

season it could not be laid to a change
of officers — I have not acted hastily
or unadvisedly in this matter — masters
and merchants know the trouble caused
by his drunkenness and many advised me
long ago to discharge him — and not
until I felt satisfied in my own mind
that we had better be one officer short
than to have him did I consent, or
forced to discharge him — I have
advanced here at various times about
140 Dollars in gold, giving him an
amount of his bill on board ship in
gold to which is to be added the us-
ual Int. and Ins, &c — I also give
him an order on you for Balance
due him of the Catching of B.R. Orem
steed, up to date — You will please
make all needful allowances for gold

I have promoted Mr. Sylvia as mate
and Mr. Borden as 2nd mate — There is
but one man here that could be in-
duced to go as mate — I know noth-
ing of his precedents individually — But
has the reputation among the people on
shore of being a tall whaleman —
He wants \$300 advance and the 16th
day — I think this rather too steep
and shall try to get along with my pres-

gang, — Thursday Feb. 25th 1864
I am now about leaving Han-
ilton for a cruise to the West, and
on account of discharging the mate
am obliged to draw another draft of
on you to the amount of \$120 Dollars
in 10 days from sight — I trust I
may now be able to get to sea

My respects to Mr. Hester and all
others interested in the B.R. Orem steed
and ever Oblige,

Yours Respectfully
W. B. Borden