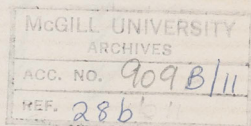


Letter just
before leaving for
Queen Charlotte Is.

Victoria May 19. 1878



My dear Anne

I slide date, worse luck,
from this place, but hope to get
away this week, though the precise
day is yet uncertain. When we
got here, after a remarkably quick
& pleasant passage from
San Francisco, Capt Douglas &
his Craft were not to be heard
of, but as I had given him
till the 15th Lewis obliged to wait
till that date, making enquiries
in the meantime as to other
available chances. On the 16th
I made an arrangement for

The Schooner Wanderer of about 20 tons
 & as soon as she is ready for sea
 will be off. She belongs to a man
 called Sabotson who is getting
 new sails for her ~~as soon~~ & as
 soon as they are ready all will
 be complete. Since enjoying the
 Wanderer I have heard that
 Douglas's Schooner which Mr Richards
 formerly had was blown ashore
 in a squall somewhere near
 Combs & so much damaged that
 that she cannot be put in repair
 for some time. The Wanderer is
 I think a good Craft, with plenty
 beam, & built originally for
 a pilot boat. If the Captain
 & Crew, the latter yet to be selected,

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turn out well all will be right.

There are as you may suppose innumerable little things to look after here & it would seem that we cannot even get a clear half day for any work about this place. Tomorrow I shall make a vigorous effort to clear up the remainder of my list, so that my days remaining may be free from little engagements. Routine Comments on the fewness of good looking girls in this part of the world, especially in contrast with their abundance in San Francisco. The best looking & therefore most highly esteemed he has yet encountered is a Miss McDonald, daughter of the Senator of the same name who travelled over the ry. with us & asked us to his home the other night to dinner.

The weather is fine & settled looking now, though there have been a few windy cold days since we landed. I long to be off taking advantage of the fine time. When all is ready, following advice, I shall strike straight away for the Queen Charlottes & after spending as much of the summer here as the County seems to warrant, & weather permits, shall begin to work back toward Vancouver. I enclose a little memo. for Maama.
 Your very polite Geese