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Captain Ebenezer Hill
The Brig Fountain under
your command, and of which you are part owner, being
ready for sea. We would recommend to you to proceed
with all possible dispatch for New York, and there call
on Mr Joseph Osborn, if you should require any
advice or assistance, to obtain freight which is our
object if no business offers these which you may cal-
-culate will be to the advantage of the concern to take
you will procure litters and proceed to such other
port or ports as you may on enquiry judge best in
search of profitable business for the vessel.
If you should take freight for any port in Europe
have it stipulated in the Bill of Lading that your
freight is payable in British Pounds Sterling as well
as your primage — and if to a place where the weight
or tare is larger than ours you will be carefull
to have inserted in the Bill of Lading that the freight
is payable by the American Weight and tare. —
We wish you to write us by every opportunity giving
us such information as you may possess of the progress
you make in the Voyage —
We agree to allow you in full compensation for your
services thirty dollars per Month as wages and five
percent Commissions on the nett freight the vessel may earn
that is to say five percent on the amount of freight
after deducting all company and front Charges —
I acknowledge the above to be a true Copy of
my instructions
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