

to prepare, and had some men of my own choice. Not a single one I choose being shipped - no reason being given. I did object to taking men with the scurvy, but I suppose we shall get along somehow. I can replace my foremost hands if they prove poor, and desert, but it is hard getting a good boatsteerer, and I have not a man that I have confidence in for one. But we shall keep pegging away and do the best we can with what we have got, and man two boats when we cannot man three. I could get along with half of a crew if I had a good set of boatsteerers, as ~~we~~ ^{we} can go with three or four men in a boat but without a man that can strike his whale when he gets where he is all our labor is in vain. I expect to get some oil but it is dreadful galling to me to see the chances for oil and not get it, but enough of this complaining.

I like my ship first rate, she works capitally and I can go anywhere after whales that anybody can go. The small leak I have before spoken of holds just about the same. I intend going on the Morris Ground this coming summer. I think it doubtful about going south another fall. The chances around the Western and Cape de Verde Islands I think is equal to the River. I should have remained off Cape Breton while longer had it not been for the scurvy, although I did but little there, but whales are there. I wanted also to cruise awhile on the Charleston Ground, and was not intending to go in anywhere to give liberty until next fall, but now must do something to stop the scurvy and think of going to Fayal after leaving Bermuda. I shall ship my oil at Ber. if I can conveniently, if not shall probably ship from Fayal at which place please write me and Gentlemen believe me

Yours most Respectfully
G. B. Borden

No 5
Hamilton, Bermuda May 14th 1874.
Messrs. Choigt & Perry,
New Bedford

Dear Sirs

I have succeeded in getting permission from Govt. to discharge my oil at Grassy Bay, at which place can hold the control of my crew. I have made arrangements with John B. Darrell to receive my oil and ship the same to New York @ 125¢ per Bbl. of 31½ gallons. This amount covers all expenses such as Pilots, in and out, Wharfage, Light dues, Consul fees.

Freight to New York &c. &c. About one half of which is to be paid here in advance, and the remainder on the arrival of the oil in New York.

By discharging in Grassy Bay my crew has no chance to get on shore, but the expense on oil is much greater, as I am obliged to discharge in a hulk which is towed out of said Bay and back again to Hamilton. This being the only extra, and the greatest charge on oil on shipping.

Mr. Darrell has a vessel called "The Agile" a Barkentine, 5 years old, 250 tons on the Slip at St. George, undergoing repairs, having touched on the reef. The oil will probably be forwarded in this vessel, or the "Excelsior" belonging to Janyham & Co, or some other good vessel, either Steam or sailing vessel, the first favorable opportunity, guaranteed within fourteen days.

I have applied to Agents of steamer "Canima". They cannot take my oil at any price, so long as Island produce is offered, the steamer being subsidised. Even could the Canima take my oil, she could do so on no more advantageous terms than at present forwarded, as the expense in delivering the same to her alongside would be about equal to the freight. Could a vessel come up to the dock and discharge on board of a freighting vessel during any part of the year excepting about six weeks of the produce season, could ship oil very advantageously here in Bermuda.

So far my crew seem very peaceably inclined and I trust shall lose none by desertion. I think I have them under good supervision.