



Handwritten cursive Japanese text (Kuzushiji) on a scroll. The text is written in black ink on aged paper. It begins with a red seal on the right side. The characters are highly stylized and fluid. A ruler is visible at the bottom of the image for scale.



1846

Dear Mother

I have just received

your kind letter

and was glad to

hear from you

and hope you are

well and happy

as ever your affectionate

son

John

W. P. S. I have

not time to write

more at present

but will write

again soon

Love

John

W. P. S.

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