

Oahu, Jan 2nd 1864

Mr William F. Harris

Gentlemen

New London

I am now under the lee of Oahu filling
my rigging I have had to send up a new foretopping
the old one was bad when I left home the main
topmast buttrees and mizen are both bad I had
to send the topmast down and put new buttrees
on I have know every thing aloft in order I left
Honolulu on the 11th December I had 6 men deserted
I stood up here a few days to give the police
time to arrest them men are very scarce
at the Islands this season the ship the first two
days out was tight blowing up to Oahu with
strong trade winds she has commenced leaking
sum it know takes twenty minutes a day to free
her with both pumps I did all to her that I
thought was necessary Mr Foster pronounced
her bottom good when she was hove down
on the leeward side she made considerable
water but the leak was high up sum where along on
the fore deck beam I think that is where the leak
is know the leeward side when hove down
was tight, I am now standing back for Honolulu
to take my men and am bound for Honolulu
Group for sperm from there to Guam in April
I intend to cruise off Bonin for sperm in
May I shall be off Cape Nicholas from there
to Arctic ocean, ^{when} I arrive at Honolulu next fall
(in case the ship should leak bad so that
the ship should not be fit to go north a farther
season or take freight home I wish you
could write what would be best to do with her