

he is neither one thing or another - I shall discharge him.
 I think I have a good set of boatsteersmen. So far they
 have given satisfaction, and we only need to find whales
 to get oil. My boat has broken down and I wish
 for you to send me a 4th mate and a cook, to meet me
 at Fayal in Nov. say the 15th. I go back to the city
 and shall remain as long as possible. Irish potatoes
 are very high 4 per bu, owing to an almost entire fail-
 ure of the crops at these islands. Mrs Borden
 join me in regards.

Yours Most Truly
 G. B. Borden

No 2

Bark Daniel Webster Oct. 27th 1877
 Mr C. N. Swift Esq
 New Bedford

Dear Sir

Please find en-
 closed Draft of Capt. Geo. F. Long for \$45.00 Forty
 five Dollars Gold. which please get cashed and
 place to the Cr. of Bark Daniel Webster.

We have 300 sperm - Will be at Fayal in
 Nov. - shall remain out as long as weather permits.

Regards to all. - in haste

Yours Truly
 G. B. Borden

No 3

Bark Daniel Webster at Sea Oct. 29th 1877
 Mr C. N. Swift Esq
 New Bedford

Dear Sir

I am now
 cruising to the N.W. of Flores. where I saw whales
 some two months ago. I left F. with the view of
 going on the Morris Ground again, but fell in with
 whales and took one where I am now. After cruising
 ten days I started north but constant northerly winds
 carried me well to the W. and have pushed over and
 cruised on the J. C. Donnell & Tropie Bird grounds, ex-
 tending my cruise as far as the edge of the Banks.

Up to the 4th of this month had very good weather
 since then hardly a whaling day.

A week ago stood in for Flores to test the rate of Chrys-
 brought up at Graciosa. working Chrs. 50 miles too far
 to the other one 40 miles too far W. This error in
 seven weeks. In comparing my Chrs I find them
 to vary from 1 to 3 and up to 6 then down to 1 then up to
 16 per day - both losing. I ran into Fayal with the
 view of sending one of my Chrs to Lisbon for cleaning
 and adjusting as it was about mail time. but gave up
 the idea after getting on shore. I obtained the loan
 of a Chrs. at Fayal, but by its having been frequently
 rated and the great change of rates. I have but little confi-
 dence in it. Capt. J. A. Howland thought I had better
 under the circumstances, try it. I should have written
 to you for one but did not know to what place should
 have it sent. I had some hope that you would send me
 one on the strength of my letter No. 1. If a good Chrs.
 can be obtained I wish you would get one for me. I want
 a good one, even if it cost \$500. - then I want it rated
 by some one, who understands the business, by freezing and
 otherwise testing, then sent by some Capt. or other person
 who will visit daily, and deliver in the care of some one
 who will do the same until I receive it.

Recruits are enormously high at all the islands. I,
 potatoes 150¢ - Sweet do 4¢ at some places & 60¢ at others.

We cannot depend on getting anything next spring.
 Potatoes could easily be shipped out to us, but through
 fear of the Bug the authorities will not allow a single
 one landed.

I can ship my oil by the Agassan on 2nd or 3rd trip
 to be landed on Geo. Howland's wharf. @ 150¢ ^{currency} per bbl.

This covers all expenses on the oil, port charges, and
 also moorings for the vessel. Capt. Winslow has a
 greed to ship, but I shall await the arrival of Bk
 Kate Williams before I decide.

I like the Daniel Webster for a rough weather
 vessel. She is good for taking care of oil, a fair sailer,
 and a splendid sea boat. I can go anywhere for oil.

Mrs. Borden join with me in wishing to be remem-
 bered by you. Fred. & Mr. Akin & Mr. Perry.

Yours Truly
 G. B. Borden

T. C. will write again on touching at Fayal in
 answer to yours per Kate Williams

Yours &c - G. B. B.