

I have everything that can be asked for, in regard to boats and gear for catching whales and ^{every} convenience for taking care of oil that can possibly be had in a small vessel. No vessel can be better fitted for an Atlantic whaler, and if her sailing qualities would only compare with her many other excellent ones no better vessel could be built from the same amount of wood and iron. I must brag on her good qualities as a "sea boat".

In the "great hurricane of Sept 1868" in the Gulf Stream, when many vessels were foundered - "the schooner S. Le Lodge was torn to pieces" and the ship Com. Morris lost some of her spars. The little "Bk Ocean Steed" was close by "lying like a duck" riding it out snugly and safely, and scarcely "parted a rope yarn" during the entire blow.

So far this season vessels have done but very little, and the general complaint is a scarcity of whales - all the old grounds having failed.

I intend to remain here as long as possible or until the western gales set in so strong as to be useless to remain. I am hoping that I may get a good cut. We only desire to see whales and I have full confidence to believe we shall get oil.

Enclosed please find draft ^{at sight} on Dwight & Herr payable to your order for \$112.00 in Gold

You will please collect the same and place it to the Cr. of Bk Ocean Steed, as also the Draft I forwarded you from Falm. Drawn ten days from sight on Messrs. W. Babney & Co. of Boston for \$160 currency.

Trusting that soon you may hear a more favorable report from Bk Ocean Steed & we remain your most Obedt Servts
G. B. Borden.