

I go to the north from here and touch here again in Aug. for recruits and water. The supply of recruits here now is small, and I cannot get water without considerable expense.

Whales have been seen several times about the islands this spring but none taken as yet.

Something unusual, they are all going W. for which has never been heard of before at this season of the year. I saw a large whale in a gale of wind two days before my arrival, going also to the W.

I have drawn on you, on private account on the 20th inst, a Bill of \$100 @ 10 Days from sight in favor of Samuel S. Paine.

Also one private account of this date for \$400 @ 10 days from sight in favor of Carrie B. Borden, my daughter which Belle please accept and pay. Charging the same to my account,

and Chris Oblige
Yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Borden

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Frisal April 28th 1874
Messrs. Shaff & Perry
New Bedford

Gentlemen
As the Addison with oil and passengers for New Bedford sails tomorrow I will send a line by her although I have nothing worth communicating. As she comes to New Bedford I have no doubt you can forward by her, boats and provisions as cheaply as by any other vessel. In addition to other things send me two sets of oars without steering oars.

Since my last the mail has come in from Filer and reports authentic the taking of a 55 bbl Sperm whale at that place, and a 100 bbl whale at Garro. They have 16 boats fitted for whaling at these two islands and have seen whales several times this season. At the time the last whale was taken the whole Ocean seemed alive with whales. On striking the school started off, quick to the N. E. In Dec. they caught a 100 bbl whale at Garro, but lost his head by rough weather. Ben Sand & Co. are fitting out a schooner for a cruise about the islands. I and I think of trying here next fall, but shall first try the Morris Ground then work to the west where the S. Ranger took her oil in Aug. & Sept.

I wrote you on the 24th inst, by the way of England - letter containing list of Gelages and "Bill Lading" for 37 casks of Sperm Oil shipped at this port on board of Bague Addison Bound for New Bedford - Oil to be landed on Geo. Herward's wharf @ 150 currency.

The C. M. went out yesterday but returns in a few days on account of the steward who I believe has deserted. I expect to leave here Saturday.

Much hard feeling exists here now between Consuls & Merchants & Capts of vessels. The first named parties wishing to make heavy expenses on vessels in distress, and the other wishing to avoid them.

The English Capts. are getting excited over the matter. One protesting the Consul's order of discharging wrote home for orders - had an agent sent out who took the business from the Consul and threatened exposure. It seems that one Consul does the business.