

Baque Pacific Oct. 23^d 1874 No 11
Messrs. Swift & Perry
New Bedford

Gentlemen

Since my last to you at Generiffe, on the 4th inst. we have taken two whales, making 75 bbls of oil. We were unfortunate in losing about one half of one whale by the parting of fluke chain. The whale sinking. On the 17th inst. I touched at Brava and shipped Bernard Gomez as boatsteerer @ 75 bar for one year and privilege of the voyage. He had steered a boat in the Comma Co Jones. Capt. Gifford & had a recommend for 4th mate. He seems quite smart but I can tell little about him yet. If he is good I have no doubt I can get him to go the remainder of the voyage. If he is not good, one year will be long enough.

One of the foremast hands I took in, on trial was taken with rheumatism and I put him forward several weeks ago, he was off duty about two months I would have discharged him, but for the expense, at Generiffe.

I am now on my way south with the expectation of touching at Pernambuco about the middle of March. At which place please write me. Providing I have 500 bbls of oil to ship I think of going to Bermuda to ship it. If I do not have 500 bbls shall go to the Azores, unless you advise differently.

I did not find the whales on the 2/40^s or about the Azores, and thought if I was going south at all I had better go early, as I am satisfied we do not get south at the beginning of the season. I also wish to be back on the whaling ground in May.

Upon the whole I think I am fairly pointed for a seasons work at the south, much more so than I was one year ago, and am in hopes of getting much more oil.

Mrs. Borden join me in sending regards to all.

Yours Most Respectfully

G. B. Borden

P.S. I have forwarded to my daughter Mary an order on you of this date @ 10 days, for \$200 which order please pay and send oblige yours &c G. B. B.

Baque Pacific March 8th 1875
Messrs. Wm Phillips & Son
New Bedford

Gentlemen

Your esteemed favor of Aug. 29th 1874 by Mrs. Capt. Gifford did not reach me until Jan. 10th 1875 "off the River" by the hands of Capt. Winslow from Fayal. I sincerely regret the delay, but rest assured that it was unavoidable on my part. I embrace the first opportunity of forwarding by mail from Pernambuco my Dft. on Messrs. Swift & Perry, as per proposals for balance of my 1/32^d of the total prime cost up to June 30 1874 of Schooner "Wm Phillips" say \$644.46 as also the first Prem. of Ins. on the same - say \$66.52 as per your advice. Total amount of Draft \$631.53 which please get accepted, and place the same to my credit, making due acknowledgement of the same.

In regard to Int. that may have arisen on the amounts previous to the part. of the same, you will please debit to my account until you receive earnings from the Schooner sufficient to Balance the same. Any information in regard to the good schooner, Mrs. Phillips, her success, and whereabouts, or any other news of general interest you may be pleased to send me will be thankfully received - Does Capt. Healy sail the vessel on shores or wages? Write any time to Fayal in care of Messrs. Ben-Saude & Co.

I have not been very fortunate in taking oil. We did not find the whales off the River last winter - have only 875 bbls. of oil, all told, but our health has been good and we feel thankful please accept thanks for kind wishes for our success & welfare.

Mrs. Borden join me in sending you our best wishes for health and happiness and success, and

Gentlemen believe me yours
Yours most Respectfully
G. B. Borden

Contains my Draft on Messrs. Swift & Perry @ 10 days, in favor of Messrs. Wm Phillips & Son for \$631.53