

Agul Nov 25th 1868
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Sir, I forward
by Capt. Loake of Brig. J. W. Widdell one
Chronometer obtained of James S. Kelly on
trial, and as per agreement to be returned
from these islands this fall - I retain
the other one price \$200.

Will Mr. Hadley be so kind as to see the
one sent home is returned to Mr. Kelly
taking his receipt for the same

I have been delayed here several days by
a man deserting - have now fulfilled
the requirements of the law made and provided
for such cases and today leave for a cruise
to the Canaries & Cape de Verde and intend
to be at Bermuda in the month of Feb.

The J. W. Widdell sailed yesterday for N. Y.
direct with sail and tomorrow the Predomine
sails for Boston with fruit - I regret I
could not ship my oil by either of these vessels
both had cargoes engaged on my arrival

I propose trying the Bahama Bunch early
in the Spring - Please send me all the infor-
mation you can obtain not forgetting that the
I much regret that my vessel works so very
poorly - please write often - My kindest regards to
Peirce and Sir believe me your sincere friend and
well wisher
G. B. Borden

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Lorenzo Peirce Esq.
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Sir I arrived
here on the 12th inst from Agul - Have ob-
tained my water and about 40 tons of rocks for
ballast and intend to sail Saturday the 19th inst
for cruise to the Cape de Verde and be at
Hamilton Bermuda by the mid of Feb.

I could have shipped my oil from this
place direct to London at the rate of \$1.03
per barrel, but not knowing as such a
proceeding would meet your views I concluded
not to forward.

I have seen nothing since leaving Agul
I would not come to an anchor at Agul and re-
main at Agul on account (or one account) of there
being so much cheap liquor on shore to be obtained
by sailors but I believe I jumped from
the span into the fire, by coming here
but this is a much safer place for the ship
and my men will not get often the chance for
part.

I lose something here on Portuguese
money, a dollar at Agul that costs or is worth
\$1.20 is worth but 95^{cts} here - There is
no sale for tobacco here at this place
I have nothing to communicate