

Brother Phelps

Capt. Phelps New

South Dennis

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San Francisco Oct 6
Dear Parents

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have had every thing enough
except water which commen-
ced to fall short when we
crossed the line in the
Pacific. have not had any
rain except 2 or 3 buckets
full at a time for 20 days
when we arrived had but
2 days allowance left have
been on short allowance for
some time. we go in to the
wharf this afternoon. love
to Aunt and you all

Affectionate Son
Alpheus Baker

[18xx-10-06 – Letter to Capt. Alpheus Baker from son Alpheus Jr.; envelope with stamp & postmark torn off; address "Capt. Alpheus Baker, South Dennis":]

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¹ Based on the work done with the Susan's letters as published in *Annals of Dennis: South Dennis Records*, it would appear that the year should be 1860.

