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Bk Ocean Steed May 27th 1868
 Lorenzo Pierce Esq
 New Bedford

Dear Sir,
 a ship
 is passing us for Europe. I thought
 you would like to hear from us, so I write.
 We have had a great deal of bad weather
 wind and rain - have seen whale three
 times when we could not lower.

Eight days out had our first fair day
 and took our first whales (60 Bbls) have
 taken six whales (120 Bbls)

I shall have here in a few days for
 the Morris Ground, viz. Hual, where
 I intend to land the oil to be shipped
 to you. Tell Heston that our Mr. M.
 broke down the first whale. One of
 the connecting links broke of the forward
 bridge and I have made it go since with
 one bridge. shall get a link made at Hual.

One of the Mr. Knives we found to crumble
 but at first I thought I should have to
 condemn it but it does better after grinding
 down - otherwise the machine works well.

I trust I may be able to give you an
 report of my officers and crew when I get
 home. At this parcel of oil 120 Bbls I land
 at Hual, please effect no Insurance, as on my way
 from Hual to N. B. - My respects to Mr. Heston and

before we ship's papers
 A. B. Borden

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Bk Ocean Steed off Western Islands June 22nd 1868
 Jacob B. Hadley Esq
 New Bedford

Dear Sir,
 Having the
 opportunity of disposing of my tobacco here have
 landed and sold it to Manuel Lawrence a
 merchant or trader at the Port of Ponta Delgada
 Island of Flores. There being no American
 or English residents at this place the Manuel
 Lawrence has filled out and signed my landing
 certificate. The U. S. Consul agent has
 also subscribed his name to the same. He
 has no stamp or seal but is authorized
 by the Deputy Consul at Sta. Cruz, the
 principal Port of the island.

Should any question arise in regard to the
 agent's authority reference must be made to the
 Deputy Consul at Sta. Cruz.

The certificate is written partly in Portuguese
 and partly in English but I trust you may be
 able to find it all out without much trouble.

Should any discrepancy arise in regard to
 mark or number please inform me immediately,
 and Sir Oblige

Yours Truly
 A. B. Borden