

numerously and fervently offered up for my preservation, I escaped unhurt.

I conclude this brief sketch, hoping to give you a fuller and better description.

Very sincerely yours in J. C.,

✠ CHARLES J. SEGHERS,

Bishop of Vancouver Island.

FIFTH LETTER.

*Instructing the Indians.—The murderer's Remorse.—Camping in the Snow.—The Animals of Alaska.*

St. Michael's Redoubt, Alaska Territory, July 3rd., 1878. }

REVEREND AND DEAR EATHER JONCKAU.

Accept a few lines concerning a trip I made on the ice and snow from Nulato to Ulukuk, a distance of about 140 miles. Having secured two sleighs and 10 dogs, and having entrusted to F. Mandart the care of the Nulato Indians, in order to convey to Nulato the provisions which the summer before we had taken up in a boat from St. Michael's to Ulukuk and also to instruct the Indians I would meet during my trip.

I experienced much trouble in employing the services of Indians, not one volunteering to expose his life by adventuring too near to the Mahlemuts. The reason of this I now proceed to explain. Last Summer (1877) a Mahlemut was seen hunting on the mountains between the Behring Sea and Kyoukouk river by two Kyoukouk Indians, whilst he did not notice that he was watched. One of the Kyoukouks, prompted by traditional hostility