

Galveston Feb 11th 1848
Mr Sylvester Gildersleeves

Dear Sir yours of Aug 15th
is received and contents noted the
Austin I am sorry to hear is damaged
so much but the sum paid I think
will make her as good as new
ear this you will know our opin-
ion about the termination of our
connection with the Southport
Gentlemen I think that we are
able to sail our own Ships in our
own way with out any of there
help if they want to Start a new
line they have as good a right to
do it as any other persons we are
to have competition and the sooner
we have it the better and I would
~~as~~ sooner have them for Competitors than
any one else ~~for~~ I think it would be
well to put a house on the Lowells-

Deck she would then make a fancy
Packet - the new ships now building I
hope you will get of as soon as you
possibly can - they are about selling
the Folley & McNeil ~~one~~ for \$5,500 &
and the other for \$6,000 which I think
is a good price and we may sell
the Lone Star but if we do it
must be a Tall Price if we should
sell we shall want one or two more
built so as to come out next fall.
I enclose you a draft on J H Brown &
for \$1250 for the second payment on
the new ship now building. The
berths in the new ships I think should
be from 6 to 8 inches wider than those
in the Austin. The weather is warm
and pleasant and Musketoos are very
troublesome. we are all now in very good
health I hope this will find you and all the family
well yours in haste W H Hendley

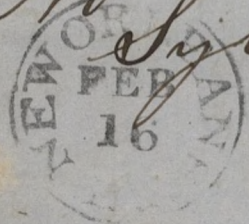
P.L. The fore and aft bulkheads
in the forward Cabin I think it
would be well to have them put
up in pannels so that they can
be taken down at any time
for the purpos of stowing Cotton
to advantage. If we are behind the
the time in making this payment to
us this payment at the time you think
it ought to of been paid - let us
know what time the next should
be paid as I had as lives pay one
time as an other

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Wm Hurd
Guelster
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Mr Sylvester Gilchrist
Portland
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Mrs Philip Corson

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