

qualifier of Mr. Williams. he does not whale to
 sent me. is a good officer, faithful and attentive
 and all that. but his whaling amounts to nothing
 or nearly so. I have seen him first to four whales,
 and certainly he has done but little toward killing them.
 My opinion is that he is dreadfully afraid, and it is
 hard work to get him up where the work is to be done.
 He professes to be a right whaler, Mr. Pope knows
 nothing about them, but he killed his whale and would
 have got him to the ship had it been possible to have
 done so. he would not have left the whale alive as
 long as there was the least chance of killing him. but
 with Mr. Williams it is different. he is easily dis-
 couraged, and now wants to come home, but I am
 in hopes of getting him and Mr. Wyman to draw in
 harness soon, in whaling, in other matters they are
 all right, not forcible. it is true, but faithful
 and attentive. Could Mr. Pope have had his way,
 say I have no doubt we should have saved the right
 whale in Greenland last season, I consider he
 should have been saved. I don't think it best
 to run any risk with Mr. Mearns. If there is
 any doubt about his health he had better not come.
 But I don't want to leave whale ground again on
 his account. I understand he was sick several times
 and wanted to be discharged last voyage, that the
 coral saw a good chance for oil but did not
 get it, and that there was a great deal of trouble on
 board the ship. Should Mr. Mearns come out I
 want you to get me as good a whaler as a sperm as
 possible for 2d mate. I have given you my views as
 regards my brother. Samuel E. Borden, Montaup
 Mills, Fall River but if he will not come, then
 get as good a man as possible. I can not whet
 else he is, so he is a tip top whaler.

I think it best for me to go south camp, but
 if you think it best for me to confine myself
 sperm whaling, will do so, I can take my provisions
 on board lying off and on at Fayal. then to Cen-
 scriffe for water & potatoes. The prospect for
 potatoes is very poor at the Azores this fall,
 I send you a list of provisions & small stores
 required for the voyage, extended to ^{three} four years,

If you think I am extravagant on canned goods, and the ship
 ought not to pay for what I send, then charge them to me.

Pork being somewhat cheaper than Beef I should be
 satisfied with 23d Pork 13d Beef. In general Pork
 should go farther than any other part.

Should you send me a dozen pieces of good Denims I
 can get work them off advantageously.

I shall expect my provisions at Fayal in Sept. but
 please send me word at Flores in regard to your views in
 going South, and other matters.

Mrs. Borden & Chumner join me in regards to your
 self and family. and Sir Oblige believe me

Yours Most Respectfully,
 G. B. Borden

Provisions needed on Board of Bk. Daniel Web-
 ster in order to extend the voyage to three years from date
 of sailing.

Flour	20 Bbls	Green Corn	4 Dg 2 nd can
Salt Provisions	75 Do	Calum	4 " "
Bread, large casks	6	Green Peas	4 " "
Butter	500 Lbs	Evaporated Apples	1 Box
Beans	15 Bbls	Sugar	3 bbls
Corn	15 "	you may send or I will buy	
Heams	Three 1	if you send give me the	
Codfish	" 1	Vacuum pan or manufactured	

G. B. Borden

Bk. Daniel Webster
 at Sea June 14th 1878