

New Bedford Feb. 21st 1870
Messrs Chas. W. Babcock & Son
Gentlemen

Your kind
favor of Jan. 18th & 25th came duly at
hand and I hasten to reply. I
sincerely regret that any misunderstanding
should have taken place in regard to the
accus. By word and way I tried
to convince the firm in Boston of my earnest-
ness in carrying out the projected voyage of
the Accus. They thought there were
doubts in my mind - I informed them
that there were none but on the contrary
I was anxious to fulfill the agreement
then existing between us and urged up
on them the importance of starting early
in the season in order to carry out completely
our projected voyage. They informed me
that they had no authority and could do nothing
in the matter. We then talked of the
most expeditious mode of obtaining the de-
sired instructions from Fayal desiring them
to forward to me by the earliest opportu-
nity any information or instructions
they may receive from you. Full
well they knew in Boston that I was not
unwilling but anxious to fulfill my
agreement with you.

Day after day and week after week
passed away and no news from you.
The winter was passing away and
spring ^{would soon be upon us} ~~was coming on~~. The best ships
and officers were being taken up, and
I felt anxious to save the season, and
be on the ground by the mid. of April.
These views were understood by the
house in Boston.
On the 19th of Jan. I received a
line from them stating that their letters
to the Fredonia regarding boats &c were
explicit. I supposing that these
letters were to you instead of being from
you. They informing me that I might
get letters any day. As they were getting
letters three or four times per month.
On the 25th they wrote me
again saying that letters to them to the
Fredonia regarding boats &c for the
accus. was definite. I was sur-
prised! Amazed! Why this deception?
Why keep from me the instructions to
proceed in this matter, when they knew
that I was waiting for nothing else
but them? On the 28th of
another line endorsing the same informa-
tion and quibbling about clearing them-
selves from some minor trifling points.