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be affected by the poison
of the old fowls, she is
so delicate I feel very
uneasy about her though
I know well that you all
are alive to the danger.

Tell Wanda & Helen that
I will write them a letter
& send them some Tacoma
flowers & tell some Tacoma
stories after I get back
from this excursion.

Love to you &
to all from
John Munn.

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Yelm Prairie
Aug. 9th 1888.

Dear Louie. After writing
you from Seattle I received
your first letter & was much
comforted. The one you sent
to Victoria I will have forward-
ed. Owing to change of plans
we will be in Seattle once
more if all goes well in
about two weeks & you
may wish me then
care of J. B. Metcalf
Officer Attorney General.
We arrived here yesterday
morning & now at 6 o'clock
breakfast over & everything
packed we are waiting the
coming of the horses we
hire to carry baggage.
This is a beautiful dry gravelly

Opening in the forest park-like
 & flowery & with the noble Tacoma
 towering to an immense height
 in the sunshine. The weather
 for weeks has been wet & gloomy
 but yesterday was clear & perfectly
 divine in every way. & we had
 but little to do all day besides
 gazing at the glorious mountain
 watching the shifting lights on
 the huge snow dome & the long
 rugged cascading glaciers
 All seemed clear as a map
 & even the crevasses of the
 glaciers were visible though
 distant 50 miles we are
 looking on the west side
 from here & the crags &
 glaciers though glorious in
 color & mass & architecture
 seem frightfully savage &
 forbidding. The ascent from

This side seems topless
 but accessible ways occur
 on the opposite side.
 Most of the party intend making
 the ascent should the weather
 permit. Mr Ingraham a
 relative of the Carrs in Seattle
 friend of Emily Pelton is leader
 of the party & is a good one.
 The others are lawyers & di-
 ggers stout & jolly, good
 cooks foragers & thieves
 when orchards may be
 found. The cooking is
 really good & everything
 of course seems rosy
 I am glad to hear that
 Anna has at length set off
 on her travels homeward & that
 before going she saw Monterey
 & felt gay in consequence
 I hope the baby will not