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Hamilton Bermuda Feb. 22nd 1869
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Sir Sir

Again I seat myself to write you a few lines - I am now about ready for sea and intend to sail tomorrow - I have lost six men by desertion - Discharged and paid off the Cook - and have shipped six others and shall try to ship a steward tomorrow - I cannot make out much of the mate, he has not been fit for duty any part of the time since our arrival here - When remonstrated with - admits that he has done wrong and that all the trouble is caused by his negligence and promises to do better and never drink another drop - will keep rather straighter one day and the next is as drunk as ever again - He does not want to be discharged and oftentimes I get completely out of patience with him.

I draw on you to the amount of \$533 ²⁰/₁₀₀ Five Hundred Fifty Five ²⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars at 10 days - Rate of exchange, making 105 per ct. at this place - Value received in cash recruits &c \$528 ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ Five Hundred Twenty eight Dollars - Seventy six cents - Three Hundred of this amount I pay out for old chains - One Hundred Seventy

Four more as expenses on 387 Bbls of oil shipped home per schooner George Brown - This is an expense I am obliged to pay here of 45 cts per Bbl. exclusive of the 40 cts which you pay at home - This 45 cts per Bbl. covers all expenses as Pilotage - Fresh Water - Light dues - Wharfage - Clearance and all other Port charges - I take about 350 Bbls of Fresh Water and trust I have enough to last me until now, at which time I shall expect to be at home.

Hoping I may be as successful as the past season I sir

Remain yours most respectfully
G B Boreman
Master Bk Ocean Steed. C. S.