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Bark Pacific off Flores June 16th 1874
Maj. Shrift & Perry
New Bedford

Dear Sirs

Your letter of May 21st per Kate Williams has been recd. I would here say, that at Bermuda I neglected to acknowledge the receipt of your favors and kind attention and assistance to Mrs. Borden. Please accept them now making all due allowances for the same.

Mrs. Borden arrived out in good health and now join me in sending you all our kindest regards.

I did not lose a single man at Bermuda the passage through the reefs to Murrys anchorage or Gassy Bay I do not consider more dangerous than most other ports. At Flores I have obtained water & recruits for the season, say until Nov. potatoes 90¢ and other recruits at about the same rate.

Shall cruise to the north and work west, taking the Ground of the 2/40^s, and remain there as late as possible in case I find whales. On account of scurvy I gave liberty at Flores and lost nine men by desertion by doing so, among the number was Andrew Lewis and Rufus Jose Morcato, boatsteerers - have obtained certificates for all. I speak of certificates as I learn the Consul at Fayal gives papers of discharge to such for whom no certificates have been given, sending the bills \$60 and above home to the Agents for collection. Have replaced the deserters with green hands Portuguese - taken two of my foremost hands on trial as boatsteerers - wanting another for whom I shall proceed to Fayal. I tried to ship John Francisco, deserted from Conn. Morris but was unable to do so, says he will ship next week - wants a big lay - is about getting married. - If I cannot get a good one at Fayal may try him again.

Rest assured that in shipping men, as in other matters I shall under all circumstances work for my owners interest.

In regard to my remarks about Mr. Oskin, as being "unreasonable and unjust" would say "I have said" and after reviewing what I have said do not feel disposed now to withdraw or retract, feeling able in a personal interview to explain to your entire satisfaction

should an investigation be desirable. I am perfectly willing one should be made. The fact is I had become so tired with my sick, and having whaler miped, that my patience had become nearly exhausted and well worn but in mind and body. Perhaps I ought not to have troubled you with any of my cares.

By your letter the idea is conveyed, that in regard to my crew, I may expect rebukes and rebuffs where I had reason to expect sympathy and support.

As for my letter to the "Standard" to which you have also alluded, would say, that I was not aware of giving any information that would benefit anyone.

My remarks in regard to whaling grounds I considered about as broad as the Atlantic Ocean, and intended my letter embrace only general ship news, and as such trust you will consider it.

Of course you cannot be in earnest in dictating in regard to time, and parties to whom I may write.

Yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Borden

No 8

Bark Pacific June 20th 1874
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Dear Sirs

On the 17th

inst. at Fayal I drew on you to the amount of \$116.25 currency (amount by original subscription list) to cover the sum in your hands for Moriana Trespaturas, mother of Manuel Besterneux, at ten days in favor of John S. Palmer.

At Fayal an opportunity of remitting offered and I purchased a Bill of \$600 Gold on Simeon N. West, payable to your order a ten days from sight which Bill please find enclosed, and after collecting place the proceeds to account of Bk. Pacific.

It is impossible for me to obtain a boatsteerer at Fayal.

Please write me the particulars in regard to the above Bills, to meet me at Fayal previous to the mid. of Nov.

And Miss Abbie

Yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Borden.