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The Capt. answered was, to the Mate that he would not obey his orders, and therefore should not give any to him. The Mate then asked the Capt. whether he disobeyed his orders. The Capt. told him that the Mate had disobeyed them so many times he could hardly remember them and he should not put with such behavior any longer. The Capt. said he had been absent on Board the ship. The Capt. told him it was his own fault, and had told him repeatedly of it, times previous. Ever since the ship left New Bedford the Mate Mr. Worster has never been seen by the Capt. in his place on quarter deck, but always forward of the Mainmast playing with the Seamen or telling them how bad they are and that they ought to have more weight below and trying to excite the crew by telling them not to come when they are called for. He did not care whether they came or not for he meant to leave the ship as soon as she got in to Port this morning he had impudence to tell all hands on his presence that they were not well used. The Capt. asked in what manner the Mate replied that they had not so much water below as other ships had. The Capt. told him he gave the crew more water than ever he saw given in all going to sea. The Capt. then told the crew that the crew when they had been misused no one made a word except Mr. Smith and Mr. Brooks Seamen who said they were no fault to find with the Capt. at the time and that all the dissatisfaction in the ship arose from the Mate and thought they would be still better used if it were not for Mr. Worster playing and sporting with them one morning and then wanting to have fight he often said second and third mates for a fight on board he has told so much and so many tales that they are completely disgusted with him.

and in sending the crew on shore or they will be called them to leave the ship.

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in his boat with whaling he is of no honor of us. What ever has been the means of a large quantity of oil which are ought to of been every time he goes in his boat after a whale there is always something out of the way and always has complaint to make about some one of his boat crew one would not put here enough on the Boatsteerer want good for nothing so will always something wrong. He has had no less than six different Boatsteerers that I have put into his boat. Still they are never satisfied. The Capt. asked them why they are not satisfied they answer that Mr. Worster always playing one moment and then Hollowing and charging and swearing so that it is no wonder the crew are disgusted with him. Sometimes he tells the crew that to God that Capt. Ellis never will get another whale the voyage, damn him let him know how good it is to work whales and one hundred other vile prophecies. This can be proved by John J. Hawley and Nathan a Launch Seaman. All this disconcerts the crew and of course makes every thing disagreeable on Board and shows the crew seem to care no more for him than they do for the cook. After all he does and therefore there is any work I wish to have done as quick as convenient can be done and say to him bring on with it as fast as possible he only answer I can get it he doing it as fast as he can and I want to done any faster to me. So it myself or get some one else. My second third and fourth mates think it would benefit all concerned by putting him off duty and putting in Eliza Crocker to head his boat and therefore told him that he required no more of his services. He came one and said that wanted to be put in. He said he could behave himself in a different manner from what he had done during the voyage. The Capt. then told Mr. Baker to act as Mr. Worster as a Mate until further orders from him.