

25. MAY. 1867

Mr

To Hon Charles Francis Adams
United States Ambassador to the
Court of St James —

My Dear Sir —

of Provincetown The ~~State~~ Scho
Petacean, Capt Nathaniel Atwood
sailed from this port on the 20th
of last March, bound on a whaling
voyage in the North Atlantic, his
first destination, was to go to a
location frequented by Sperm whales
~~at~~ some ~~part~~ on five hundred miles
to the windward ^(North, Eastward) of the West Indies
~~after~~ on the second day out commenced
a heavy gale from the Eastward, which
continued four days, the wind then
changed to N West and blew violently
for several days, on the 30th of March
still blowing a heavy gale and a
dangerous cross sea running, he

fell in with the wreck of the
Brig Done Star of Liverpool & S
bound to Bermuda, ^{disrupted} ~~disrupted~~ ^{with a cargo of} ~~with~~ ^{lumber}
Although it was blowing a heavy
gale and an attempt to rescue
the suffering crew would ~~expose~~
~~themselves~~ be attended with much
danger ~~and~~ notwithstanding that
Capt Atwood made an effort to
take them off by sending a crew
of his best men in a whale
boat and making three ~~several~~
trips to the wreck he was success-
ful in saving the crew only
they had been 34 days on the
wreck and during that time
had seen seven vessels pass
them, he was now compelled
to ~~abandon~~ ^{his business, and to some point} ~~to go somewhere~~
to land the crew saved from
the wreck ~~and~~ ~~a~~ he first thought
to go to Bermuda ~~but~~ the wind
still blowing heavy from the

Westward, ^{too} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~learned~~ ^{he} ~~that~~ ^{he} ~~it~~ ^{he} ~~would~~ ^{he} ~~take~~
the southward hoping to meet some
vessel to put them on board, he
was unsuccessful in that and finally
arrived at Barbadoes on the ~~5~~
of April, ~~Such~~ the foregoing statement
is a brief statement of the facts
as contained in letters from Capt
Atwood and his Officers, dated April 8
at Barbadoes, I have had an inter-
view with Marquis de Louzada British
Consul at Boston Mass, and have
given them to him he will for-
ward them to ~~the~~ Her Majesty's
Government,

The noble and humane conduct
of Capt Atwood is deserving high
praise, he knew ^{that if} ~~he must~~ if
he was successful in rescuing
the shipwrecked crew he must
abandon his destination and
thereby sacrifice the interest
of his Owners, himself and crew

Notwithstanding that his desire
was so great to attenuate human
suffering he was willing to risk
his own the lives of his own men
and ~~and~~ sacrifice his own pecu-
niary interest -

It is due to Capt. Atwood that
a statement of the facts be made
known to Her Majesty's Govern-
ment -

With due respect -

Most Truly Yours

A. E. Atwood