

since then
And have been eight months since with-
out taking anything. "One extreme follows
another" and I think it about time for a
change. I shall not give up the idea
but what we shall get obtain a "cut" until
the last day of Oct. If we get nothing by
that time I shall think that our channel is
small for this season.

I hear that there has been quite a num-
ber of sperm whales seen around these islands
this spring. At Star Cruz, Flores
they have two boats imperfectly fitted

About ten days ago they saw ^{two} whales close
to the land. They went off with the boat
and struck two large ^{one} reported line from one
cut lost line to the other. After losing
the line the whale came up close to and
they could have struck again but had no
pione.

So much by being half fitted
the best way to save time and craft in
whaling is to carry plenty in the boat -
are not apt to lose line if you have more so
long that a whale cannot sound it out.
I hear that Mr. Lehat Sabney & Sons have
also fitted two boats for a shore fishery at
Fajal.

My kindest regards to Mr. Hadden
and Sir believe me,
Sincerely and respectfully yours
G. B. Borden

This letter was handed to one of the firm
by me July 27 or 28 to 1869

Messrs. Chas. W. Sabney & Sons,
Fajal W. I.
Gentlemen

In accordance with your wishes I will now
give you my views in regard to the alterations
to be made in the Ph. line Acaso to make her
suitable for whaling.

As the mainmast is too small for the
business, I think it desirable to rig her into
a bark, and in doing so it will be neces-
sary to step the mainmast some four or six feet
farther aft. This will ^{make} a good roll-way,
which is very much needed between the
mast and main hatchway. The forward end of
the house can be cut off some six feet, then
we can carry two boats upon it.

In fitting the blubber room it will be neces-
sary to put in an extra beam beneath the room,
between the two that is already there. This will
give support to the blubber room and strengthen
the ship. Much strain comes against the
side about the water line in cutting a whale
to the leeward. The Union was sunk by
Bk. Willis and Addison obliged to leave the
whaling ground, on account of injuries received
by cutting to the leeward.
I forgot to mention to Mr. Skene to put