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Pennsdale, R. I. Sept. 20th, 1890.

Dear friend,

It's long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you, or even hearing from you.

You are of a strong race, and I doubt not you are yet in enjoyment of life, though you must be 70, now.

I, am $83\frac{1}{2}$ years of age, and my hand nearly as steady as ever. Nevertheless, I am greatly broken down lately, and wish to be on the other side, so soon as I can arrange my affairs,

You may recollect, that not many years ago, you wrote a letter to me, in which you

you
gave me an account of, having
seen — from the top of your house,
~~and~~ describing a fire, bright,
moonlight evening — what you
supposed to be a ship ^{on fire,} at sea, and
was not far from "Brenton Point,"
a "Reef". I think ~~that~~ you
supposed ^{to} be a ship on fire, at sea,
but concluded it must be the
famous "Palatine Ship";
~~that~~ "The Phantom Ship," that
used to be seen sailing ^{at night,} about
the Island of Block Island,
whenever a storm was brewing;
and which I have seen twice,
from my premises at "Sea Side,"
that ~~are~~ are situated by the
sea. and my house, ^{that is} near the
sea shore. These two incidents
occurred, not until many years
after ~~"The Palatine Ship"~~,
after the Reign of "The Palatine Ship".

had ceased her usual visits
to our eyes.

I would like to know the
date of the ~~day~~ you coming on
which you witnessed this scene.
You described to me, you are aware
that "Phantom Ships" - so called -
used to be seen in a great many
places, and in all parts of
the world. The most famous
one being "The Flying Dutchman"
that was seen by commercial
vessels, or others, off - but near
the Island of Madagascar. She
outsailed every ~~thing~~ ^{thing}
I have known several persons,
whose truthfulness might be fully
relied upon, who ^{told me this} had seen it,
and one of them, on several occasions,
I recollect when a ship
that ^{had been} ~~was~~ wrecked on a beach
that is near Salem, Massachusetts,
and came ashore stem foremost.

were to be often seen by persons,
many of whom reported accordingly,
and were reliable.

The fact that these
scenes appear to have now ceased
presentation, ^{of this kind}
and no new ones, ^{or} ^{at} ^{least} ^{of} ^{this} ^{kind}, cer-
tainly affords very strong reason
for believing that never has
been any thing like "the Polatun
Ship", or any thing else of this
kind.

Nevertheless, I am firm in the
belief of Phantom ships having been
^{seen},
(though not ^{seen} ^{near} as I am, in regard
to those ~~that~~ that may be seen
by the thousand, yearly, on our
sea shore, here, and every day
and hour thereof, only a few years ^{ago} ^{ago}
at least, during my ^{time}.

Hoping I may hear from
you, soon as convenient, I

remain your friend,

Jos. Peace Hazard!

Mr. Henry Bide,

Prude St.,

Newport, R. I.