

Bk Ocean Steed April 10<sup>th</sup> 1869  
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Dear Sir I do not know  
as a line from me now will be worth the postage  
I have taken nothing since last Oct. and seen nothing  
since leaving Pinal. No one would believe  
it possible if they saw we saw whales last fall to  
cruise over the grounds we have until this time  
without seeing a whale. I cruised about all  
of October up to the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. on the Charleston  
ground without seeing anything and am now work-  
ing down to where I saw whales last Spring  
I saw Capt. Scraps of Bk Tropic Pined at  
Bermuda - he had cruised all winter on the blue  
ground - saw whales three times and took 50  
Bbls. - The past winter has been a complete  
failure with me, but I am in hopes  
that we shall get make up for last time.  
Last season there was many whales seen be-  
tween this ground of ours and the WP & - But  
it is no guarantee by there being plenty of whales  
on a spot or ground one season that they will be  
there the next. Still we have no better cri-  
terion to go by in cruising for whales than to cruise  
on these spots where we have known whales  
to frequent, and as there is so many of these  
spots here in the N. Atlantic that when we  
have cruised three or four weeks in one of them

and seen nothing it is in my opinion time to  
move for another and in this way I shall try  
to keep moving about until I fall in with  
whales and then I am in hopes of getting a cut.

I should now make settlements with Mr.  
Lifford. I would say that the oil, instead  
of the ship should have the post charges at  
Bermuda and the 80 cts per Bbl. I expect  
on the oil - as cost of shipping includes  
those charges. And as I anchored at Pinal  
last June express on account of shipping oil  
that charge also should be borne by the oil,  
being about 20 cts per Bbl. extra over  
and above what you paid at home.

I feel anxious to learn how my last  
shipment arrived home. You may think  
it strange in me in consigning to Messrs. Middle-  
ton & Co. instead of shipping direct to you.

I did so on account of his being in New-  
York and would care for it on its arrival,  
in case that you had not timely notice.

I should now return to my wife that  
mortgage you would confer a favor and  
be greatly obliged.

Yours most respectfully  
G. B. Borden