

Banyouangie, Idarut, of Java
March 18. 1858

Mr. Waring

Sir. I take this opportunity to
Write you a short letter.
That you may know I am still well
& well. I came to this place on the 27.th
of February. to recruit ship, & to get a
Chronometer, for mine has been going
badly for the last 6 months & now has
stopped entirely. and it is very necessary
to have one in navigating these seas. I
have got one, but had to pull 250 miles
in my Boat to get it & it cost me 420. Dollars
cash & I could not get for less which was
very high but I cannot help it, and I
shall have to draw on you. for part of
the money to pay for it, I have cruised
off the South Coast of Java, the last 6
months. have seen Whales 6 times took
300. bls. am now bound to the N.W.
Cape of New Holland. I have 840 bls on
board, have got very Whales we have struck
& struck very Whales we have darted at
got, all yours well on board