

I am now taking a short cruise around the islands waiting for one of my boatsteerers Chas Davis - who was arrested on shore, in the night in proximity to a row with a revolver upon his person. He having fired two shots during the disturbance. We are depending on the ground that the carrying of the revolver was purely accidental and the firing, was over the sea wall to prevent injury. Was arrested one week ago tonight & is to be tried by Police Court within eight days. will probably be released. if so will take him with me. - he is a good boatsteerer. if not released by P. C. will be tried by Jury in May.

I lost at Fagal five men by desertion. only two of whom I want, and shall probably get them on going in again in a few days.

It will be very doubtful if any recruits can be obtained here at these islands next spring, and I wish you to send me 50 bbls. of 2 potatoes to St. Georges Bermuda by the mid of March. The cost will probably be about 10 cts more per bbl. than to Hamilton. but cheaper at that price in the end. Capt. Baker in the Reindeer, Smith in the Ohio, and Winslow in Leon Morris have requested me to take potatoes from Bermuda for them. Capt. Baker & Smith agreed to pay a proportional part of port charges and expenses on potatoes, providing I would take them, they being responsible for the potatoes. But Capt Winslow did not agree to do this.

Now it must be distinctly understood that if you ship them potatoes by me from Bermuda each bbl must be chargeable for a proportional part of port charges and expenses I am at in getting the potatoes on board, and further the potatoes you ship them must be entirely at their own risk. I get nothing for my trouble but a reduction of port charges & expenses.

I should grow ship for the other vessels I shall probably go inside at St. Georges or to Morris anchorage.

I should grow not ship them should endeavor to take mine on board by going off and on at St. Georges.

I would say that each Capt. stated that 40 bbls. would be the amount he should order shipped out, making 100 bbls. in all for four ships.

Perhaps it may be advisable to ship my provisions to Bermuda. but of that you must determine.

I want to be on the Tristan Ground by the 1st of Nov. to do that must have my provisions on board by the mid of Sept. Please give me your views in full at Bermuda. And Sir Oblige

Yours most truly
G. B. Borden

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Bark Daniel Webster Nov. 25th 1877
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My Dear Mr. Swift

Chas Davis one of my boatsteerers has been forcibly detained at Fagal by the authorities for carrying concealed weapons. a revolver being found on his person. At first I understood his case was to be brought before the Police Court. but now I believe he is to be tried in May. unless he Davis - appeals to a higher court at St. Michaels, then it may be tried in about six weeks. Mr. Dalney defends in behalf of the U. S. and he has been advised by his lawyer to appeal to the court in St. Michaels. I went to some expense in taking depositions in hopes that Davis would be tried and released by the Police Court.

I think it will go hard with Davis; the punishment is from one to three years at hard labor and a fine of 500 Dollars. - Should he be released in time says he will join the ship at Bermuda. The Council must send him home as soon as released unless I can pay his board. - If you can, forward him to Bermuda by the mid. of June March. He is a good boatsteerer & I dislike to lose him.

In my last by mail I enclosed Messrs. Dalneys receipt for oil. I got it somewhat modified from the first. still it does not come up to my views.

By the way Capt. Baker who ships by the Kate Williams gets a clean bill of lading. - I cannot say that I admire the Messrs Dalneys way of doing business. I dont wish to be prejudiced but must say that some things look rather crooked.

Hoping the Daniel Webster may meet with success on the present cruise.

I am Remain Yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Borden