

tends to get his discharge - I believe he is married to one of Green's women - She trusted his last very age and has got a drawn bill on this one. He now wishes to repudiate. You can do as you like about his drawn bill, but I shall displace him as soon as I can get half a man to take his place. I should have done so long ago but the fact of it is I have no one to take his place.

Andrew Lewis representative of Chas. Gibbs has steered a boat for 14 years - is in his decline. I am not at all surprised he has never got up but am surprised he has held that position so long, but he must have been a great deal - has no life or ambition - knows nothing scarcely on board the ship - had one good chance at a whale and missed, steered the mate, - Struck and drawn from a Blackfish for 40 miles, and that is all that he has done - is not sick but get is not well, has to be very careful of his health, is sure to get cold by wetting his feet - none of the boatsteersmen get thus well enough to take overboards, that part has been done by officers and fireman hands.

Antonio J. Rocker I think would make quite a boatsteerer with a little experience and clear of the scurvy. He is from another unfortunate vessel the Glacier. He is the only one that seems to take any interest, and he has fastened to his whales. But he has the scurvy and had it when we came from home, and of course he has not been able to go through with his work. We have several now with the scurvy - have had a great deal of sickness the past season - I sent one man home by the Adeline. Capt. McCarvin, and shall have sent two or three others if he would have taken them. John Thomas the third day out went of duty, came to me for medicine for his swelled leg. I have doctor'd him from that time until he went on board the Adeline, about six months, and he was of no use at all this time.

On the contrary he required me to wait on him the most of the time. Nothing I gave him did any good - was the same in the Niger and Napoleon and also in the Schoenayer, the Capt. of which refused to pay his wages on account of disability. A part of my crew seem posted in regard to him and he was a common topic of

conversation in N.B. I think if there had been the least particle of interest felt in regard to our crew we should have a better one. The amount of John Thomas's bill \$165 for the ship and a haul of coal on my part might have been saved. If any one ever deserved the House of Correction he does, for obtaining his outfit under false pretenses.

I have three kanakas that is almost worthless, are in the decline of life, I have no expectation of their deserting the ship as they have got life enough.

I seem too bad that a ship so well appointed otherwise should be so deficient in boatsteersmen, I have no confidence in mine, neither can I depend on getting any - so I suppose I shall have to wait for some to grow up. I don't know what I have done that I should be thus afflicted with such a set of boatsteersmen.

It was a known fact that there was a plenty of good men and good boatsteersmen in New Bedford when we sailed waiting for a chance to ship - I never heard of men being sent to sea to cure the scurvy. But I should have got along very well could I have obtained potatoes at the W. I., as I expected. On account of poor crops I obtained but a few potatoes and had to pay very high for them, I kept them as long as I could, and ever since they have been gone, have given the crew pickles and dried apples.

Beside the ordinary sick I have had a complaint that went through the ship - symptoms indicating poison - nearly all had it - on myself and 3d mate it turned to inflammation of the bowels - could never ascertain the cause. I have had twenty cases of the small Pox in the Ochotok sea off at season, but never had so much sickness on board of a ship in so short a time as we have had, and mostly old cases on coming from home, such as scurvy and venereal - most of ships would have left the ground and gone little ports.

I suppose that Mr. Akin did the best he could in obtaining a crew for the Pacific as he is directly interested in her, and I have no one to blame but myself, I blame myself for placing so much confidence in Mr. Akin's judgement in choosing men, and also blame myself for not exhibiting a little of that mulish stubbornness or obstinacy I am said