

Honolulu Dec 20th 1867

Messrs Williams & Harris
New London

Gentlemen
I am ^{about} know ^{secretly} far see and would have
him at sea before know but the last ten days
has been very stormy and blowy and know weather
to wash the ship's bottom is know light then
is a leak in her bunk on the leeboard side I have
just found I have had both bows stright ahead
of the foremast up to the scarf of her new
stem or thirteen foot mark and tried the
seams on the garboard both sides and seams
on wood ends to the sturnpost so far is in
good order Mr Foster says the ship is
in good order for two seasons more North
the ship has got sails and rigging boats
whichever parke flower enough for two
Northern seasons all that the ship will
need will be a pipe of beer and about fifty
barrels clothing and small stores if you
conclude to have the ship stop out I wish you
to get some one else to take command but
if you wish to have the ship take freight
for home after the third season I am
willing to take the ship home but if you
conclude to have the ship stop out a fourth
season I wish you to write to me whether
you are willing to pay my passage home or
not I have imployed Mr J. S. Pratt to do
my business and I would advise you to imploy
him next season unless one of you wish
to cum out to sea to it the shoos you sent
out you had better write to Mr Pratt and have
them sold I think there is casks enough in the
ship to last two seasons

there was one bundle of shoos missing and two bundles
of hoops that was sent out by Peru there is know sail for
casks at present I shall get to sea this if my crew
can be got to gather men or scury shers and a great
deal of interesting this season my bells will be heavy
but I have done the best I could I am bound from here
on the line for sperm and from there to Guam
and off Bonin to cruise for sperm in April and
from there to Cape Thades by the middle of May
from there to Arctic ocean I think I have got a
better gang than I had last season Peter Bibeck
and Samuel Juggins goes with me again William
Champlin Cooper I made him pay thirty six dollars
when I discharged him

Truly Yours
William Benjamin

Sent home

I saw George Fish about the bill you sent out
he said he was willing to pay it but had nothing
to pay with the Covington due nothing last season
I leave the bill with Mr Pratt to collect yours