East Dennis 21st July 1840

Capt. Prince Knowles
Richmond

Dear Sir, I notice by the papers that the packet advertised for you is engaged at least for the passage for your wife at reduced rate, as I learn a great many vessels have gone to that place; in fact all the Light Vessels that have cleared for at least fort night has been for City Point. However I think you will do a fair business. I did intend if you come to City Point to come on and receive you for the Voyage if you wished, but you are due late that I think I shall not, besides I have the business of the E. Brooks to attend to, your passage to Savannah was much longer than I expected when I wrote you at R.
at that time there was only 2 or 3 vessels if they loading, or the fog being to high South that any vessel Cleared for a Southern Port they were very much in want of Vessels. but time things have materially altered people here are employed as usual at this season of the Year getting Hay tending cattle, the Capt. J H Scary and myself tend the dairy business pretty much and we usually do well always get from 50 to 100, Dean in Philadelphia bound to Boston Paul in Boston doing nothing, Daniel Brown in Boston doing nothing, Benny doing as well as any of the rest the which are generally very small, your House is all finished except painting inside, have looking for painting 3 weeks, if you come to the north from Spokane I wish you would get me a Crock pot for my kitchen as wanted get as cheap one as you can, but not as one as I have now, however I shall
I shall probably write you a number of times before that—there will be a balance due you after paying for the 1/20th of above $500.00 to pay it to father. You have paid of the 1/20th which is a fraction more than 1/12. We could not arrange it for to have exactly 1/12. I paid down 1/6 for 1/3 of father thinking perhaps father would take the 1/6 or your 1/8, but he thinks best to divide which is not much different from what you wanted.

...and... I have lost my knife.

Consequently cannot send my pen which is now looking very poor. So what you cannot read to the genus of it is not of much importance.

Yours Truly

E. Hale
East Dennis
July 23

Capt. James S. Crowell
Cousin of Charles Palmer

Richmond

[Handwritten date and signature]
East Dennis  21st July 1840

Capt Prince S Crowell
Richmond

Dear Sir I notice by the papers that the A is advertized for Lpool & presume Capt Howes has Engaged a part at least of a Cargo for you, altho I fear at reduced rate. as I learn a great many Vessels have gone to that please, in fact all the Light Vessels that have cleared for the last fortnight has been for City point however I think you will do a fair business. I did intend if yo come to City point to come on and relieve you for this Voyage if you wished, but you you [sic] are so late, that I think I Shall not, besides I have the business of the E Brooks to attend to. your passage to Savannah was much longer than I expected when I wrote you at R [over page] at that time there was only 2 or 3 Vessels & they loading, & thefts being so high south that Evry Vessel Cleared for a southern Port, & they were very much in want of Vessels, but since, things have materially altered — people here are employed as usual at this Season of the Year getting Hay tending Saltworks &C Capt J. H. Sears & myself tend the Seining business pretty much and we usually do well always get from 50 to 400. Dean is in Philadelphia bound to Boston Paul in Boston doing nothing. Daniel Crowell in Berry doing as well as any of the Coasters which is generally very small. your House is all finished except painting inside. been looking for painters 3 weeks. if you come to the north from Lpool I wish you would get me a Carpet for my Kitchen in winter get as Cheap one as you Can, but not such one as I have now. however I Shall [next page] I Shall probaly write you a number of times before that. —

there will be a ballance due you after paying for the E. Brooks, of about $500.00 s[torn, shall] pay it to father. you have [torn] the E which is a fraction more than $1/12th we Could not arrange it for [torn, you] to have exactly $1/12. I put dow[n 1/16] for you & father thinking perhaps father would take – 1/16 & you ⅛ but he think best to divide which is not much different fn what you wanted say – 1/12th I have lost my knife Consequently Can! mend my pen which is very poor, so, what you cant read guess at. it is not of much importance

yours Truly
C Hall