

Lahaina Nov 1 1849

Messrs Swift & Allen Sirs.

I have to inform you I am at Lahaina with 1490 Whales 2500 sperm 20000 Bone on board. I have sold 90 bbls of Sperm Oil & have part of the funds on hand I am now recruiting for a cruise to the Chatham Islands for Sperm Oil & then home I have discharged Mr Hamland & Mr Carter & given them orders for their voyages.

I have taken Mr Alexander for mate & have shipped Mr Cornal of Ship Alexander of New Bedford for second mate.

I have been here three weeks & the prospect is good to be here six more I have discharged seven cruisers & if you ask a man to ship he will laugh at you.

There is sum ship in port almost deserted both by Officers & men

Barke Hajek has a third mate Ship Abram Hamland all gone Ship New England only two Officers &c

the Ship is tight & strong & sails fast, or strong

Yours with respect
Thos S Bailey