

New Bedford Dec. 27th 1864
Messrs. Chas. W. Taber & Sons
B. Fayal W. F.
Gentlemen

I expect
Tad on my arrival home in Bk. C. D. to have
found a line or two from you giving me
some instructions in regard to boat and office
for the Bk. season.

But getting none and receiving none from the
donor I thought after some conversation with
Capt. W. Green, who informed me that you had
fixed the Bk. Cholehis for sale, that you
had and that you had concluded not to fit
or was undecided about fitting the season.

I immediately wrote to your house in Boston
making inquiry in regard to your fitting the season
receiving answer that I should have had letter
from P. Fayal per schooner D. B. Everett,
and that they wished to see me about the boat
for the season. I made all diligent search
for letter per schooner D. B. Everett but could
find none, and in three days after receiving
letter from Boston I received another letter
saying that they were hoping and expecting to see
me in Boston, P. on the 23rd Dec.

I went to Boston - saw Capt. Burke -
went on board the Fredonia - saw and talked
with your partner, but could give but little

information in regard to your fitting the season.
I could not understand why they wished
to see me in Boston in regard to boat, as in
conversation said they had not an authority to
do anything about them.

And the firm
and substance of their wish to see me
was that I might go to E. Boston and
look at some boat there, also stated
that they had learned I had engaged myself
to another vessel and had written to you ac-
cordingly. I do not know upon what au-
thority they should thus write you, I have
not engaged myself to another vessel, nor do
I intend to until I feel decided about
your fitting. I have had several offers
but have given them but little attention
as I considered myself engaged to sail for
you, and have expected all along to do so
and made arrangements accordingly.

I have now have not given up the idea of fit-
ting. I hope that you will forward your instruc-
tions at the earliest opportunity. It will
be impossible for me to get my boat built
officer shipped &c. while the Fredonia remains
at Boston in her usual time and that
the P. can bring but two boats, and
we need three or four - I think
it will not pay to fit vessels for mod-
erate weather whaling in the C. D.