

The Consul will not, or cannot remedy the evils and much trouble is caused by it here at Fajal. The steward got into a quarrel with one of the men, got excited - was in blame made himself ridiculous to all and because I would not take up in his behalf severe vengeance, and played sickness to carry out his point of getting his discharge. The cook I have discharged also on a/c of sickness. Mr. Williams also is discharged. The Consul required three months extra wages \$45 Gold-cust for these men. I may however get off by guarantee of \$15 on a/c of the Cook who shipped here last fall.

It seems to me that mercantile matters interfere materially with the Consular duties at this place. The Agoman Dabneys have had no consignment of oil this fall and it seems to me that a great prejudice against masters is displayed on account of it, and it is very evident that some have been put to much unnecessary expense in their Consular business. Complaints of a very trifling and frivolous nature are from men are listened to and nursed, until they become quite serious. Deserters are seldom arrested. Fajal has long been termed a sailors Heaven.

A large part of the potatoes you sent are now rotten. All the other Maize has been taken on board in good order, excepting the Dierce of Beans. They not having been landed here, must now be on board the Veronice.

I would say that the Dabneys offered to take my oil @ \$1. But Hathaway offering better terms I shipped by the Veronice.

Since my arrival here much better terms have been offered by the competitors, and I understand that the Dabneys have offered to take oil per Agoman @ 80¢ per Bbl.

Will write again soon - shall cruise about the Islands for a few days.

Mr. Borders joins in kindest regards to yourself and family.

Respectfully Yours
J. H. Borders

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Dear Sir

As stated in my last I left here last Monday on a cruise. Tuesday morn. saw whales, went down and got a large one, by Mr. Pope being close in and not able to head clear of the land on either tack was compelled to run through the passage or go into the harbor. The latter plan we adopted and came to anchor with the whale about 2 P.M. We now have him all boiled and have rolled from the cooler 132 bbls. We think we have saved enough to pay all extra expenses; I think full ten bbls. have been saved by being in smooth weather. My officers think fifteen.

My agreement with Capt. Hathaway give me the privilege of shipping all the oil I have per Veronice @ 95¢ Capt. H. paying all port charges and furnishing moving clothes to me, so I presume this lot of oil will go with the other. Capt. H. is expected deep from St. Michaels. He has a full cargo of oil, and I have doubt if he takes all he has engaged, on this trip.

Today my officers have been on shore to give their testimony respecting two men who had been on board my ship and whose names were not on the ships Papers. When arrested were in a shore boat going on shore. Information was given the authorities by my steward J. Corea, who from some dissatisfaction on board was bent on getting his discharge, and through spite made complaint or gave information to that effect. Capt. Smith paid the fines, one half of which went to complainant, and now there are many persons waiting and watching for an opportunity.

Such a vessel visits these islands for the 2d time in the voyage but what has more or less men on board whose names are not on the ships papers, and if the present annoyance continues ships will avoid the islands altogether.

The penalty of having Portuguese seamen on board belonging to these islands, not on the ships articles is 400,000 Lisbon money, which