

in the early part of the winter for R.T. whales, but have not definitely marked out my grounds. After the R.T. whale season is up by sperm I have but little confidence ^{in the ground} off Cory Inlet for the coming season think the Bristol & grounds south promises better I shall look sharp for sp. up to Lat 35 south and I believe we shall get some.

J. Ridington & Chas. Davis have this day signed the shipping articles as per agreement. I shall discharge Mr. Williams but we lose a great deal by him, nothing less than \$400. I must pay for the 3 mos. extra wages \$45. Previous to my arrival Capt. Baily of a Barbadoes whaling brig had been holding out very strong inducements to both Ridington & Davis the latter to go as mate @ 16th lay and large advance, the former as 2d mate, good lay and \$500. Bait. Through Capt. B. and other friends ^{of mine} Capt. B. gave up the plan but it has made the two sicker as uneasy as the d. and I must work pretty smartly in order to get to sea and keep everything moving along smoothly. Mr. R. has not been on board but promises to come tomorrow.

The Mississippi came in yesterday leaves tomorrow for St. Michaels and will take oil on very ^{for the 21st} of this terms. The Azorean as yet has no ft. freight and I think there will be some sharp work among the competitors before the season expires. — Mrs. Chumner & Child comes by the Veronica — I will write again by her to you and try to keep you posted in regard to my movements. Mrs. B. join me in regards to yourself and family and believe me, Dear Sir

Yours Most Respectfully
G. B. Gordon

Sept. 30th

All but two of my oil is on shore to be shipped for Veronica. — worth slow as some of my crew have ~~been~~ deserted — expect to have all on shore and my provisions on board tomorrow.

I have had a talk with Herbert Dabney one of the firm of Lamb, F. Chas. W. Dabney & Sons. regarding the oil we banded here last Nov. He informed me that the 2d trip of the A. one large cask of oil got stove and they had to pay about \$300 for it.

but on the 3d trip there were three or four casks got stove or leaked out or something of that sort but they pumped it the oil up with the ships pump and put it back in the casks again and they lost little or nothing by the operation — I said nothing to him or any one else in regard to our shipment, touching two casks of mixed oil. Perhaps his explanation accounts for mixed oil. — If we have any remedy I propose we obtain it — by law if necessary.

Shall write again by the V. and send you my receipts and List of Grievances.

Mr. R. Mr. & Davis are all on board to duty but Mr. Whyman is in the Lockup — come on shore got fighting drunk — refused to go on board again preferred the lockup, where I propose to let him remain until I am ready for sea and then take him on board. Joe Silva the boatsteerer sent out to Bermuda signed the Articles and ran away — drew a revolver on a policeman who attempted to arrest him and escaped — has not been taken up to date of this. He will no doubt have a pretty hard time of it when arrested — I shall not be delayed here on his account. I consider no better than about third class — In my next will give particulars.

Yours Respectfully
G. B. Gordon