

New Bedford Aug. 24th 1870
Keeps Chief W. B. Putney, Jr. & Co

Boston

Gentlemen — yours of the 19th inst
came duly at hand on the 22nd on my arrival
home from Fall River — In answer

I would say that I do not as yet feel au-
thorized to order boats built for the season.

I have not inquired particularly into
the matter, but the boats will be inside
of the figures I forwarded you — something
depends upon their completeness of fitting.

I am waiting to hear from Hagar, and
have expected here this to have had something
definite from there.

I have had several good offers from this
place, and unless I hear something
from Hagar soon shall look around
and see what inducements is held out
in this place — Therefore I

have rejected all offers, depending upon
sailing from Hagar, but unless some
movement is soon made we shall neces-
sarily lose the best part of the season.
I wish to be on the whole ground
by the mid of April.

Yours Truly

W. B. Putney, Jr.

Capt. Master of the Ocean Street

Saw Addison Chasing
Sperm Whales

Lat 40 42
Long 48 08

Wednesday, Oct. 20th 1869

Came in with fine weather and light
breezes from the N. but with a
short choppy swell, on at 7 A.M.
saw the Addison's boats down
chasing whales. Lowered all three
of ours and sent them down where
the A's were. — at 11 they went
along side of the Addison and
learned by the Capt. that the whales
had not been seen for more than
two hours. Then turned on board
and arrived at 1 1/2 P.M. — at 6
P.M. spoke the Addison, she
had taken nothing since we last
saw her.

Lat 40 42
Long 47 58

Thursday, Oct. 21st 1869

Came in with squally weather with
smoke and rain. Ship to the
wind cruising to the W. in Co with
Bk Addison. Saw one or two
finbacks and small white water
several times — nothing more
in sight — at 5 P.M. received
on board from Bk Addison two casks
of Sperm Oil 418 gallons, consigned
to Lorenzo Fair of New Bedford