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Dear Mr Shackleton,

I am writing to ask you to accept me as one of your crew for your upcoming voyage. As soon as I saw your advert, my heart skipped a beat. I suddenly realised that this was the opportunity I had been seeking for my whole life. Working with a man of your stature would be a dream come true and you will find that I am a motivated and determined worker; a man who never shies away from adventure.

When I read your advert, I immediately noticed the warning about the hazardous journey and the danger. Although many may have been put off by these words, I was exhilarated by it. Having to struggle against what seem to be insurmountable odds has been a constant stimulation for me as an able seaman on one of South Georgia’s most prolific whale boats. My endurance was truly highlighted on one memorable voyage against that most vicious of whale species, the Sperm Whale.

The order was given by the captain.