

were being taken up and in justice to myself I did not consider it prudent to wait longer depending upon uncertainties therefore in answer I wrote that by not receiving orders and instructions from them I considered our agreement void and felt at liberty to ship with other parties

Believe me when I say I deeply regret that any misunderstanding should have taken place

Yours most respectfully
C. B. Gordon

New Bedford Feb. 18th 1870
Messrs Chas W. Babney & Co
Boston

Gentlemen
Yours of yesterday is at hand and would say that the letter you speak of from C. W. Babney & Co is also at hand you call my attention to mine of Jan 24th & all I can say is, in regard to that that I was not aware until I received yours in answer to mine of the date you mention, that you held the power and to authorize me to have the boats built in which you say their letter to you was definite in regard to the boats

You know that I came to you and voluntarily offered to fulfill my part of the agreement existing between C. W. Babney & Co and myself, and wished for authority to proceed in the matter. You know also that you had the authority and refused to furnish the same ^{a month or more} and after waiting and frequently writing to inform you that I had no authority to proceed and hoping ~~been at some expense~~ and finding myself destitute of power and authority to proceed. I considered our agreement annulled &