Cape May November 10 1845

Captain Thomas Baker

Dear Sir,

I only have the joy that the Brig Mail still lies on the beach the Men that contracted to get the Brig off have been at work since the first of weeks they have her anchors out and part of the sails bent and aim into to get her off since the wind is now from the East and should it hold moderate they may succeed otherwise the wind go to passages the papers has been shipped to Philadelphia and the most of it in a damaged state Captain Lewis left for Philadelphia this morning in brig and will return in four or five days and by that time the thing will be decided and then I will write you again till my hopes that all well

Yours Sincerely

William Baker
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Your Servant

William Baker

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1 The Brig Mail, built in 1845, was of 197 tons. Its master was William Baker of South Dennis, the author of this note. The Brig was gotten off successfully.