

24 Aug. 1885-
Kuskeewis.
Quaternus Sulat. V.V.

My dear Father,

I am sending an Indian
across by trail to Fort Rupert
to bring mail about I expect must
be there, & take the opportunity of
forwarding a note about my
chance to get a lift to Victoria
& reach you before any correspondence
sent from Fort Rupert or alert B.C.
on our return. I may be gone
to six days here yet & shall then
return to the inside Channel & be
gradually working back Southward.
I can run round the outer Coast from

Hawaii - about fifty miles - in
 a canoe with one man & a couple
 of Indians. Was favored with
 very fair weather - so much so that
 the schooner was long delayed by
 Calms & arrived several days
 after as instead of before, as
 intended. Coasting Coasters Excellent
 & am getting in a good deal of
 work. Made a rather good little
 collection of Crustacean Plants (*Phyces*)
 at Port McNeil which I hope to
 submit to you in safety.

Love to all

Yours
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