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## Letter from John Muir to Louie [Strentzel Muir], 1881 May 23.

John Muir

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Monday May 23, 1881.

8 A.M.

Dear Louie; we are just passing  
St George Island, steaming quietly  
along the West shore among a vast  
multitude of birds that are filling  
the air & covering the water for miles.  
The island is about 10 miles long  
500 ft high with sheer bluffs facing  
the sea. - No sign from here of the  
immense seals that in a month  
or two will cover the rocks.

In 3 or 4 hours we will be at St Paul  
Island where we will drop anchor  
& remain until 7 or 8 o'clock this  
evening. Be sure you do not  
forget Sam Williams. Upham will  
give you two or three hundred dollars  
of Scribner Money with which to pay  
C. L.  
Mrs Hooper, 548 Caladonia Avenue,  
Oakland Cal.

11.30 A.M.

We are just approaching the St Paul Island harbor. I will doubtless be landed in a few minutes though the fog is rather trying.

The wind blows cold from the N.E. indicating ice at no great distance. We are sure to meet some of the drifted fragments in a day or two. (15)

And now my love & babe I must bid good bye for another week or two. I hope you will get all my other notes - Open all my letters & answer such as may require it. Be patient - With love to all our family I am ever your affectionate husband John Muir.

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