Esquimalt
March 14th

Dear Birch

I have received Capt. Stamps letter about the Spars at B. Inlet and by the 1st opportunity when a man of war goes over there again the Carpenter shall examine and report as to their quality. The Spars appeared to me to be first rate but only the smaller ones are now used in the Navy the large vessels have Iron masts built of many so that a damaged part replaced. Hawk

Goodness the Scarlatina has left us and I hope to hear no more about it. Has Manasell got his bit of Timber. The weather here is now fine again and I hope it will last. I have no news from the South or indeed from anywhere - Scout goes to day to try and recover the Tribunes anchors but I'm afraid by this time they will be buried in the Sand With kind remembrances to all your Household

I am dear Birch

Yours very tr[illegible]

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