Dear Mr. Albert W. McKenney,

Boston, Nov. 7, 1861

Since you left here, we have written to Mr. Deane, to whom we gave a copy of our letter to you, by which you will learn our views at that date, which have not yet been altered essentially.

You will therefore purchase cargo as the basis therein laid down, provided you are able to buy or the necessary amount of freight, to fill the Bank, so that she may not come into any part of the purchasing you will consult freely with Capt. Howard. As to purchasing, you will consult freely with him.

As to the various articles, the quantities of each kind to be bought, taking care not to buy more than you can find room for, or can pay for. If you find rice of the proper quality can be bought much below the limits, you will buy more rice; if less of the articles that are higher, according to the price we have given you, or if coffee is lower, buy more coffee; if less of the other articles, which may be comparatively higher at prices, to do without regard to the other articles, except that as regards sugar, you will not increase the quantity, unless at prices very much below the limits.

Then as you find the state of the market will not allow you to purchase cargo at the limits, it will of course be necessary to purchase other quantities for the Bank, and at Cape Town, Capt. Howard will obtain new the information by Chaminda to the idea of freight, relying for other ports, and theChaminda for obtaining vessels at those ports is a good

We have the impression he will be able to get a ship up to Alexandria, which will offer plenty for your other vessels. We shall advise you further, meanwhile good luck to you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
in case he should, you can then purchase a cargo of Manila hemp, with the funds of his or rather charter, as far as it will go, and draw by virtue of your credit for the balance. If therefore you can purchase at Manila, should the bark go there, hemp of good quality, light, coarse, fine, free from knots, not mucked, at 374 per piece, you will purchase a cargo, taking only enough sugar for ballast, (not exceeding 75 Tons as any event) of the quality usually sent to this market. We have by this route unusual a quantity of Manila hemp from the House of the brothers. of Manila, to be shipped without regard to the market, you will call on that house as well as all the other hemp houses, before purchasing, buy thorough the house with whom you can do the best. In case you purchase Reis at Batavia for hemp, you will do well to the quality, I bear in mind that the result of such a cargo, depends upon the quality in a very great measure. We have given some facts bearing upon this point in our letter of instructions to Capt. House, I refer you to that letter. In all your purchases, you will figure with Capt. House, in the event of purchase on ocean er, will advise us at once if in difficulty, of the largest amount of bills drawn for the purchase of cargo, in order that we may have ample time to cover the milled insurance. Should you not find paying business at Batavia, you are at liberty to purchase a cargo of Reis with the freight money, as vessels for any port in the East Indies. If there is a good prospect that it will pay well, taking into of the prospects for business at the port to which you proceed, the expenses of that sort. In the next mail we shall advise you further, meanwhile we remain Very truly yours, (signed) J. R. Richardson
Duplicate

Boston Nov. 7, 1861

Mr. Albert W. Nickerson
Batavia
Dear Sir

Since you left here we have written to Mess Dummler & Co, the consignees of the Nestor at Batavia & enclose a copy of four letters therein, by which you will learn our views at that date, which have not yet been altered essentially. You will therefore purchase Cargo upon the basis therein laid down, provided you are able to secure the necessary amount on freight to free the Bark up, so that she may not come home only partly full. In purchasing you will consult freely with Capt. Howes & Mess Dummler & Co. as to the various articles & the quantities of each kind to be bought much below the limits, you will buy more Rice, less of the articles that is highest, according to the prices we have given you, - or if coffee is lowest, buy more coffee, & less of the other articles which may be Comparatively higher in price, & so on with regard to the other articles, except that as regards Sugar, you will not increase the quantity, unless at prices very much below the limits.

Should you find the state of the market will not allow you to purchase cargo at the limits, it will of course be necessary to procure other business for the Bark, and in that case Capt. Howes will obtain all the information he can, as to the rates of freight ruling for other ports, and the Chances for obtaining business at those ports.

We have the impression he will be able to get a freight up to Manila, which will pay him for going there, & [over page] in case he should, you can there purchase a cargo of Manila Hemp, with the funds of his outward charter, so far as it will go, and draw by virtue of your credit for the balance. If therefore you can purchase at Manila, should the Bark go there, Hemp of good quality light colored, fine, free from knots, & not mussled, at $3 ¼ per picul, you will purchase a cargo, taking only enough sugar for ballast, (not exceeding 75 Tons in any event) of the quality usually sent to the market. We have by this mail ordered a quantity of Manila Hemp from the house of Ker & co of

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20 This name allows us to identify both Albert and his father, Joseph Nickerson. Father Joseph Nickerson was born in Brewster, 3 Mar 1804, the son of David Nickerson and his wife Priscilla Snow. He is the proprietor of Joseph Nickerson & Co. of Boston. His first wife was Emeline Winslow, and second was Louisa Winslow of Brewster, by whom he had two children. Joseph Nickerson died in Brewster 28 Feb 1880.

Son Albert Winslow Nickerson was born in Boston, 21 May 1840, and died in Dedham, 17 May 1893. He was twice married, first to Agnes Maria Partridge, by whom he had 2 children, and secondly to Amelia Frances Lindsay, by whom he had four more children.
Manila, to be shipped without regard to the “Nestor,” & you will call on that house, as well as all the other Hemp houses, before purchasing, & buy through the house with whom you can do the best

In case you purchase Rice at Batavia for home, you will look well to the quality, & bear in mind that the result of such a cargo, depends upon the quality in a very great measure. We have given some facts bearing upon this point, in our letter of instructions to Capt Howes, & refer you to that letter.

In all your operations, you will figure with & consult Capt. Howes, & in case of purchase on owners a/c, will advise us at once & in duplicate, of the dates & amounts of bills drawn for the purchase of Cargo, in order that we may have ample time to cover the risk by insurance.

Should you not find paying business at Batavia, you are at liberty to purchase a cargo of Rice, with the freight money, on ships a/c for any port in the East Indies, if there is a good prospect that it will pay well, taking into a/c the prospect of business at the port to which you proceed & the expenses of that port. By next mail we shall advise you further meanwhile we remain

Very truly Yours

(signed) Joã Nickerson & Co