

MITH & CO.,
SHIP BROKERS,
AND
Commission Merchants,
41 SOUTH STREET,
CABLE ADDRESS:
"LAPSI, NEW YORK."

New York, Oct., 4th., 1892

George F. Hollis, Esq.,
U. S. Consul,

Capetown, Cape of Good Hope, So. Africa.

Dear Sir:-

Your cablegram informing us of the murder of Capt. Buckley and his wife at sea, was duly received and we must say, was a severe blow to us and particularly his friends and we thank you very kindly for your prompt action in the matter, and confirming our recent cablegram, as well as the receipt of your replies, we beg to say, that it seemed to be the desire of the owners to have us appoint a master to take charge of the vessel, that we knew some thing about.

We know nothing of the mate and have not been able to learn much of any thing about him and have appointed Captain Welcom Gilkey, the bearer of this letter, who will also present to you papers showing the majority of the owners interests in the vessel, appointing him to the command. They fully appreciate the mate's ability and his kind attention to the care of the bark after the death of the master,

We shall cable you after the captain leaves here, advising you of the fact, and that in behalf of the owners, trust you will find the new master a very capable and genial man and we believe him fully competent to settle up her affairs.

Any assistance you can render him, will be appreciated by all of the owners, and

Yours very respectfully,

Smith & Co.

George Fearing Hollis Papers

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**CAPE TOWN CONSULSHIP - Captain Buckley
Affair - Letter from Smith & Co. acknowledging
news of the murder of Captain Buckley and his
wife at sea from Captain Hollis, 1892 October 4**



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