

It requires a good stout staunch vessel to
cruise about the Gulf Stream and on the
Morris Ground. In the Oct. I took 400
Bbl of sperm in Oct. in the Gulf Stream
but I nearly tore my vessel to pieces.

Twisting and wrenching the mainmast so as
to make it unfit for use, in cutting a
large 100 bbl whale on the last day of Oct.

I know that the Fredonia would make
a first rate whaler for the Gulf Stream or
any other place and should you put her
into the business and desire me to take charge
of her I will engage for four years and
cruise in the North Atlantic or on other land
and sperm and Right whaling. While in
Boston I examined the A and think the alter-
ations on her will not be so expensive as on
the Oceano and when once fitted will remain
good for many years. I also informed your
partner in Boston that I were ready to fulfill
my part of the agreement.

Please inform me about Chas. Baran, other
charts &c and all other things that requires my
attention. Awaiting Gentlemen your answer.

I remain most obediently and
respectfully Yours

W B Border

Seate master of Bk Ocean Steed

P.S. Please direct to 63 Thomas St N.B.
and oblige yours &c W B.

New Bedford Dec. 31st 1864
Messrs Chas W. Babney & Co
Boston

Gentlemen

According to your
request I have seen the most of the
boat builders in this city and learned the
prices of boats. We can get boats built
to order, with double knees and timbers
30 ft, Galvanized fastenings - half business
and fitted for whaling with center board
rudder &c all complete from \$130 to 150

Ordinary Customs made - large \$120 -
small do \$100 - Boats for the Ocean
steed cost in this place \$147 and were called
the best and most substantial boats ever put
on board a ship. Used up three - took
1200 bbl of oil and are as good as new
for another voyage. One I sold to Chas
W. Babney & Co at Nabal for \$160 - I forget
to mention to you that the Fredonia will
be unable to carry but two boats at one
time conveniently - but this fact is understood
at Nabal. It will require some three
or four weeks to build the boats and it is
necessary to be done something pretty quick if
we expect to take the spring season in whaling
you will therefore please inform me as soon as
possible after receiving instructions from Nabal and
I will oblige yours truly W B Border