

is equal to 500,000 Mexican money. I have deposited 600,000 in the hands of Manuel Jose Sequeira who acts in my behalf. He has on the strength of the above deposit given bonds to abide by the decision of the Court. I have also given a Power of Attorney to Jose Pereira, a man of good reputation, to conduct the case in Court. The case is to be tried here in Nov. if beaten here, appeal to St. Michaels - the 600,000 deposited is to be applied in Costs of Court and if necessary to the fine. If you think it advisable we can be defaulted and pay the fine anytime, I thought it better to pay 100,000 more and take our chance of recovering the 500,000 than to go by default and pay the fine for when done there is no possible chance of getting it back again. Mr. Sequeira is very influential and seems to take a great interest in the case, and almost every body says that the case will not go against me. But I am not so sure. Mr. Sequeira is a man of good reputation and is a merchant, carries on his business in the Court here at Fayal, looking after the passengers, boatmen and emigrants. Some men are being made of men employed as seamen. But I suppose almost any construction can be put upon the Act, by the people in power. Mr. Sequeira is very sanguine and says it is nothing but an imposition and that if allowed to tolerate, ships will soon leave Fayal, for great several years of the kind have been tolerated and in over 100 years of the kind have been tolerated and in over 100 years of the kind have been tolerated. Mr. Sequeira will be advised by you, if you have any to give, write to him.

At sea Oct. 18th

Dear Mr. Swift

I left Fayal on Tuesday the 15th inst. for Tenerife having put on board the Veronica the make of my last whale at Fayal 124 Bbls. the Bill of Lading is enclosed in Veronica. Capt. Hoathway did not think his agreement would cover the last whale but I shipped with him @ 95% he paying enough reducing my port expenses enough to bring the ft. on all down to 75% per bbl. and I paying bal. of Port charges, but I picked the carcass and saved all, which we could not have done at sea. I went on board Monday night 7 inst. Disposed of about 2000 lbs. Tobacco in the night - raised

whales at sunrise. Lowered our boats and took one and came to an anchor in Fayal harbor at 2 P.M. Tuesday with the whale alongside, and have shipped you for Veronica 124 Bbls. of oil from him.

I find Mr. Ridington is altogether a different man in a boat than Mr. Williams, and I sincerely hope he will prove a good and useful man. I have no faith in Mr. Wyman, as heading a boat. I shall depend on going in the boat myself when it is possible for me to do so, and I have faith of getting oil. In regard to my case at Fayal I would say that it seems to me that if we are defaulted on those the case, the islands will not in the future be a suitable place for our vessels to touch at. I have seldom been there without having, more or less men on the articles, and such is the case with nearly every vessel, and I never had any trouble before, but should not now but for my steward (who through spite arising from a wrangle with one of the men laid the proper information before the authorities and hence the arrest of the two men, the steward has acted more like a d. l. than a man at Fayal, after making so much trouble I had him examined by two Deots for shamed acting, and the Consul said he must not go to sea, I discharged him and the port claimed him as a Port subject but he got off in the Mississippi.) Ships coming to the Azores in the spring and loading men by desertion must get green hands, they cannot be shipped, then if the ships touch at the islands again, the fall, are liable to be complained of. Looking to one half of the fine many are watching for an opportunity, I think our Consul who derives large profits from our whale ships should feel an interest in the matter.

I suppose that a portion of our oil will be left over of next trip of the Veronica but it is well stored and will be well taken care of, I should like to know the facts in regard to our oil lashed at Fayal last fall, I can perceive that it was not mixed when it left the ship, I learn that certain casks of oil sprung a leak in the Azores the oil pumped up and put back into the casks again - and so we get mixed oil.