

Baltimore October 19, 1859

Dear Bro.

We rec'd day before yesterday yours of 29th xxx from Panama and were please to hear that you were in time to make the connections with the S. Pacific Steamer. You were fortunate in changing Boats as the Star of the West did not arrive at airpinwal?.

until the 3d Oct. She xx a strong crack. I expect xxx the Isthmus is rather more agreeable than doubling Cape Horn. We have no further accts. of the Birchhead being spoken—some xxx that left N.Y. about same time were spoken 30 days out. 10 to 12x north of the equator so that she will probably have a long voyage.

We were about selling the Lima Wood a few days since at \$75 cash. Unfortunately two ships arrive in N.Y> loaded with it about 14 or 1500 tons. So that now we will no doubt be obliged to hold it—or sell at a much lower price. The wool we are sending today to N.Y. to be sold.

The Maria has been repaired and is now a perfectly sound xxx in good condition. She is loading and will leave here about 25th xx. Her cargo will consist of 130 Bolts new Ballonox? Beef –cost 11\$. 100 do. prime pork sausage “ 11

120 do. Soap Rosini 2 0 3\$ (3 more Lines-- I can't read most of this)

12000 feet oak plank, balance of cargo white pine.

We will direct Capt. Johnson to be governed by your instructions. And if the wind favors him he had better run into Taleahxxxx where he will find a letter from you in the hands of the American consul. And if not, to be governed by the advice of M. Delano whether to sell there or go on to Valparaiso. You had better find out about the different markets for such a cargo on the coast and also at Valparaiso. We would like the Barque sold if

profitable. She might bring a price to net in about \$10000. We put no limit on her however and you must judge yourself whether it is best to sell her on arrival or use her a short time on the coast freighting waiting a desirable opportunity of making sale. She is newly painted lead colour with a red streak. She can be painted either blue or black after she arrives out as you may think will please the people's taste on the coast. Her copper is good for 18 months at least.

The Wenham is loading for Montevideo or Buones ayres to sail about same time. She has freight of \$ 1 ¼ xxx in lower hold and \$17 ½ xxx for lumber between decks. Advise him to Capt. Zimmerman Fair + Co. about prospect for freight on the coast and value of the lumber. Tell him he might have the opportunity of buying the lumber he has on board at low price if he should conclude to go xxx and seeking freight he can advise you by overland mail and you may be enabled to secure him a Guano cargo in freight.

We would like you to make us some remittances to reach here in Dec Jan & Feb. say 10 or 12000 each of those months. That is if you can get any exchange at Callas with the xxx so the Bark should reach Valpo and you sell part of her cargo there in time. If you can get a lot of Cocoa at Guayaquil and some Wool Hidesxxx the coast at fair prices it may be better to start the Birchhead home with a cargo—with a little xxx xxx on the coast.

Hides are now low and will no doubt decline still more—no change yet in price from our last xxx---wool is in good demand—such as your last worth xxx Chili pig copper in fair demand 21@22cents. But little Guayagna cacao has been recd lately- it is quoted in N.Y. papers 16@18c cash in bond duty 4%.

We send you package of papers by mail today and by the S. Fitzgerald Capt. Green sailed 4 or 5 days since another package. Yours affectionately, Ja Corner & Sons