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N. Stavanger
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Dear Guyer,

Thanks for your
letter July 23rd, which I rec^d
safely some few days ago
at Christiania. Yes, we
have been seeing a great deal
since last I wrote. At
Copenhagen we spent nearly
a fortnight, partly because there
was a great deal of interest
to see, and partly because
Lord Arditarn was not so
well for a few days. Leaving
there we came on as far as
Helingsør at the narrowest part
of the strait, & there spent a day,

2, taking a long drive into
the country to see two of the
Danish palaces. Thence to
Christiania where three or four
days were passed, and from
there again, round by easy
stages to Stavanger, stopping
at three or four little palaces
by the way. As a rule we
don't get under way until
after breakfast, or even later
& whenever possible stop again
in time for dinner at eight,
so progress is not rapid. How-
ever the object is not to get
over as much ground as
possible, but rather to enjoy
& profit by the sea & air, so
there is no excuse for haste
at the expense of comfort.

3) Today's expedition is a run up this fjord, which is said to be one of the finest in South-Norway, narrow & with high bare rocks, in some places precipitous & rising 2,000 & 3000 ft. - simply a great semi-submerged rocky valley. The top of the fjord is about 35 miles from Stavanger and we shall be back there again probably this evening. These little Norwegian towns are quiet & quaint little places, - everything on a somewhat small & poor scale. No fortunes to be made, & for that matter no living without much hard work & struggle. The farmer & fisher community especially, & most of the people seem

to combine the two occupations,
have apparently no easy life of it.
Fortunately they seem to have a
good school system & very wisely
teach English in their schools, which
must be a great assistance to
them when they emigrate, as
many of them do.

I am still a shareholder in the
Hall Mines, but am not otherwise
interested. I fear they are not being
very judiciously managed. If you
happen to come across anyone enquir-
ing for shares, I shall be pleased
to sell some of mine. Thanks for
copy of the bill you refer to, & which
I shall receive on return. The thing
that would help the smelting business
best however, would be a good
a supply of good & cheap fuel.
If they could only get the Crow's nest
B.R. run through to Kootanie, it wd.
be better than any subsidies.

57 I am sending a little
pamphlet on an old Viking
ship, exhibited in Christiania
It is wonderfully preserved
considering its probably age,
and is the most interesting
thing there is there. Perhaps
it may have some antiquarian
interest for you -

Remember me please to
any acquaintances in Ottawa
With all kind wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Franklin.