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Departure Bay, a few miles  
from Nanaimo, Aug 5  
9, A.M. —

Dear Lonic we  
 are coaling here & what a rumble  
 they are making. The shores here  
 are very imposing a beveled  
 bluff topped with giant cedar  
 spruce & fir & maple with <sup>cypress</sup>  
 varying green here & there a small  
 madroño too, wh here is near  
 its northern limit  
 We went ashore last eve at  
 Nanaimo for a stroll Magee &  
 I. & we happened to meet Mr  
 Morrison a man that I knew  
 in Fort Wrangle who told me  
 particulars of the sad Jordan  
 war in which Coyette was killed  
 He was present & gave very  
 graphic descriptions.  
 We sailed here at daylight this

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morning & will probably  
get away the Captm tells me  
about eleven o'clock & then  
no halts until we reach  
Wrangle, which is distant  
from here about 60 hours.

I hardly know my  
Cassie what I've been  
writing nothing I fear  
but very small odd &  
ends & yet these may  
at least keep you from  
wearying for an hour  
& they letters poor though  
they be shall yet tell  
my love & that will  
redeem them

I mail this here, the  
other two were mailed in  
Victoria - my next from  
Wrangle.

Heaven bless you my love

& Mother & Father

I trust that you are  
caring for yourself & us  
all by keeping cheery &  
strong, & avoiding the  
bad practice of the Stair-  
-dance.

Once more my love  
farewell. I must close  
in haste Farewell

Your affectionate  
husband John Quinn