

Montreal July 22.
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My dear Mother,

Your letter & letters

around this morning, &

on taking all things into
consideration I have decided

to leave next week, getting

out from here on Sunday

night if possible for Metis.

Various things have happened

Since I wrote. (1) Mrs. Selwyn

has been heard from, & is

not likely to be back till late in

(2)

August, so that a week or
two or three weeks little expense
on his account. (2) I have for-
ly wrap to for on that it will
be finished & printed by end of
this week. (3) By passing the
thing I have for extra hands
on the report, & will go over
all essential proof before
leaving. (4) I have come to the
conclusion that if I go away
I can make it impossible
for anyone to interfere with
my work until I return when I

Please.

It is hard to change my
 Cabin on account of the Officers
 & party, who occupy a whole
 side of the ship, but have
 got a fair enough one, though
 to change ~~me~~ up a lower
 berth for an upper.

Your Affectionate Son

Surge