Dear Brother,

I received your letter on Saturday, also one from Nathan, and saw by the papers that you sailed Friday afternoon; we had the wind South until Monday morning, so I conclude you had put in a dull time out South Channel. Nathan says he has got the Bills of Sale all right, and the Collector at Portland says there is no mortgage or incumbrance of any kind upon the Bark. So we are all right. And I am rather pleased with our bargain. I think you are much better situated to make money than Geo. Harris will be when he gets his Ship built; you will get better pay than him, your Ship costs 150 more, and then I shall let Nathan manage all the business, so as to save all Commissions, and you will pay the bills yourself so there can be no smuggling or cheating about it as I see. I think Russell will make you a good 2d Officer, you say he had no advance, did you get it refunded from the Shipping Master? how did you manage about Steam. is our portion of it paid? I wrote you on Friday in Case of J B. Murt, but I suppose you did not get it, so I will write the substance of it here. I don't know what Mr Hart's views were in regard to business in Havana, you must give them due weight, but I would not lay long in Havana waiting for freight to improve. I never knew a Ship to make anything by it yet, wages, provisions, and Insurance.
are going on the same in Port as at sea, quick despatch is my motto, and I would take the ruling rate of freight and be off as soon as ready. Write me sometime when you have plenty of leisure time, I will name some things which Picke of insurance prohibit, viz: prohibited from carrying grain in bulk, prohibited from river & gulf of St. Lawrence between Sept. 1st & May 1st. Prohibited from Black sea between Oct. 1st & April 10th. Prohibited from carrying in the lower hold when you have steerage passengers from Europe. More tons weight of Pot, Salt, Coal or any other dead weight, than three quarters of her registered tonnage. (If you don't take steerage passengers you can load as you are minded to.)

(don't Carry Line) I will write some more by and by. I am going to write William now.

Feb 13th

all well. saw Mary and the baby last one, both smart. I have nothing more to write and so will draw to a close. I see the Bark Georgia Warren did not sail until Wednesday. I don't see what he was doing so long, you have got a nice start of him. I see there have several vessels left since you have for St. Lawrence.

Wishing you a pleasant & prosperous voyage. Remain your affectionate Brother

Anthony Howes.

PS write me when you have time how you like the Bark &c. A. H.
Dear Brother

I received your letter on Saturday, also one from Nathan, and saw the papers that you sailed Friday afternoon. We had the wind South until Monday morning so I conclude you had rather a dull time out South Channel\textsuperscript{1}. Nathan says he has got the Bills of Sale all right, and the Collector at Portland says there is no mortgage or incumbrance of any kind upon the Bark, so we are all right. And I am rather pleased with our bargain. I think you are much better situated to make money, than Joshua Freeman will be when he gets his Ship built. You get better pay than him. Your Ship costs $\frac{1}{3}$ less, and then I shall let Nathan manage all the business, so as to save all Commissions. And you will pay the bills yourself so there can be no smuggling or cheating about it as I see. I think Russell will make you a good 2\textsuperscript{nd} Officer. You say he had no advance. Did you get it refunded from the Shipping Master? How did you manage about Steam. Is our portion of it paid? I wrote you on Friday in care of T. C. Merril but I suppose you did not get it, so I will write the substance of it here. I dont know what Mr Waite’s views were in regard to business in Havana. You must give them due weight, but I would not lay long in Havana waiting for freights to improve. I never knew a Ship to make anything by it yet, wages, provisions, and Insurance, Interest, \&c are going on the same in Port as at sea. Quick dispatch is my motto. And I would take the ruling rate of freight and be off as soon as ready. Write me sometime when you have plenty of leisure time. I will name some things which Policies of insurance prohibit, viz prohibited from Carrying grain in bulk, prohibited from river \& gulf of St Lawrence between Sept 1\textsuperscript{st} \& May 1\textsuperscript{st} Prohibited from Black sea between Oct 1\textsuperscript{st} \& April 30\textsuperscript{th} Prohibited from Carrying in the lower hold when you have Steerage Passengers from Europe. More tons weight of Iron, salt, Coal or any other dead weight than three quarters of her registered tonnage. (If you dont take steerage passengers you Can load as you are mind to.) (Dont Carry lime) I will write some more by and by. I am going to write William now.

Feb 13\textsuperscript{th}

All well saw Mary and the baby last eve, both smart. I have nothing more to write and so will draw to a close. I see the Bark Henry Warren did not sail until Wednesday. I dont see what he was doing.

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\textsuperscript{1} This is to the east of Cape Cod between the Cape and George's Bank.
so long. you have got a nice start of him. I see there have several vessels left since you have for Havana.

Wishing you a pleasant & prosperous voyage I remain your affectionate Brother
Anthony Howes

PS write me when you have time how you like the Bark &C
A. H.