



J. Mc Duwen
Victoria Oct. 20. 1878.

Dear Father

I have now been in Victoria
three days, having arrived at the
Wharf, in the "Wanderer" at about
Eleven o'clock on Thursday
night. Everything is now out of the
Schoner, & much of my stuff packed,
now paid off & affairs scarcely
in progress towards an end. I shall
not be able to leave by tomorrow's
steamer, however, - by which this
letter goes, but have not yet decided
whether to seek an intermediate

boat at Portland, & wait for
 that of the 30th from this place.

The latter date seems a long way
 off now, but I have a number
 of things to look after, when my
 packing is done, which may detain
 me too long to allow me to ~~depart~~
 save anything in time by going via
 Portland.

The latest date from
 Montreal is your letter of Sept 28th,
 in which you announce receipt of
 letters, among others one from Rankine
 from Portland. R. has now no
 doubt been true some time.

The sailing from Fort Rupert to this place has been a longer operation than

I thought probable, owing to the prevailing South-Easterly winds of this season. The weather is now very uncertain & being to be very wet, so that the conclusion of field work is not to be regretted.

The mailing office has been moved over to New Westminster, & I was told last night that some mail matter is over there belonging to me. There may be letters which have been addressed to Care of C^o. Ry, & account for certain Lacinae in some correspondence which appeared to be indicated by

letters from here. I have to acknowledge
 a long letter from William, but shall
 not attempt to answer it this time, as
 there is nothing particular to write
 about.

Enclosed you will find a little
 file, which reached me at Pt. Simpson,
 but what seems to be intended for
 you, as it is for Selous & ~~you~~
 Joper in Canadian Provinces.

When I decide on route, I
 shall write again, but will not
 telegraph unless something special
 importance turns up.

Your obedient Servant
 George