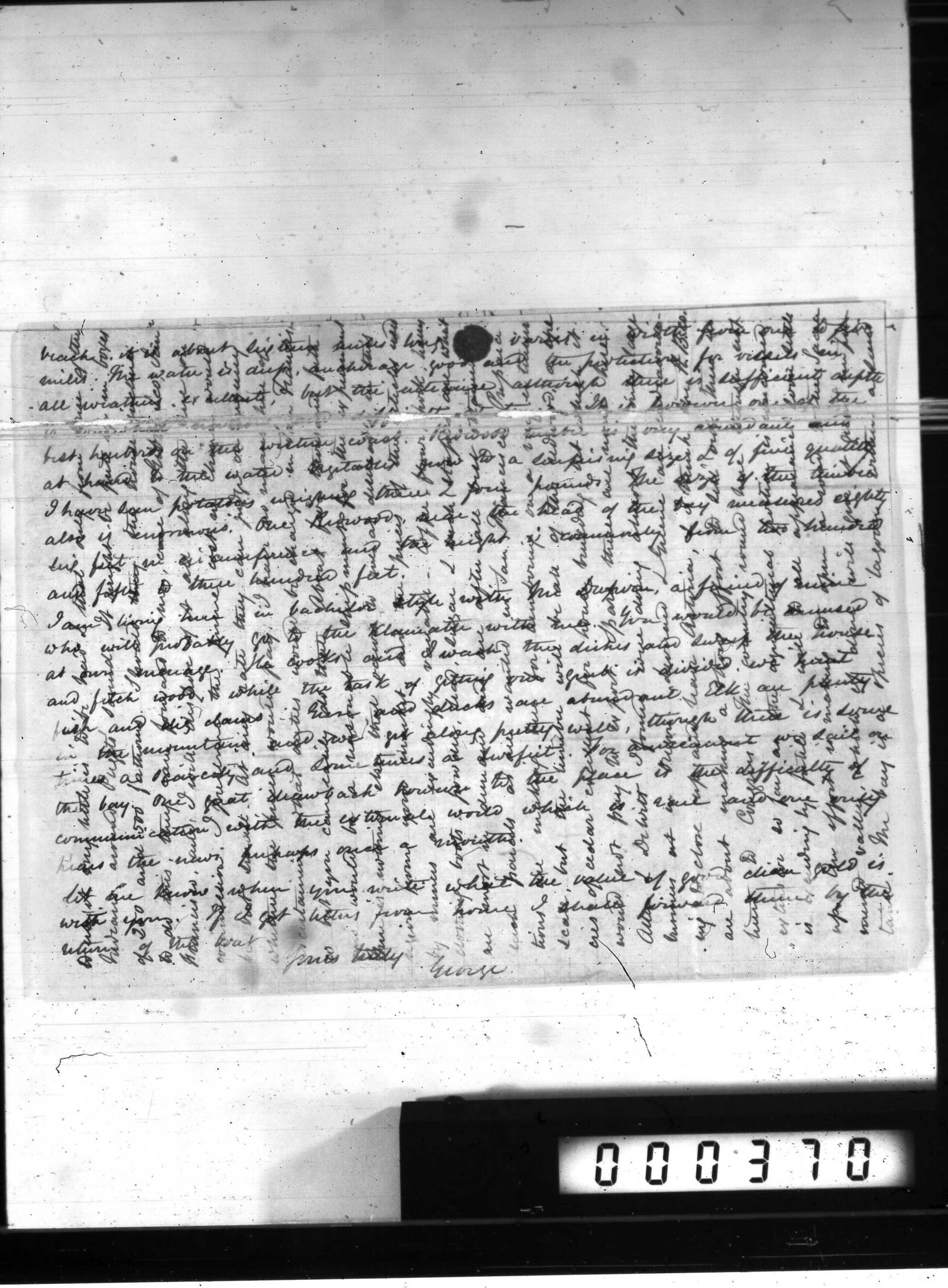

beach. it is about sixteen miles long [illegible] varies in width from one to five
miles. The water is deep, anchorage good and the protection for vessels in
all weathers excellent, but the entrance although there is sufficient depth
[illegible] It is however one of the
best harbors on the western coast. Redwood timber is very abundant and
at hand to the water. Vegetables grow to a surprising size & of fine quality
I have seen potatoes weighing three & four pounds. The size of the timber
also is enormous. One Redwood near the head of the bay measures eighty
six feet in circumference and the height is commonly from two hundred
and fifty to three hundred feet.
I am living here in bachelor style with Mr Dufour, a friend of mine
who will probably go to the Klamath with me. You would be amused
at our menage. He cooks and I wash the dishes and sweep the house
and fetch wood, while the task of getting our grub is divided. we hunt
fish and dig clams. Geese and ducks are abundant. Elk are plenty
in the mountains and we get along pretty well, though there is some
times a scarcity and sometimes a surfeit. For amusement we sail on
the bay. One great drawback however to the place is the difficulty of
communication with the external world which is rare and one only
hears the news perhaps once a month.
Let me know when you write what the value of good clean gold is
with you. If I get letters from home I shall forward them by the
return of the boat.
Yours truly
George

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