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Little Shuswap Id. B.C.  
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Dear Father,

I suppose I must write  
another unsatisfactory little note, just  
to tell you of my arrival here, & intention  
of leaving tomorrow morning for the  
Great Shuswap Lake. We got here  
yesterday afternoon, & I've been occupied  
all day today in putting a great-  
big. out-Canoe, which I have loaned  
for the occasion, in order. She has  
not been used for some time & had to  
be scraped, calked, pitched, & mended  
in all sorts of ways, besides getting paddles  
&c. We have got her by the quantity of  
load, I believe, & though not a graceful  
looking craft I hope she may prove

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Useful. In some respects I would  
rather have had two smaller canoes, but the  
Indians here were so importunate in their  
demands & had such poor canoes, with all,  
that I decided to take this, which was made  
by a Indian owned by a white man,  
the best settled up in this direction.

I am taking Douglas, with my Indian  
Johnny, & two other Indians from  
this place, who appear to be active &

good. It may be a fortnight or more  
before I get back here again, as so

much depends on the continuance of  
fine calm weather. We have got a good  
stock of provisions, besides fishing  
apparatus & a gun & so ~~stand~~ <sup>run</sup> no  
risk of starving.

Wrote love to all

Your affectionate son  
George