordered saw the leak and I would refer you to him when he gets home what the repairs will amount to I am not able to tell I think not far from twelve hundred dollars besides other expenses discharging and loading I think the ship will do to go two seasons more north she will have rigging and sails enough and fresh about enough the most the ship will need will be beef and clothing for a forth season but if you conclude to have her stop out you must get some one else to take her if you wish to have her take freight for home next season I am willing to take her home. Caper I have discharged I send you the amount of his indebtedness he is as man of no principle I think I shall be ready for sea by the twenty of December
Truly yours
William Benjamin