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Sitka Alaska June 9 1880

My dear Mr. Muir

I have just received your very welcome letter of April 12th & most heartily congratulate you on the very happy event of life in which I am joined by my wife who is here with me. You can hardly realize how happy your letter made us feel and we assure you that we will take advantage of the first opportunity offered to visit you which will probably be next fall or winter. We want very much to meet your wife & it would afford us the greatest pleasure if you can extend your wedding trip to this section where we would entertain you in sailing about the country. The Steamer Favorite is

a complete success and have just reached here from our first trip to the Chilcat & surrounding country and are very much pleased with what we saw. We will leave here in a couple of days to establish our first trading post at Hochivoo, our next will be established at Chilcat inside of sixty days & others will follow. We were well received by all the Indians who are pleased with our establishing posts in their several countries. We are provided with a Customs Officer so that we can overhaul & seize foreign expeditions, several had been around previous to our arrival in the waters.

Twenty one miners have already gone into the Chilcat this month & a missionary has been appointed for that country. About twenty men are mining at Schuck.

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The Missionaries are all well & I know will be happy to hear of your happiness. I expect to be in Wrangel shortly when I will see them all.

Now my dear friend it is so kind of you to renew the offer that you made me last winter of assistance - I have stock in the Co in the name of my wife unpaid for and they have very kindly accommodated me in the way of time and I desire very much to secure it to her - your offer again has my deepest appreciation and I accept your kind offer if you are yet in

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condition to favor me, I
have taken the liberty to
draw on you for \$500 in
favor of my friend Mr. W. B. King
10 days sight and if you
cannot spare the amount
please do not hesitate to
say so. I will request
him to forward the stock
as security or hold the
same for you & I will
send you my personal
~~note~~ note. In any event
if I can be of service to you
here please do not fail to call
on me.

My wife & children are perfectly
well and are here about to
make a trip with me - they
join me in sincerest regards
love

Sincerely Yours
John W. Vanderbilt