

N^o 3 Ship Balance Obita May 6. 1836
Wm L. Wolf Esq
Sir

I arrived here on the 26.
of April from New Zealand have tapered a
leak in the Starboard Bow the Ship has
leaked about two hundred strokes per hour
this last 6 Months (I.e. in heavy weather)
I have caulked last September from the Berg up
shall proceed to Japan after leaving this ~~Island~~
Island have discharged Solomon Noam
& Mate and given him a Bill of his Voyage
1050 Bbls is what I have stored down by
the Tackle of the Bark.

I wish for you Sir to get my lay ~~insured~~
in 1000 Bbls Oil by so doing you will oblige.

Your Humble Servant
Melatiah Davis

Mr. Noam has been of no use to me in taking
Whales I have kept him on ship keeper
this last 16 Months

N^o 4 Ship Balance Obita Nov. 24. 1836
Wm L. Wolf Esq
Sir

I arrived here on the 28. of October
leaking about 6 hundred strokes per hour have
opened the Ship and found a rotten plank
three feet under the lower Deck have put in
a new one 13 1/2 long have stripped each Bow as
low as the wound caulked and sheathed up
again caulked the upper works & shall leave
about the 2 of Dec shall stop about a
Month or so for Whales then proceed home
have 1200 Bbls.