

Bark Pacific at Sea June 6th 1876 No 21
Messrs. Shurt & Perry
New Bedford
Gentlemen
Enclosed

please find statement of expenses on provisions forwarded by you to Bermuda in May for Bark Pacific.

My Bread sent to Fagals, but showing cost, by the of its arrival on board, including packages and all expenses, except handling at home & ins. but a trifle short of 9 cts per lb. This sent to Bermuda, allowing 75 cts per lb. freight, not counting handling at home or ins. cost on its arrival on board, including pkgs. and all expenses at Bermuda 9 1/2 cts per lb. My expenses are in Gold. Bread I bought at Barbadoes @ 3 1/2 cts, including all expenses, as coms. & exchange &c. 4 1/2 Gold. It is true the bread is not equal to that you sent me but it answers our purpose very well.

Flour I got at Bar, & cost 16 1/2 is good and sweet flour, equal or better than that you sent us last summer. I would suggest sending to St. George instead of Hamilton if you have occasion to forward again unless the vessel is intending to go to Hamilton. as expense in landing is less. And freight per bbl. from No. to St. George is 16 cts. Being only 10 cts more to St. George from N. J. than to Hamilton.

I think favorable of Bermuda as a port for stopping oil & obtaining provisions if going inside the harbor. But it is not suitable to obtain much by lying off and on. I drew at Barbadoes what I supposed sufficient for my purpose at Ber, but the expenses of getting of provisions compelled me to draw again, as per statement of a previous letter.

I was detained at Ber, one week on account of provisions. I send you a table of Pilotage rates at Bermuda. Bought Dues are 24th per ton - 8 cts for all classes of vessels entering any of the harbors of Bermuda.

The spades came out all right, we found them in the Box with iron.

I am now bound north and hope we shall be able to find whales, can we do so I have little to fear in regard to a seasons work - All well & all anxious for whales - Hoping we may be successful.

I remain Gentlemen - Yours Most Respectfully J. B. B.

Bark Daniel Webster Aug. 30th 1877 No 1
Messrs. Shurt & Perry
New Bedford
Dear Sir

No doubt you will be surprised to hear the D. W. reported off Flores. - I came in to regulate, or obtain the rate of my Chronometers. I cannot tell what the trouble is. I think I have one good instrument, but it need rating or cleaning - I shall try to obtain as good a rate as possible here, then after a fair trial I cannot make either of them run, must send home for a new one.

Before you purchased the ship I made enquiry in regard to her Chron. and was informed that she had one good one. After the purchase, and the voyage decided on, I said all that was necessary, to have the Chron. put in complete repair. - I want no more of Jas. Kelly's rating or cleaning.

Yesterday by the mean of several observations taken in the A. M. & P. M. I found my working Chron. to be 3. 9. or 189 miles to far E. - 12. 36 too slow.

My other Chron. was 4. 18. or 238 miles too far E. also - 17. 12 too slow. A gaining rate on both Chron. was given me at home. Perhaps you may think we should have taken Sennas, but we have had much thick weather, and for one month did not see the face of the moon.

Saw whales the next Monday after leaving home, off the Georges - a gale of wind - got none, strong currents could not keep on the ground - cruised on what I supposed the Morris Ground until June 1st. saw nothing - then went up on what I supposed the Right Whale Ground - saw two whales and killed them both, saved one, - had about ten days good seeing up there, and have no doubt, about a good cut if our Chron. had been right. A hundred mile error would put us off the ground. Got back on the M. G. about July 1st. Saw the Josephine July 17th. Tried to obtain some rate of my Chron. but did not make out much - Saw the Reindeer July 30th and next day took my first whale. Aug 21st put away for the Azores, the day sighted land saw Sperm Whales and took one.

I think well of all my officers excepting 4th mate.