

Will write again soon - I hope you are in regard to your money and your money

My shift you should have had two casks of
W. Oil.
At Fayal I lost five men by desertion among
the number Joe Silva. Deserting the day after signing
the articles. I could not ship him at Bermuda
without detaining the ship some two or three days.
I have no doubt J. S. intended to desert from the
time he came on board. Judging from his actions
he considered himself more of a passenger than
one of the ships company. Never took on in work
and never raised a whale. Was disposing of his
clothes up north by sale and putting them on board
of another vessel bound for Brazil. Please not
think I am complaining - am merely stating
facts, as I think you want to know just how we
are getting along.

I spent a deal of money at Fayal. Paid three month
extra wages for two men \$90. settled & paid off Cook \$40.
Davis \$52. Board \$20. advance to Mr. Elbarguand
Board \$20. Mr. Ridingtons expenses with board \$20. Depon
\$600. and so on with expenses and advances to crew un-
till my bills amount about \$1500.

I got a Grindstone at Fayal so you need send none as
Mr. Sumner & child take passage home in the
Veronica

When you sell the Dan. Webster oil please
remitt the Balance due me in your hands to
Benjamin Borden, Fall River.

Am bound south think of trying for Rt. whales
on the Tristan ground, the spot you speak so
favorable of. I have much faith in sperm off the
River. As ships have done so well north this
last season I may come north next season. but
not early. I expect to touch at Antwerp in
April or May. The Caleb Eaton saw quite a
number of Rt whales or Bowheads off Greenland
this summer about 50 in one day. The O. Gibbs
cruised six or seven weeks where I cruised last summer &
saw whales but once. Capt. Elmhurst going north
last spring saw a Bowhead in Lat 42. I saw
a number of Rt whales in the M. G. & could not make
out, but think they were Rt. whales. Capt. Smith
in the Ohio saw a Rt whale in July in the M. G.
A Bowhead was taken at larvo last spring.

Note To get his discharge he shamed sickness
went to a Port. Doct. got a certificate that his life
was endangered by being on shipboard, and demanded his
discharge. I would here remark that this is a common
practice with the Port. at Fayal. Not satisfied I had
an English Doct. to examine him who certified that
nothing serious was the matter, but recommended
a few days in the hospital - was sent there and in
four days was pronounced cured and sent on board to duty
while in the hospital and fearing he should be cured
he furnished the authorities with information that led
to the arrest of the two men & complaint against the
ship. Fearing the ship would be warm for him
he was taken suddenly ill again - was examined
the third time - his complaint pronounced dangerous
and the Consul said under the circumstances he
should be discharged, which was done. then a com-
plaint was made by one of the crew and the govt
claimed him as a Port. subject. But he got off
in the Mississippi. He acted like a very d. c.

No 17
Fayal Oct. 13th 1878
W. C. N. Swift Esq
New Bedford

Dear Sir
Enclosed please find Bill of Lading
for 18 casks containing 3916 Gallons of Sperm
oil shipped this day for Mr. Veronica Capt.
Heathaway. This is the make of the last whale

I have given Capt. Heathaway an order on you
for \$46.41 in Payment of 1847 Mr. Borden @ S.
which you will please pay and charge to the
acc of Mr. Dan. Webster
and Sir Oblige
G. B. Borden