

Cuba, Sandwich Id. Dec 1844

Mr. Dickson

Sir we arrived here on the 10th inst from the West Coast. Having taken 1300 lbs Whale Oil during the season, I am now on Board 2800 lbs (or) 700 Spinn 2000 Whale Oil we came in here for the purpose of going on oil, fit ship, and recruit for another season on the Line. I have been under the necessity of discharging Mr. Norton by the Request of all my Officers and greater part of my crew, will have given him an order on you for his share of 650 lbs Spinn and 1800 lbs Whale Oil which if you should settle with him you will please deduct my Bill twenty five dollars and eighty cents. In addition to what debts you may have against him I have had to discharge several of my crew on account of sickness. And many have deserted from the ship, consequently have to ship and discharge men at every port and purchase their oil. which requires a considerable amount of money, and having none on hand at this present time, I have been compelled to draw on you for Eight Hundred and forty dollars, which you will please accept until I am able to pay of ship Dr. Thompson, I have shipped by the Brig Globe Capt. Moore thirteen thousand pounds Whale Bone consigned to your order, she will leave this port in all December. Mr. Baker is now acting as Mate of the ship and will give that notice very well until I get among whales, then he is up a for nothing. I am very sorry to say that out of the 2800 lbs we have taken he has not been near him to a whale to kill him during the voyage