

time in getting the ship in at the dock and getting out oil he was not near the ship and I fear I may be obliged to discharge him for Policy's sake - I shall discharge the Cook - He obtained a bad disease at Teneriffe and has not been able to do much since - I shall be obliged to draw on you but as yet cannot say how much - I was in hopes that I should get along with my tobacco without drawing - but some of my crew have made complaint against the ship for smuggling tobacco thinking to obtain a discharge on the plea that they did not ship in a smuggler - there is no sale for it here and I may be obliged to land it

I forward you Bill of Lading of oil shipped by Schooner George Brown Freight paid in Gold by Messrs Middle-ten & Co at the rate of 40 lbs in Gold per Bob - I pay you on oil - also a charge of 45 cts per Bob - this amount covers all port charges - such as Pilotage - Water &c Please inform me of its safe arrival home.

My respects to Mr. Headley and
Sir Oblige

Yours respectfully
G. B. Borden

Master Bk Ocean Steed

MS 10

Hamilton Bermuda Feb. 20th 1869
Lorenzo Pierce Esq
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Dr. Sir

As the steamer
Tah Kee sails today for New York I thought I would inform you of how we are getting along - I have shipped all my oil 387 Bbls by Schooner George Brown as I have previously informed you She sailed on the 13th inst but did not get clear of the land until the 15th

My crew have caused me much trouble here all the boatsteers and steward bent upon getting their discharge and have done everything they could or dared do to obtain it. The mate also has been very lax and inattentive to his duties - and at one time I felt inclined to discharge all that was dissatisfied Under Protest and come home for another gang, after discharged parties paying all expenses of obtaining another gang as well as the charges occasioned by the detention of the vessel in port - after this manner and no other would I discharge them But these views not meeting their expectations all have excepting the steward returned quietly to their duties again, - Steward the principal instigator of the