

Copy of a Letter to B. F. Howland^d Dec^r 12th 1857

Sir, I am now about leaving Tahaina on a cruise to the South
Island whaling, I have discharged Second Mate - Cooper
Cook and a foremast hand that shipped in the spring, also the steward
that sailed from home in the ship name Philander Shipp, has been
discharged at the Hospital sick, with an order for his voyage, \$36 paid
for discharging, I have paid over \$500 for these four men discharge
to get me new - convenient and agreeable it is to discharge
sick men on first part of the voyage, I have promoted Mr. Dacanisrd
to Second Mate, and have no third Mate, but shall probably
promote one of the Boatstewards, though I have only two that I call
good, I have shipped a Cooper - Cook - Steward and three
Natives of the Islands, for a 12 Months Cruise, and advanced them
about 300 dollars, and the original crew about 100 which amounts
altogether to 1200 dollars, I have drawn two Bills on the owners
one in favour of Gillman & Co for 700 dollars, one in favour of
J. Durron, for 500 - I got Prem, it is a considerable larger
amount than I expected to have drawn, but I have done the best
I could under the circumstances, and if I am censured for so doing,
it can't be helped, I recd a few days past two letters from you, one
dated July and one in August, the first and only ones I have recd from
you, I think I shall take a cruise out about Deans Island, and that
vicinity, where we saw whales on the Passage home last voyage,
if I can manage to get wood and water somewhere to the South and
touch at the Islands in the early part of March and get potatoes
without anchoring it will save considerable trouble and
expense if I can do so, But I must request you to be sure and
write the earliest opportunity to Honolulu, and tell me if you
wish me to ship the oil home in the spring if there is an opportunity
or carry it North, I want you to direct your letters to Honolulu
as I think I shall be more sure to get them there, I hope you will
advise you may think necessary, for I need it very much,
after receiving your letters of Ballou - Capt. Mitchell
he is now about to sail on a cruise in the Phoenix of Antucket
and wishes you to accept his respects &c, Two of my crew desert
at Tahaina and I am very glad they have gone, for they were the only
bad men I have had, the Steward I have discharged here sick has
been off duty some two Mths and I think he has the same complaint
that Parston the Cooper had, the Doctors can't tell us

Copy of a Letter to B. F. Howland Nov^r 30th 1857

Sir, I improve the opportunity to write you a few lines, as the
Mail leaves here today, I left the North Sea on 23rd Oct
and arrived at Hilo 23 Nov^r have taken 770 lbs Bonehead,
10 lbs sperm, and 11400 lbs Bone, there being no ship at Hilo
to take out on Bone, I made no tarry, but proceeded direct for
Tahaina, and arrived here on 26th too late also to ship oil from
here, there has been a large quantity shipped, but most of the
ships have gone, only 5 ships here now, after much discussion
I have agreed with Capt. Luce, of the Cornelius Howland
to take my Bone, and have got it on board of her, in good order
100 Bundles, 11400 lbs, Marked S.M. S. D. S. H.,
I have no recd any letters from you since leaving home there was
several letters at Hilo for the ship but none for me,
I think I shall not go to Honolulu to ship oil, but ship it on
board, and perhaps ship it in the spring, you informed Mr. Phelps
I remain here all summer, and sailed lately on a cruise in
the young Thos of Antucket, the Second Mate, and Cooper I
shipped in the spring, I shall probably discharge, they are
good men, but I cannot give them the ship for their services
the ship is in good condition, did not get bruised in the ice
at all, I write this in haste as the Mail soon leaves,
I enclose in this letter one of the Bills of lading,
and will write you all particulars before I leave the
Island,

This complaint is, But I know they like to all the Patients
in the Hospital they say, the Steward has taken up nothing
on the voyage, and he tells me his wife has drawn nothing from
the owners, but I have only his word for it, I should like
very much to ship some of the oil home in the spring
on account of making room, but I dread the trouble of doing
it on account of breaking up the crew &c, you can have
no idea how vexatious it is, but I shall be guided by
your advice in regard to it,