

Higginson, Henry L.

September 30, 1899

Hill to Higginson, Boston, carbon & letterbook.  
Re Pacific Ocean trade and foreign affairs;  
advantages of Seattle as a port; "in order to  
secure this tonnage to Puget Sound, I may say  
to you in confidence that steps are being  
taken actively to provide a merchant marine  
that will be able to carry Ocean going freight  
at lower rates than it has ever been carried,  
either by rail or steam. This contemplates  
ships of much greater carrying capacity than  
anything afloat on the Atlantic or elsewhere.  
Our docks and other facilities at Seattle are  
convenient, ... admitt: ; the largest ships  
drawing thirty or more feet of water."

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