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Ship Duinker at Hilo Oct 16th 1864

P My Dear Beloved Wife

Susan I have once more arrived at Hilo with my ship (the finest one in the business) with nearly 1300 hundred of whale & 600 of Spuma, and by that you see there is another season a head for me but I shall not be alone for as yet I no of very few that has done much better I no of none that have fill, this season and more than half of them got less than a 1000 barrels so you see I am not so low as some of my good friends mite wish me. I personate no one because they are to near home I have heard more than I wihave wish, I to but those who envy me have no just cause so feel a clear conscience & it troubles me but little not half so much as the want of the oil does, but a truce to this.

Sweet Susan Only imagin my feelings to think I have got to stay another year to get a cargo to be separated from all I love and hold dear in this life without the slightest chance of any reprieve. To enrich who at the longest 20 year may be my lot but quite probable a much less time & why could I not staid with you and enjoyed what we had and taken the good of our labour for it is no ways likely that we should ever come to want