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Following letter written by the owner of the Brig "D.A.Small"
was given to Althea by Irving Rogers, one-time selectman in
Provincetown. - August 1957

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Dear Sir:-

I am exceedingly obliged for your kindness in writing me under date of June 14th. For some time I have intended calling on the assessors with reference to the valuation of the Adam Maceel estate. Because of my mother's death I was unable to get down last week and today I cannot get down as people are coming from a considerable distance to bail a man who is now confined in jail. I will ask you to submit this letter to the assessors with the view that there may be a reduction in the valuation of the vessel property over last year. The valuation of 33/64 of the brig D. A. Small last year was \$1828.12. The total value of the vessel at this rate being in the vicinity of \$3500. I have made every possible effort to sell the vessel and the very highest offer I have been able to get for the whole vessel is \$2100; this offer coming from a man in New Bedford who afterwards refused to take her. The only offer I could get from anyone in your town was \$1600 for the whole vessel. The valuation placed upon the ^{interest of} estate by the ~~assessors~~ assessors was \$800. This I consider too little as I consider your valuation of last year too much. Where it is known that the vessel is for sale and no more than \$2100 is offered I sug-



The Whaling Brig "Baltic", alongside the B.H.Dyer's Wharf in 1888. (See next pg.)