

Bark Pacific October 22d 1873  
Messrs Swift & Perry  
New Bedford

Dear Sirs

I suppose that you will expect to hear from me at Fozal - I have nothing of interest to communicate - have seen nothing but Blackfish since sailing - have had very rough wet weather all the time with constant gales.

Floris is now in sight and I expect to obtain my potatoes tomorrow. So far I like my ship very much, her sailing qualities is all I can ask for. I regret to say she has a small leak of 100 strokes, it is of no consequence however, and I only speak of it as no one was expecting such a thing.

I also like my officers, but don't feel satisfied with my foremast hands. No less than ten is on the sick list and off duty - mostly with the venereal. One went off duty next day out, and has not yet come on, the rest have been drifting of quite regular. The most of them are old cases of years standing. Two boatsteerers are also sick - One with Parana fever, Blacksmith is also low with P. fever. I have done little else than compound medicines and attend the sick. I shall do my best to cure them all, what I cannot cure shall discharge, which cost \$60 per man, as it will not do to go on the whaling ground with so many sick ones - I find but five anchors in the ship, 20 ft. of heading for castor, and my views are that the night the ship laid in the stream some one or ones freely helped themselves, but of that mere bye and bye.

Please write me at Pernambuco giving me the amount of subscription by crew of Commodore's last voyage, for the mother of Manuel Peatancourt and if I shall draw on you for the same

and Sirs Obleige  
Yours most truly  
G B Borden