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Smith, Gregory and Winters,  
Ship Brokers and Commission Merchants,

No. 41, South Street,

Cape Town, New York, November 16th, 1892.

M.B. Buckley, D.D.S.

Dear Sir.

I have very bad news to send. The Mate A.J. Morrison has turned out very bad, he has stolen most of the jewelry. I had him arrested and lodged in prison, your father's watch was found on him, but your mother's watch and diamonds earrings have not been found yet. I think he gave them to Mrs. Hollis the Consul. I have no better opinion of him. Then Morrison the way he has managed this business, he has been very slack. I am all loaded waiting for the decision of the Court. It will be given tomorrow, then I will send you the decision of the Court. He ought to get five years at least. He tried to poison me and came very near doing so, but the Doctor found it out in time and forbid his coming into the room. He has run a big rig since he has been in Cape Town. I am not at all satisfied with the investigation held by the Consul on the Barks arrival here, through his negligence. The jewelry has been stolen, as the mail leaves tomorrow I hope to get the decision in time to get it in this letter, if not will write you for the next mail.

I remain yours truly,

Welcome Gilkey.

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New York November 16th 1892

In the sad tragedy enacted on the Bark Wm Hales, I have done all in my power in the interest of Captain Buckley's family; I have sealed up the effects in the cabin in various trunks and have the personal jewelry of Mrs Buckley in my possession which I shall send under my seal. This was the wallet she was wearing at the time of the murder. I was sorry that the agent sent out a Captain. The mate Mr. Morrison has shown himself so competent and had so looked after the ship and your interest that it was too bad he could not have taken the ship to New York. All both Americans and others in Cape Town were deeply concerned when the ship came in with this sorrowful tale. You will probably hear of the details and could probably procure copy of my reports of the inquiry by applying to the Secretary of State, at Washington. Believing me to be deeply sympathizing with you;

Believe me to be yours,

Geo .F.Hollis.

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