

No. 20

Bark Pacific off Bermuda June 3rd 1876
Messrs. Swift & Perry
New Bedford

Dear Sirs

Your kind letter of 2nd inst. came duly at hand on the 25th on my arrival here from a cruise. Enclosed in your letter I found "Bill Lading" & Invoice of Hodge, shipped by you per Steamer Bermuda to Hamilton Bermuda in care of J. S. Darrell Esq. for Bark Pacific. So far as ascertained the goods compare with the Invoice and B. L. I find however no account of spades. The goods are yet on shore, but I expect to get them on board tomorrow and leave for a cruise to the north.

My telegram from Barbadoes and answer received was correct. I did not request provisions sent to Barbadoes on acct. of the inconvenience of getting them on board.

The expense of entering port is quite large, and there is no lighter suitable for taking off provisions to a vessel outside, but I shall try and get them all on board without trouble or much expense, but some detention.

I shall anchor tomorrow (weather permitting) at a good anchorage, and bring the provisions by small boat from Hamilton through St. Georges, to place of anchorage.

I shall have a large supply, enough to carry me up to Decr, and then turn over to some vessel of yours should I fall in with one, quite a supply. Thinking you had sent to Azores, or would send provisions there I furnished myself at Barbadoes with enough to carry me up to last of Sept. not wishing to visit the Azores or not until the end of the northern season.

Your views in regard to the season north agree with mine exactly. I think there is whales up there somewhere. You think if I had remained on the Morris Ground until Oct. should have taken more oil.

I cannot think I erred in judgement in leaving the Morris Ground when I did. My plans were not hastily formed, but matured from some experience in cruising on that particular ground, and my unsuccessful cruise to the west was owing more to circumstances over which I had no control than to error in plan.

When I left the M. G. the whales had left. Green water covered the place. I believed that whales were to the north, but where, was the question.

I thought I could find them to the west, and now do not doubt but should have done so had there been no interference in my plans. After leaving the M. G. I saw good indications for whales, but could not cruise there.

The Comm. Morris cruised on the M. G. two weeks after I left, then put away, a few days after word, when some distance from the M. G. fell in with a dead whale, and thinking he may have drifted from other whales still alive, changed his course and worked up in direction, or against the current, and in two days working fell in with whales, and took some 350 bbls. on this new ground.

This I believe to be a correct report, whatever Capt. W. may have reported to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Borden takes Steamer for home next Thursday, and will hand this to you. Many thanks, we have both enjoyed good health during the voyage, my officers and crew are also in good health, excepting cold.

Providing we find whales shall cruise until 6 miles drives us from the ground. My ship is in good order for rough weather with the exception of copper, and we are very anxious to see whales, with a fair chance I expect a good season's work. From Barbadoes I worked to the N. W. over the Huxford & Allen grounds, then up across the Co. Everett ground, saw nothing on the cruise. The weather has been very fine, and we had a good look across the grounds.

I have drawn on you - May 24 - @ 10 Days in favor of Thebe A. Borden, on private account a Debt of \$600 - Also on 27th - on ships acc. @ one day in favor of Grott & Co. a Debt of \$10.10.5 Sterling - \$50.40 Gold. Also one - on ships acc. on June 3rd in favor of J. S. Darrell @ 10 Days for \$48.8.2.5 Sterling - \$232.37 Gold. which I please honor and oblige.

Yours Most Respectfully,
G. B. Borden

Master Bk Pacific