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Departure Bay, a few miles
from Nanaimo, Aug 5th
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 ^{cypress}
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 Red Jordan
war in which Toiyote 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 halt 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
& the 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 & as
all by keeping cheery &
strong, & avoiding the
bad practice of the stair-
-dance.

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

Ever your affectionate
husband John Quinn