

We are all well and Mrs. Borden join me in send-
ing you our kindest regards
and believe me, Gentlemen I remain
Yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Borden

No 19
Bark Pacific Feb. 25th 1876
Mess. Swift & Perry
New Bedford

Gentlemen

I require for the
coming season north, or up to Nov. 4 months salt
provisions, with Bread and Flour for the same time

I also want 2 Boxes of Bombs—large—12 cut-
ting spades and 20 toggle-irons, All forwarded
to Fagal in care of Mess. Ben Saunders to meet
me by the mid. of May. I need these articles
to carry me through the season on the Morris Ground.

The Bombs immediately, and the other things in July.
Many of our Bombs we found worthless, on
account of rust destroying the fuses, and the feathers
being ruffled and torn. I think they must have
been very old. We did not find one in ten with
a perfect feather, and not one in four has exploded.

This was the case with the large ones, owing to care-
lessness in handling. All three Boxes had been op-
ened and a part of the lances taken out of each—
then the Boxes refilled without regard to packing,
and the feathers on about all destroyed. The small
ones we found much better.

We have taken one whale here off the River on
which we used quite a number of Bombs. He was
large and cunning, — partly on account of faulty
Bombs it seemed almost impossible to get one into
his life. He would not allow a boat to approach
him near enough to give him a hand lance. The
Com. took his mate, but they had no further trouble
with their than getting two boats slightly stove
and being out all night towing him to the ship.

The Com. by the report of Capt. Winslow staved
157 bbls, 19 Gallons. The Pacific's by report of
Mr. Baker 154 bbls 30 1/2 Gallons.

We have had a very rough season thus far.

The first time we saw whales here we branched
out a little and killed three. One 60 bbl, and two
90 bbls each, being the second time on the voyage
we have seen a chance for a good cut. We took the
small whale alongside and run the line for one of
the others, when a gale sprung up so suddenly as caused
the lines to part, thereby losing the whale. In the
mean time the boats left the other whale and came
on board the ship for safety. So heavy did it blow
for a few hours that our only anxiety was for the
poor fellows absent in the boats. Four days af-
terward the Bk Hooper On picked up the two whales.
We cut one as per agreement from which we obtained
35 bbls. We have 300 bbls this season. Took one
whale 98 bbls in loc with Bk Janus—her share
we now have on board. We think there has been
quite a show of whales here this season, but the weather
has been so bad that we have not had a fair
look. The indications have been good. We have
seen them 4 times—Com. 7 or 8 times—Janus 8 or 9
times. The Chat W. Morgan has three whales.
saw the Hercules take a whale but think he lost
a part of it from alongside. There are several ves-
sels to the south, and I think some of them are whal-
ing or they would be up here. The greater part of
the whales seen this season have been going south.

I shall cruise awhile longer here then work north
and try to be at Bermuda in early May. Please
inform me how my case with the Dalney's
stands and if you can in any way assist toward
a settlement please do so.

and Sirs Oblige

Yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Borden

Telegram From Barbadoes to Swift & Perry
of New Bedford.

Send to Bermuda 2 Boxes Bombs,
Lances—12 spades—20 Irons—20 bbls Potatoes—
want provisions—Instruct. G. B. Borden

Barbadoes April 20th 10 a.m.

Answer—fit for six weeks cruise—Matenilla
Reef—Newford & Allen Grounds, if you find whales—will
send your wants to Bermuda May 4th Swift.