

Fayal Nov 12th 1877
Messrs. Wm Phillips & Son
New Bedford
Gentlemen

I expected to find on my arrival here a word or two from you, but getting nothing I came to the conclusion that the schooner Wm Phillips was not making fortunes for all of us, I should like to hear however what she is doing, and hope you will give me a letter informing me of the same at Bermuda in March, say about the mid.

I have sent Abram Allen an order on you for \$50 Fifty Dollars, which I hope you will be able to cash on account of Bk time Wm Phillips.

The Daniel Webster has not been very fortunate the past season. My Chrs. have been very much in error, one of them being 7/8 and the other 3/4 out of the way. Consequently I have been cruising on another ground, but I hope I may get a good Chrs. by the time I go there next season. 7 ships cruising there the past season averaged about 500 bbls.

Wishing you much success and the enjoyment of the best of health

I am remain yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Borden

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Messrs. C. N. Swift & Son
New Bedford

My Dear Sir

Yours per Mrs Winslow has been received. I arrived here on the 6th inst. from a cruise to the W. and am landing my oil 300 sperm, to be shipped by the Azorean on 2nd or 3rd trip @ 150¢ per bbl. This covers all expenses & port charges and oil landed on Geo. Howlands wharf in N. B.

I would say the contents of your letter by Mrs. W. has been most carefully noted. I think very much of the S. Atlantic for Sperm & Right Whaling, and think as you do, that a vessel should remain there the year round. You desire me to go there and remain as I suppose the remainder of the voyage. Still you leave me to decide. I have no wish to go contrary

to your views. I have great confidence in your judgment in these matters. I am sure you would not ask me to go on a ground I have no confidence in, and if you knew the circumstances in which I am placed you would not ask me to go south this winter.

Previous to getting yours by Mrs. W. I had chalked out in part a cruise ahead as follows, after leaving these islands go to the S. W. looking well over the grounds of Lat 35 N Long 45 W & 33-47. 30-50, 28-52. I believe whales can be found there in the winter months - go into Dominica for 10 or 11 months water - no port charges or expense on water - then to Abatenilla Reef until about 1st of March then to Bermuda for potatoes (to be shipped out) and on to the Morris Ground by the 1st of April, and remain until the mid of Sept. (if advisable to remain so late) and then to the W. I. - provided we did well on the M. G. & it was thought advisable to remain in the N. Atlantic, would remain longer on the M. G. otherwise we should be in position to receive supplies and go south for the voyage.

It seems to me we ought not to leave the N. Atlantic without one more trial. We have not had a fair trial the past season, and my officers, although prefer Right Whaling coincide with my views. Was it not for the very lateness of the season, I would say go south now by all means. So our very best we cannot get on to the Tristan Ground until the mid. of Jan, and on to Pat. coast until somewhat later, and then the best half of the season is gone, and we should not feel satisfied.

We have a chance for Sperm oil it is true but it seems to me that from this time forward up to the mid. of Sept. we have a chance to get more value in the N. than in the S. Atlantic Ocean.

And our expenses must also be much less. I have some trade and am in hopes of getting along without making any Drafts. In the S. Atlantic our trade would be almost worthless.

Send me my supplies to the W. I. and I will start for the south just as early in the season as you think proper. I want to be in early on any ground, and then I have the whole of the season before me, but we cannot feel satisfied with a ground by getting on it when the season is half gone. Send me as early as you please, but don't send me late.

The average on the M. G. the past season has been about 500 bbls. 7 ships cruising there, including Janus & Dan