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## Letter from John Muir to Louie Strentzel, [1879] Jul 10.

John Muir

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Victoria B.C.  
Thursday morning July 10

Dear Linné Strantzé,

Here, yet once more  
in my crooked way lies the glassy  
glaciated rock-bound lake-like harbor  
of Victoria. We have just made fast to  
the dock. The town is founded on the best  
glacier-tested glacier-cleaved rocks & is the  
capital of B.C. It has 2 lakes about  
6000 inhabitants & is of more telling  
glacial interest than any other town  
I have seen on the continent of N.A.  
How green & fresh the ferns & trees  
are on the patches of moraine soil  
~~between~~ between the upswelling rock-  
bosses

You are very kind in caring so faithfully  
for my few bits of things. I sent  
a few specimens of leaves & leaves

from Vancouver & Seattle. Some of  
them gathered on the Fraser

The new boat rolled & heaved  
at a most extravagant rate  
yesterday. & the smell <sup>from the kitchen etc</sup> compound  
& novel altogether made me  
a little sea-sick. It was calm

So nearly so in the afternoon after  
entering the straits of Fuca I curled  
up on the upper deck in a coil of  
rope back of one of the hatches  
& enjoyed a nap

Don't forget to give the  
crew a goodly share of the  
money

Goodbye. Be patient. Heaven  
bless you. How you would  
enjoy this wild north scenery. Some  
day I will at least tell about it