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SUMMARY

Size. 6 items

Geographic locations. New Orleans, La.; New York

Inclusive dates. 1840-1845

Bulk dates. N/A

Language. English

Summary. Letters from Charles Barron to his parents of Topsham, Maine, give information on ships and the shipping trade of New York to New Orleans and to Liverpool, England. He provides detailed information on the crew, cargo and physical condition of the Sharon and other ships in the ports of New Orleans and New York.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Charles Barron served a seaman on the trade ship Sharon during the mid-nineteenth century.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of six letters from Charles Barron to his family in Maine. He writes after his arrival in New Orleans from Maine, stating that the voyage took twenty days and providing other details concerning the weather and crew. Barron comments on the success of the Whigs in New Orleans and mentions that Sunday is a holiday for the slaves (Nov. 8, 1840). In another letter, he comments on the crew, Captain McMannus’ ship Mount Vernon in the port of New Orleans; Captain Purenton’s activities; and requests news of home (Dec. 12, 1841). He writes to his parents prior to his sailing on the ship Sharon for Liverpool, England, describing other ships in port including the Rhappahannoc, General Veazie, and the Tyrone, commenting on the large amount of cotton to be carried on the Rhappahannoc and the Sharon, and mentioning various friends from Maine working on the ships. He also inquires about the abolition cause at home (Jan. 12, 1842). In a letter from New York, Barron mentions going to sea if freight can be secured that pays enough. He explains that Capt. Richard McMannus refused to take the ship to sea without getting proper rates, and that they are unable to secure passengers for New Orleans because of the fear of yellow fever (Oct. 4, 1842). Barron also writes from New York listing the general cargo the ship is carrying to New Orleans, and mentions that Captain N.T. Thompson is now master of the Sharon (Dec. 15, 1843). In a final letter, Barron mentions the poor condition of the Sharon because of mismanagement by Captain Thompson and complains of the Captain’s refusal to teach Barron navigation (Jan. 10, [apparently about 1845]).
INDEX TERMS

Harbors--United States.
Letters (correspondence)
Liverpool (England)--Commerce.
Merchant mariners--Maine.
Merchant ships--United States.
New Orleans (La.)--Commerce.
New York (N.Y.)--Commerce.
New York Harbor (N.Y. and N.J.)
Port of New Orleans.
Sharon (Ship)
Shipping--Louisiana--New Orleans.
Shipping--New York (State)--New York.
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