

in appointing me to the command of the Acaso;
for the which, please accept my sincere thanks.
In my future conduct I shall strive to merit
your esteem and approbation, and hope I may
prove worthy the trust and confidence you thus
repose ^{place} in me.

I cannot say how much oil we ^{may} get
or what we shall do; but, this I can say:
"We shall try" and if a fair knowledge of
and a strict attention to the business, will in-
sure success - and I believe it ~~will~~ ^{may} then may we
expect for the Acaso to get some oil.

Should you at any time wish to consult me
in anything in regard to the vessel I shall be hap-
py to comply with your wishes. From this
and what I have heretofore said you will
have a general idea of my views.

On my arrival at New Bedford I shall expect
a line from you, among other particulars stating
the time of the sailing of the Acaso.

and Sirs Oblige
your most Obedt Servt
C. B. Borden

Master Bk Ocean Steed

Loyal July 28th 1869
Lorenzo Peirce Esq
New Bedford.

Dr Sir

I am now
about leaving here for the W. or the other
Ocean Steed Ground - am in hopes of
getting some oil before I come home
- say in Nov. have obtained my re-
cruits here - Have obtained only
50 Bbls of Oil since leaving here
two months ago - seen whales but
once for the last eight months.

I enclose you Draft on Ches & Lab
mercantile of Boston drawn ten days
after sight for \$160 One Hundred and
Sixty Dollars, currency - Have not
ing of interest to write about.

My kindest regards to Mr. Hadley
and Sirs Oblige

Yours, most respectfully
C. B. Borden

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