Fort Simpson B. C.
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My dear Mother,

The Str. Enterprise is in this evening she is going no further north this trip and leave to return tomorrow morning. This leaves very little time however I have received no letters and mean to write only this. I have been very well since my last indeed I am, I think, the freest from ailments of us all. Thomas has had a very severe cold. Cook is a good deal better now.

Jessie had had another little sickness - it appeared to be a cold - but not at all so severe as before. But is has got so very thin and pale I however for the last few days she has been much better and seemed quite like her old self. She has only the four front teeth yet and I can perceive no coming of any others. I have weaned her altogether now. Her father took that duty upon himself - for four nights I slept away from her, it was done much more easily than I expected she sleeps well - indeed she has always done that which I believe has been an immense benefit to her.

We were somewhat disappointed that no teacher came up by this boat. If one had come I think we should likely both of us with Jessie have gone down to Victoria. The District meeting is about to meet there — as it is it seems a necessity that Thomas should go. There are matters in connection with the building here which must be a better understanding about — and with regard to the land reserve for these people. Thomas must have information in order to properly advise and direct — our Missionary neighbor is, I believe, plotting all kinds of trouble for us in this regard — it is very trying.

to any good husband is going alone and Jessie and I stay at home. It will be lonely perhaps, but I feel that it will be all right with us— it would never do to leave these people all alone. Besides the weather is still so cold and unsettled I do not think it would be safe to take Jessie away. Our interpreter Alfred who used to be such a help and stand by— has been going down sadly lately and quite lost any influence for good he had— he is in Victoria at present. His wife is faithful but she is in very poor health and has a young child so

cannot do as much as she used to do.

Many of the people - perhaps the majority - are away now fishing and will not return for a month or two - Thomas intends to be back by the next str - perhaps in five weeks. I hope I shall have letters from you all then too. We have had another addition to our household - the last otter brought from Queen Charlotte's Island a half-breed girl. The daughter of a man in charge of the H.B. Co.'s store there. He sent her over with her mother, a Simpsheam woman, seeming not to doubt that we would take

her in - so what could we do. he wishes her to have the advantages of better training than would be possible for her there. Of course he will clothe her - he is not poor - but we do the rest - she is a delicate girl - I hope she may do well.

I trust you and my father are well and comfortable -

I unite love from us both -

Yours as ever affectionately

Emma -