

Fajal Oct 7th 1878
Mr. Jose Catano

Dear Sir

Yours of Sept. 21st has been received.
I admit a mistake on my part, in settling with you on the 18th of Sept. to the amount you state in your note of 194500 which sum shall be returned to you at my very earliest convenience. But you know very well that I was not willing to allow you Int. on the amount of Cash you placed in my hands for a certain purpose. Had you accepted the article bargained for, I should as I told you allow 6% Int. you at the time waived the claim.

As regards the article I sold for 1330 per lb. to other parties I consider no affair of yours.

What I sold to you was at 400 and you agreed for it at that price, and so the bargain was completed. I have never in my life heard of such a foolish demand. I have a perfect right to sell, or even give for any price I please, and should I give to one, the act of so doing does not signify that I am obliged to give to all. Trusting that you may see the point in a business like manner.

I am Remain
Yours, sincere Friend
G. B. Borden

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W. C. N. Shrift Esq.
New Bedford

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed "List of Passages and Receipt of Manuel Jose Sequeira of Sixty Two (62) Casks of Sperm Oil. Land on the 1st inst. at this port for shipment per Bk. Veronica Capt Henry C. Hawthorn for New Bedford at the rate of 95¢ U.S. currency per bbl. (of 31 1/2 gallons)

I intend leaving here today for the S. Atlantic via Teneriffe for water. My officers at are all on board. I shall pay all their bills and ~~charge~~ them respectively in ac. for the same. Five of my crew have deserted and have others in their places. Five men not on the articles have been taken out of my ship and sent to prison and the ship held liable to a fine of 300000 have deposited the amount of 60000 in the hands of Mr. Manuel Jose Sequeira (per receipt) who has charge of the case and given the required bonds for the release of the ship. My ship has not been detained at all, on account of the two men, Mr. Sequeira manages the case and it will be tried in Nov. unless you should order otherwise. We can go by default any time before the trial if desirable and submit to the fine. We defend on the ground that the men were seamen and the Act does not apply to them, and that they were put on board of my ship one of without my consent or knowledge, and the other by false representations.

The whole of the trouble arose from my steward who was bent on getting his discharge and Joe Silva the boatsteerer who sent me from to Bermuda ^{for my} They informed the authorities. J. Silva has deserted - subsequently drew a pistol on a policeman, and escaped. The steward has complained of sickness - has had four examinations and must finally be discharged. It is quite common for Portuguese seamen who wish to avoid their obligations to obtain a certificate of ill-health from a Port. Physician and then claim a discharge from the U. S. Consul.