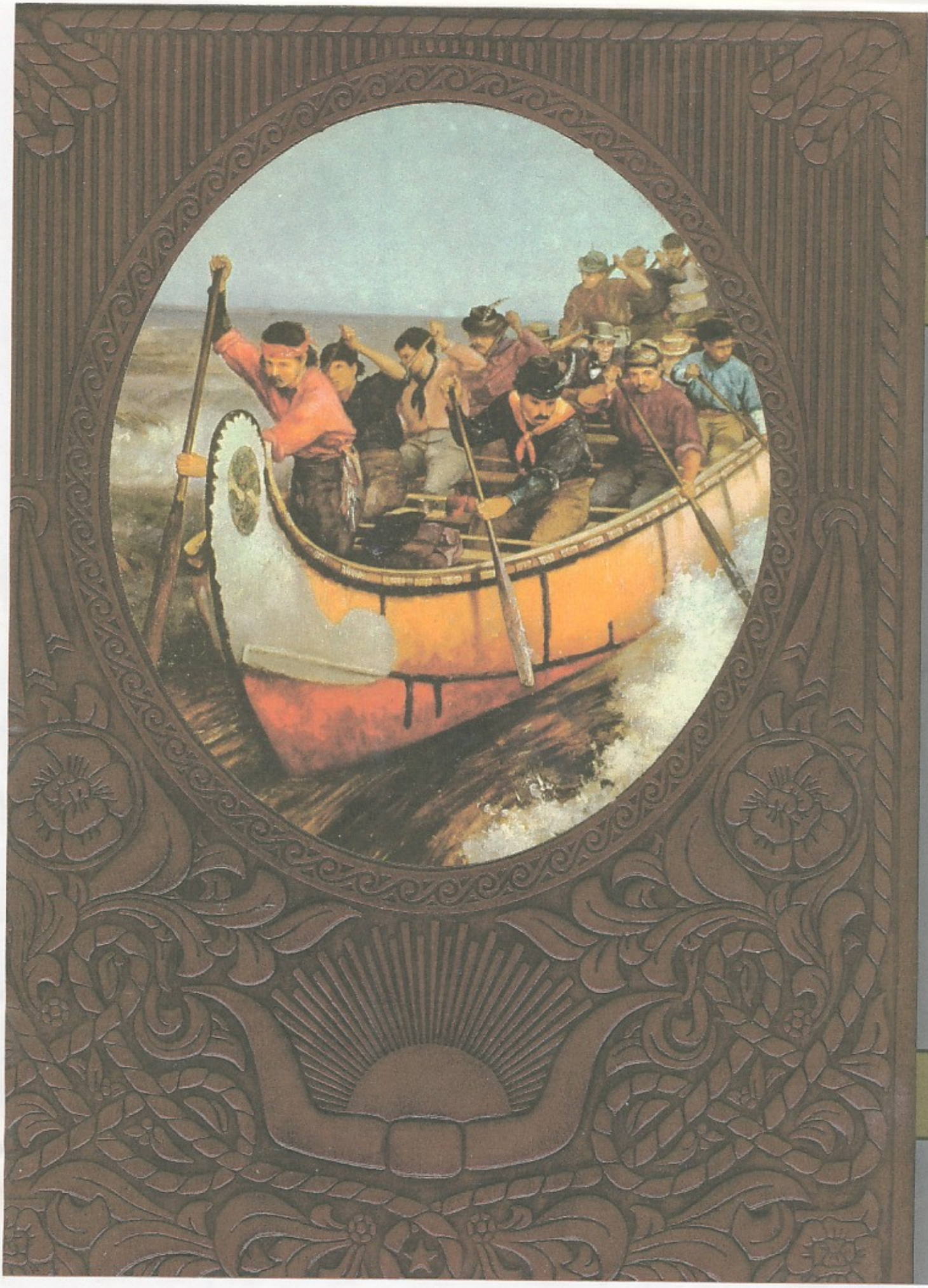

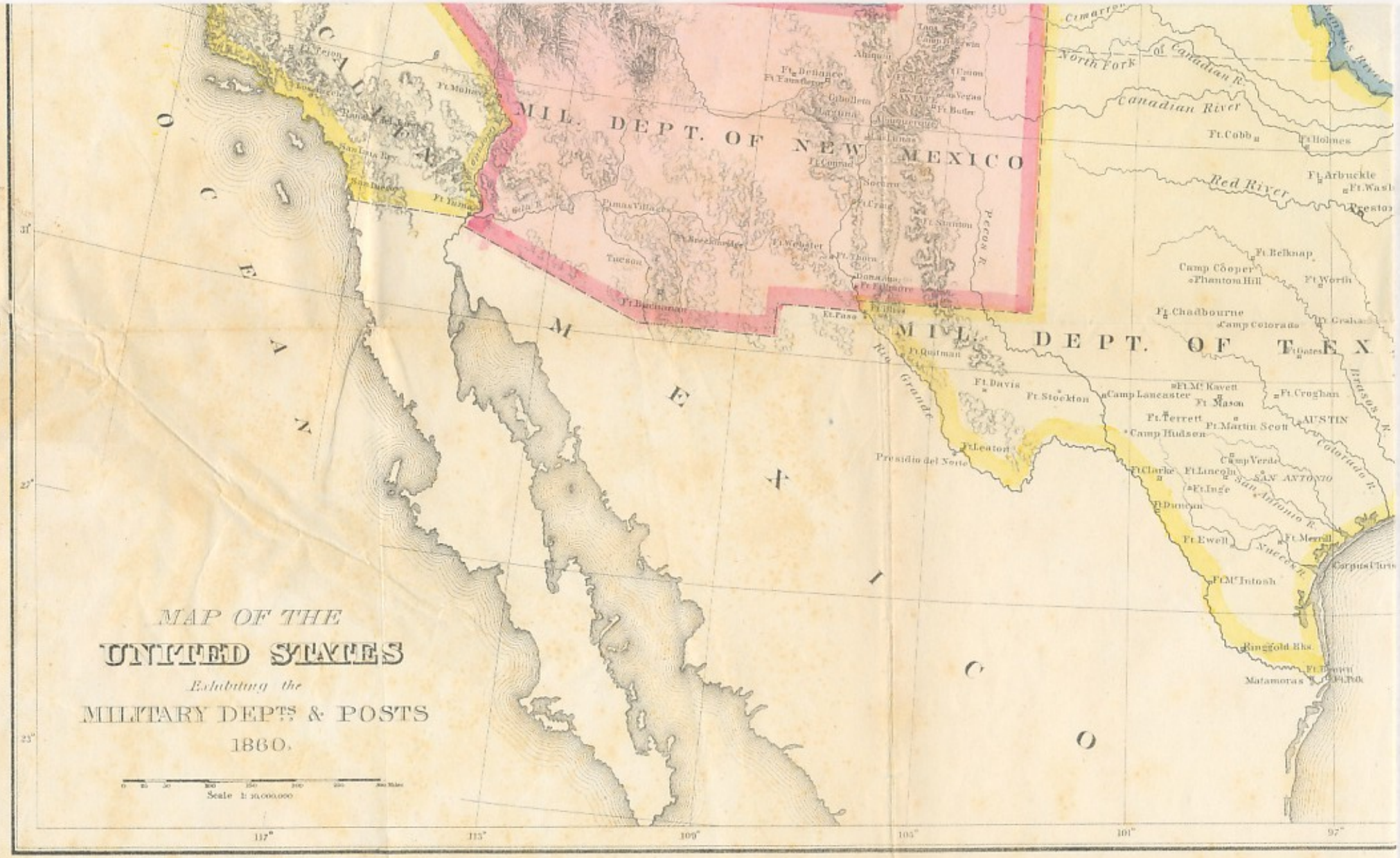
MAP OF THE
UNITED STATES
Exhibiting the
MILITARY DEPTS & POSTS
1860.
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MIL. DEPT. OF NEW MEXICO
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CALIFORNIA
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MEXICO
Ft. Yuma
Ft. Mohave
Ft. Tejon
Ft. Defiance
Ft. Fauntleroy
Ft. Conrad
Ft. Craig
Ft. Stanton
Ft. Webster
Ft. Thorn
Ft. Bliss
Ft. Fillmore
Ft. Buchanan
Ft. Quitman
Ft. Davis
Ft. Stockton
Ft. Lesley
Ft. Clarke
Ft. Lincoln
Ft. Inge
Ft. Duncan
Ft. Ewell
Ft. Merrill
Ft. M'Intosh
Ft. Brown
Ft. Polk
Ft. Cobb
Ft. Holmes
Ft. Arbuckle
Ft. Belknap
Ft. Worth
Ft. Chadbourne
Ft. Croghan
Ft. Mason
Ft. Martin Scott
Ft. Terrett
Camp Hudson
Camp Lancaster
Camp Cooper
Camp Colorado
Camp Verde
Presidio del Norte
Rio Grande
Canadian River
North Fork of Canadian R.
Red River
Pecos R.
Colorado R.
San Antonio R.
Nueces R.
Brazos R.
Cimarron
Santa Fe
Albuquerque
Las Cruces
Tucson
Mesilla
Fort Yuma
San Diego
Los Angeles
San Luis Rey
Santa Barbara
Monterey
Sacramento
Stockton
Ringgold Bks.
Matamoras
Corpus Christi
SAN ANTONIO
AUSTIN
Preston
Sherman
Cimarron
117°
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105°
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31°
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23°

$100.00

BRITISH POSSESSIONS
Assiniboine River
Turtle Mts.
Pembina
Devils L. Res.
Ft. Totten
Crookston
Red Lake Pembina Chippewas
Bois Forte Chipp.
White Earth Res.
Leech Lake Res.
Ft. Berthold
Ft. Peck
Ft. Buford
Bismarck
Jamestown
Fargo
Moorhead
Northern Pacific R.R.
Fond du Lac
Duluth
Lake Superior
Pigeon Riv. Res.
Red Cliff Res.
Bayfield
La Pointe Chipp.
Lac Court Oreilles Res.
Lac de Flambeau Res.
Marquette
Escanaba
Menomonee Res.
Green Bay
Oneida
Stockbridge
Ft. Abercrombie
Sisseton and Wahpeton Sioux
Mille L. Res.
Pine City
St. Cloud
St. Paul
DAKOTA
SIOUX
Standing Rock Agy.
Cannon Ball Cr.
Missouri River
Big Cheyenne River
Cheyenne River Agy.
Ft. Sully
Crow Cr. Agy.
Flandreau
Black Hills
Custer City
White River
Rosebud Agy.
Pine Ridge Agy.
Lower Brule Agy.
Yankton
Ft. Randall
Ft. Fetterman
Niobrara River
Santee Sioux
Winnebago
Omaha
Sioux City
St. Paul & Sioux City R.R.
Iowa Falls & Sioux City R.R.
MINNESOTA
WISCONSIN
La Crosse
Stevens Pt.
Prairie du Chien
Madison
Milwaukee
Dubuque
Sac & Fox Agency
Toledo
IOWA
Des Moines
Iowa City
Clinton
Davenport
Chicago
Davenport & Pacific R.R.
NEBRASKA
Sidney
Julesburg
Platte River
Union Pacific R.R.
Omaha
Lincoln
Nebraska City
Ft. Kearney
Republican River
Otoe Res.
Sacs & Foxes of the Missouri
St. Joseph
Burlington
Keokuk
Quincy
ILLINOIS
Springfield
Hannibal
Moberly
Boonville
Jefferson City
St. Louis
Vandalia Line
Ohio & Miss. R.R.
Kickapoo
Pottawatomie
Leavenworth
Ft. Riley
Junction City
Topeka
Lawrence
Kansas City
Denver
Colorado City
Cañon City
Ft. Lyon
Kansas Pacific R.R.
KANSAS
Kansas River
Salmon River
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Cimarron River
A.T. & S.F. R.R.
Granada
Ft. Carson
Wichita
Emporia
Parsons
Ft. Scott
Sedalia
MISSOURI
Springfield
Atlantic & Pacific R.R.
M.K. & T. R.R.
Cairo
Columbus
Trinidad
Cimarron
Public Land
Reservation for Arapahoes & Cheyennes
Kansas Res.
Osages
Pawnees
Poncas
Cherokees
Quapaws
Peorias
Shawnees
Senecas
Modocs
INDIAN TERRITORY
Cheyennes & Arapahoes
Wichitas
Creeks
Seminoles
Sacs & Foxes
Okmulgee
Ft. Gibson
Ft. Sill
Kiowas & Comanches
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CHOCTAWS 16,000
Ft. Smith
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Pine Bluff
Memphis
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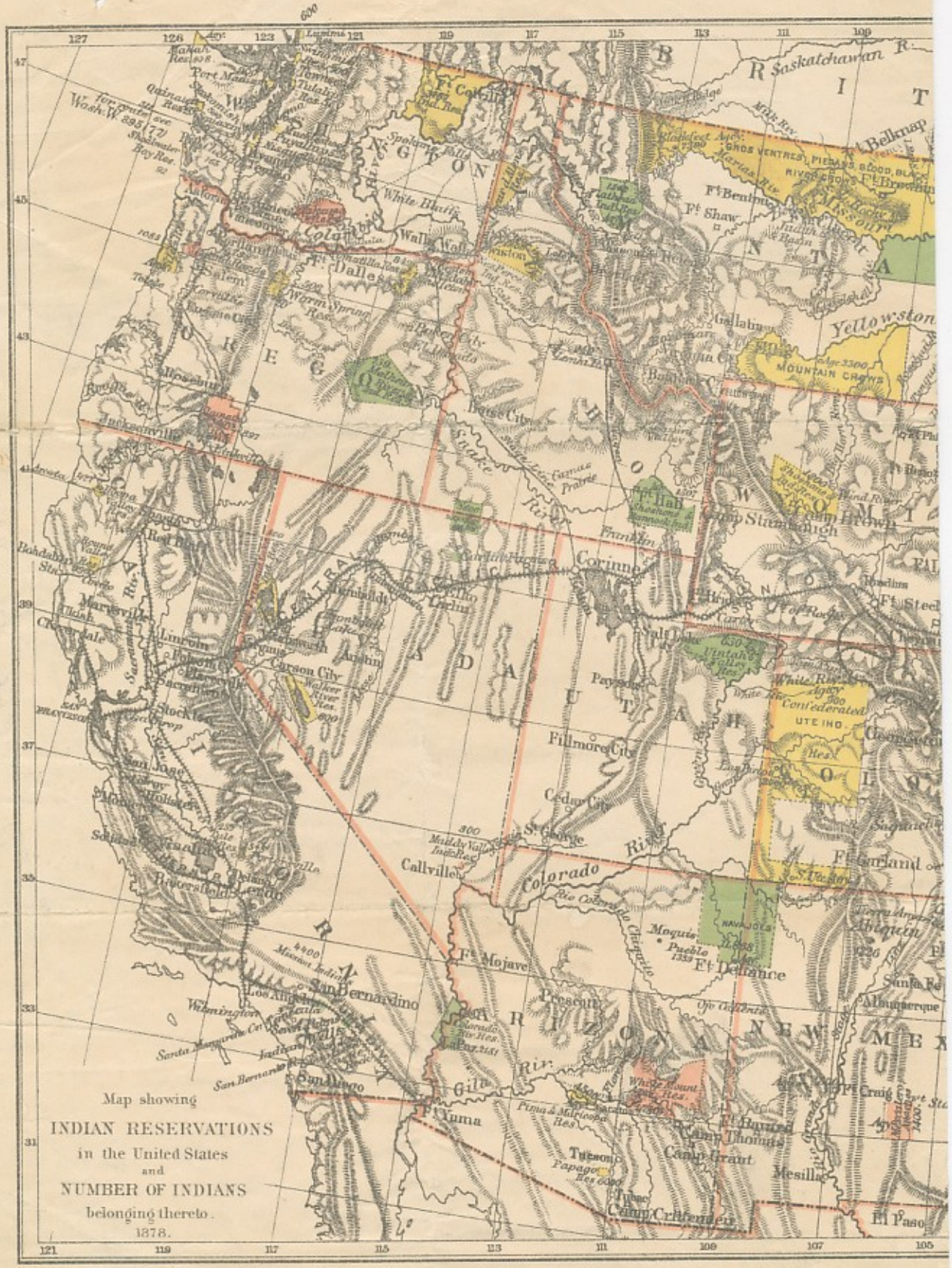

Map showing
INDIAN RESERVATIONS
in the United States
and
NUMBER OF INDIANS
belonging thereto.
1878.

Norway House 30 June 1831

Dear Sir

The White Governors Brigade have just arrived, and delivered the Cargoes - to all appearance in good condition - I have opened some of the Bales & Cases - but could discover no signs of wet or damage. —

Jack Dom has agreed to steer the Boat down, tho' with some reluctance - and had I the means of furnishing another in his place - I certainly would do it - but Price Steam is the only man in this District capable of steering a Boat - and he is at present absent - making a trip to A Lives for Flour. — I am aware that A Lives will leave none at Oxford House, unless you have written him on the subject - his own Brigade requiring all his active hands. — Jack Dom fell in with one of his brothers on the way up - who ha

From NORWAY HOUSE JUNE 30 1831
TO YORK FACTORY

Letter is from Donald Ross (1797-1852) Born in Scotland, entered the service of Hudson's Bay Company in 1816.Served at York Factory and Cumberland House,1816-1826. He was confidential secetary to Governor Simpson and accompanied him on his journey across the continent to Fort Vancouver and back. He was placed in charge of Norway House district in 1830. Promoted chief trader 1829,Chief factor 1839.

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Letter reads in part "The White Governors Brigade have arrived and delivered cargoes---I have given your people two new Saskatchewan Boats in place of the two second-hand ones brought here, they take back all the assets they had from York Factory even to the head lines,"

Letter is addressed to Alexander Christie who entered the service of Hudson's Bay in 1809.and became Chief Factor before the union with North West Co,in 1821. He served 2 terms as Governo of Assiniboia and as chief factor in chrage of Red River district and was one of most influential chief factors of his time. He built Lower Fort Garry 1831-33,and Upper Fort Garry 1835-36. In 1839 he was appointed councillor of Rupert's Land.

Stanley Del.

Sarony, Major & Knapp Lith. 449 Broadway N.Y.

OLD FORT WALLA WALLA

Indians Hunting the Bison.

CANADIAN FUR TRADE
THE NORTH WEST COMPANY 1815

FORT WILLIAM,LAKE SUPERIOR,CANADA. James Leith, a partner in the Northwest Company writes home to his folks in far away Scotland. The following quotes are from the letter under date of August 27,1815: "all remained quiet untill the evening of the 17th when it was settled amongst us, that next morning should sett off for York(Factory), the capitol of Upper Canada, on pressing business of the Companys, and from that time, untill last evening, I have been travelling almost night and day....five days more in my light canoe would have taken me to Montreal...The country is now in such a critical state (although at present in peace) that perhaps it is probable I may be obliged to go to pass the winter in Montreal or at Quebec the next winter 1816,when perhaps, from my present situation it may prove impossible for me" ... He then continues with his desire to take leave and go home to Scotland and see his fols if he can only arrange matters..."There is one expression that I have made use of in a former part of this letter (viz the country is now in such a critical state etc) which I imagine might puzle you to fathom compleatly, however it is plainly this, both the Canada and American Governments talk very openly that the present peace can be of no long duration,and what is the most provoking, is to see our enemies taking every possible precaution, in forts, vessels, and troops, so as to over run (at least) Upper Canada within six months of the declaration of war, whilst at the same moment our Government abandons the Indians, whom a few years ago they declared to be their allies, knocks off all their war establishments, stops all publick buildings both in forts and ships, and to compleat it they are now recalling all the (or the greater part of) regular troops, so that I imagine the Canadas will soon change masters. The peace although a fortunate circumstance for us North Westers, will have a fowl but on our great ministerial characters, surely they have been more regulated by their interest in the American funds, than the interest of our country, it is certain. Sir (George) Prevost whom they placed at the head of our Government, was a most unfortunate (and perhaps if I used plainly my own ideas, I might make use of a more harsh term) Commander in every expedition he undertook himself, at Sackets Harbour where he retreated after the place was nigh taken & abandoned by the enemy,had he allowed the other Generals to continue one half hour longer it would have given us the entire command of all the Canadas lakes at one blow, as for Platsburgh there has been so much talk of it in the London papers that I shall not mention it, that I believe was their sole reason for patching up such a disgracefull peace,A party of Indians (Lacques) in French and Wanebagoes in Indian fashion attacked another party of American soldiers on the 4th July last, their numbers were nigh equal whilst after a sever contest the Indians routed the Americans with a severe loss, took several cannon etc. I have not heard the numbers of either, before the battle or of the slain, the consequence is plain, the Americans rejoice to have a plausable reason to drive all the Indians across the large river Missisipi, when as they say they will only have to fight the English single handed, and I can assure you had the English been without the Indians assistance they would have made a poor appearance in Upper Canada. Do not think me peevish on selfish views, at present they (Americans) are at a great distance from our Indians and us, so that nothing but my countrys good vexes me...." He then advises that he will get a set of all the American silver coins and send them home. "I shall say nothing on the politicks of Europe, as what we know at present must soon change one way or the other, I imagine the French will never be quite until the Allies burn Paris to the ground, then their pride may be kept within bounds. And that Priest ridden King of Spain ought to fore(fit) his life, being a bigot unworthy to reign, and his subjects (in my opinion) are such beasts that they are unworthy to have liberty, they, or the greater part of them prefering to be

Fort William 27th August 1815.
Lac Superior

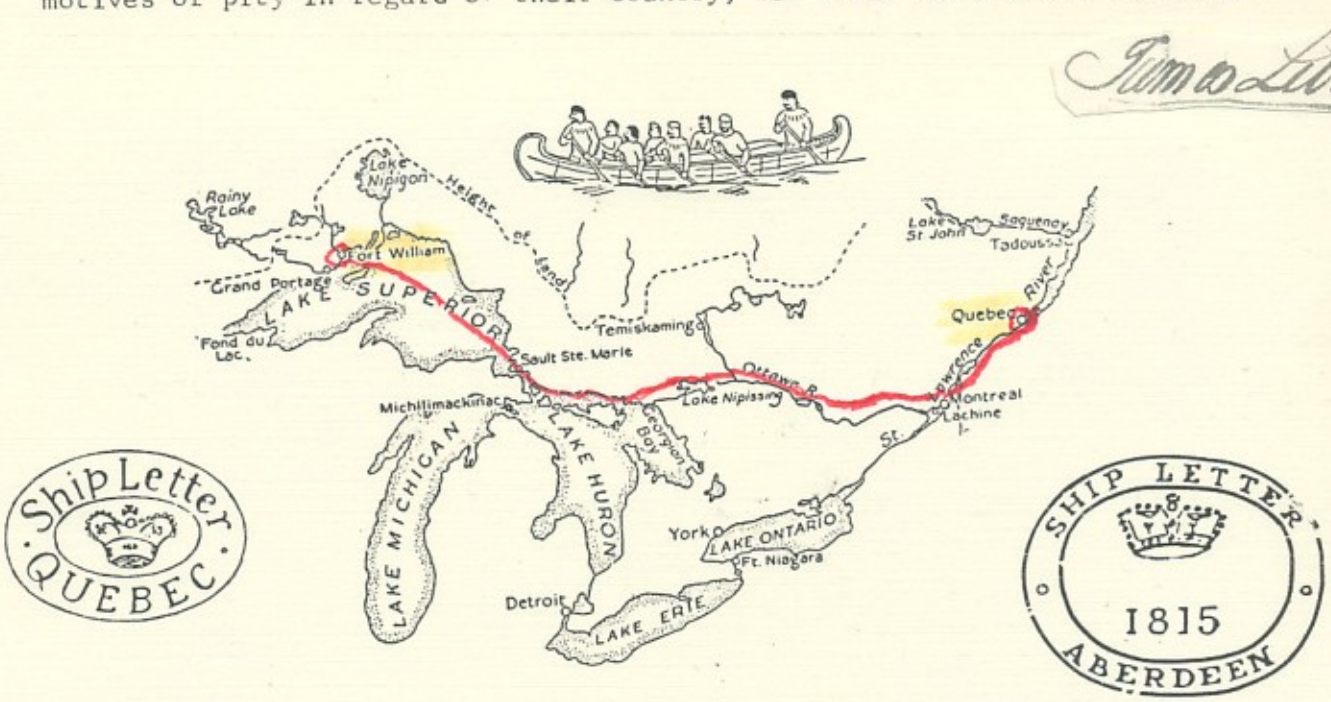
My Dear Mother

Your esteemed and most agreeable favours of 8th Feby. and 29 Mch. last, with one of March 1814 I had the great pleasure and satisfaction of receiving the 15th July, all remained quiet until the evening of the 17th when it was settled amongst us, that next morning I should ... on preparing ... business ... last evening I have be... ...ved here and fo... ... God that this letter ... ...od health, as for my ... ...score of health ... myself

This letter was carried by an express of the North West Company from Fort William on Lake Superior to Quebec where it entered the regular mails. It was then stamped SHIP LETTER/QUEBEC, rated "Pd 1/2" (1 shilling 2 pence) and forwarded to Aberdeen, North Britain (Scotland), where it arrived on Nov. 16, 1815. At Aberdeen it was stamped SHIP LETTER. ABERDEEN and rerated 2/8 with the difference of 1/6 collect on delivery. The ship rate in 1815 was 6p per 1/4 oz. Thus the Quebec post office had rated it at 1/2 oz plus 2p ship fee, but Aberdeen rated it at 1 oz, plus 2p, plus an additional inland fee of 6p.

think I should have proceeded further! The country is not in such a critical state (although at present in peace) that perhaps it is probable I may be obliged to go to pass the winter in Montreal or

slaves, rather than have a free Government, perhaps you will think me a strange hand as a politician, however when I think on the many brave soldiers we fot in Spain & all the trouble etc that the Junta took for their King, and then the return he made them for it, I can not pity him what may befall him. Our Hudson Bay opponents has been foiled in all their violent attacks against us, however I imagine now the robed Gents. will have to settle it at last, it will be of course expensive, but it will determine whether their charter is good or not, many differs in opinion on that head, their forming settlements in the interior of the country was at bottom entirely with a view of forwarding their mercantile interest, it has got a severe blow by the most of there unhappy people when Lord Selkirk enticed off his estates (many of them not being able to pay their rents) have beged for and received from us (N.W.Co.) a passage to Canada, their Governor our prisoner by legal warrant for haveing caused our stores to be violently broken open, and our property carried off by force, their cannon which amounted to ten was likewise seized by their own soldiers and deliverd (to) us. The Peace was a severe blow for them not from motives of pity in regard of their country, but their own selfish views....."



James Leith was born in Aberdeenshire,Scotland in 1777.He came to Canada in 1798 and entered the service of the X.Y.Company as one of six wintering partners who were absorbed by the North West Company in 1804.On the amalgamation of the North West Co. with the Hudson's Bay Company in 1821,Leith was made a Chief Factor.He returned to England in 1829 and died June 19,1838.In his will he left half of his estate to the propagation of the Protestant religion to the Indians of Canada. In the letter he comments on the loss of the War of 1812 to the Americans.He regrets the decision of Lt.General Sir George Prevost, Governor General of Canada,in withdrawing his troops from the battles of Sackett's Harbour and Plattsburg,when he had superior forces and might have won.Probably the real reason that England sued for peace was the enormous cost in treasure and blood to wage war on two continents.It was of more importance to defeat Napoleon than win a war in North America.

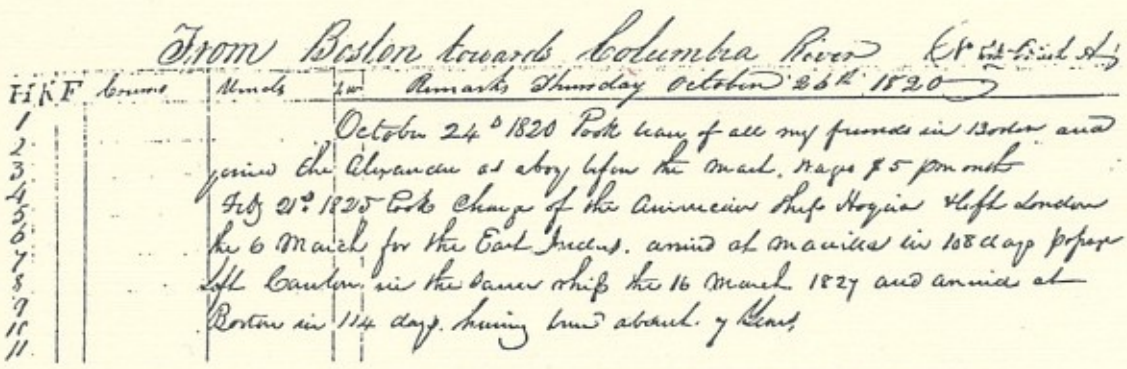
ALEXANDER. Log of a Voyage of this ship, from Boston to Astoria, Oregon, thence to Hawaii, Canton, and the East Indies, ending in Batavia, under Capt. Frederick W. Comerford. Manuscript on paper. 117 leaves. Folio (237 x 320 mm.). Original tan suede leather. Half leather case.

New York–Batavia, October 26, 1820–November 23, 1822. $2,750

A record of a fur-trading voyage to the Northwest Coast and China, also containing an autograph record of the early career of the famous clipper ship captain Philip Dumaresq, who was a "boy before the mast" on this voyage. *Alexander* left Boston October 26, 1820, and sailed around Cape Horn to the Columbia River, where she arrived on May 6, 1821.

The fort there was founded in 1811 by J. J. Astor's Pacific Fur Company and named Astoria; on the outbreak of the War of 1812 it was sold to the North West Company, a Canadian organization; in 1818, nominal ownership had been restored to the United States, but the fort was still occupied by the North West Company (1821 and after by the successor Hudson Bay Company). The fort was abandoned in 1824 but some settlers remained, and the place is now the city of Astoria, Oregon.

Alexander sailed from Astoria May 28; reached the Hawaiian Islands July 5, and arrived at Canton August 18; thence to Manila, Batavia, Java, and other East Indies Islands, ending up in Batavia again, where this log ends on November 23, 1822.


From Boston towards Columbia River

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6				Boston in 114 days having been absent about 7 years
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No. 69. ALEXANDER. Log of a Voyage on this ship. Detail. (Reduced.)

Voyages such as the present one were made to the Northwest Coast to buy furs, for which there was a good market in Canton. When the furs were sold, Asiatic produce such as tea would be bought for sale in England or America.

A most interesting note, in the handwriting of Philip Dumaresq, is found on the first page, reading as follows: "October 24th, 1820, took leave of all my friends in Boston and joined the Alexander as a boy before the mast, wages $5 per month. Feby. 21st 1825 took charge of the American ship Hoqua & left London the 6 March for the East Indies. Arrived at Manilla in 108 days passage. Left Canton in the same ship the 16 March, 1827, and arrived at Boston in 114 days having been absent about 7 years." Apparently Dumaresq was given this log as a memento of his first voyage.

There seems to be no information available in the marine literature about *Alexander* or her captain, Frederick W. Comerford.

OTTAWA

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

1821

ALEXANDER.—This American ship of 270 tons cleared from Boston on her second voyage, on October 23, 1820, under Fred. W. Comerford as master, "for N.W. Coast and Canton." She was owned by J. & T. H. Perkins and Josiah Barker, and was one of the Perkins' ships carrying the trading goods of the North West Company to the Columbia River, and their furs and skins thence to China. The *Alexander* had returned from her first voyage, 1816-1820, on June 28, 1820; see these Transactions, 1933, Section II, p. 133. The date of her arrival at the Columbia River has not been ascertained. At any rate after discharging the goods and loading the furs she resumed her passage to China, by way of the Hawaiian Islands. She arrived at Honolulu on July 5, 1821, and left on the 9th of that month. Thirty-seven days later the *Alexander* was at Canton. The furs brought by her were sold there and the proceeds invested in Oriental produce to the amount of more than $70,000, which was sent to Boston by the ship *Mentor*. In November, 1821, the *Alexander* sailed homeward by way of Manila. She was sold in 1825 in Batavia. It thus appears that on both her voyages to the Northwest Coast the *Alexander* was more a freighter than a trader; in fact it does not appear that she ever traded a single skin.

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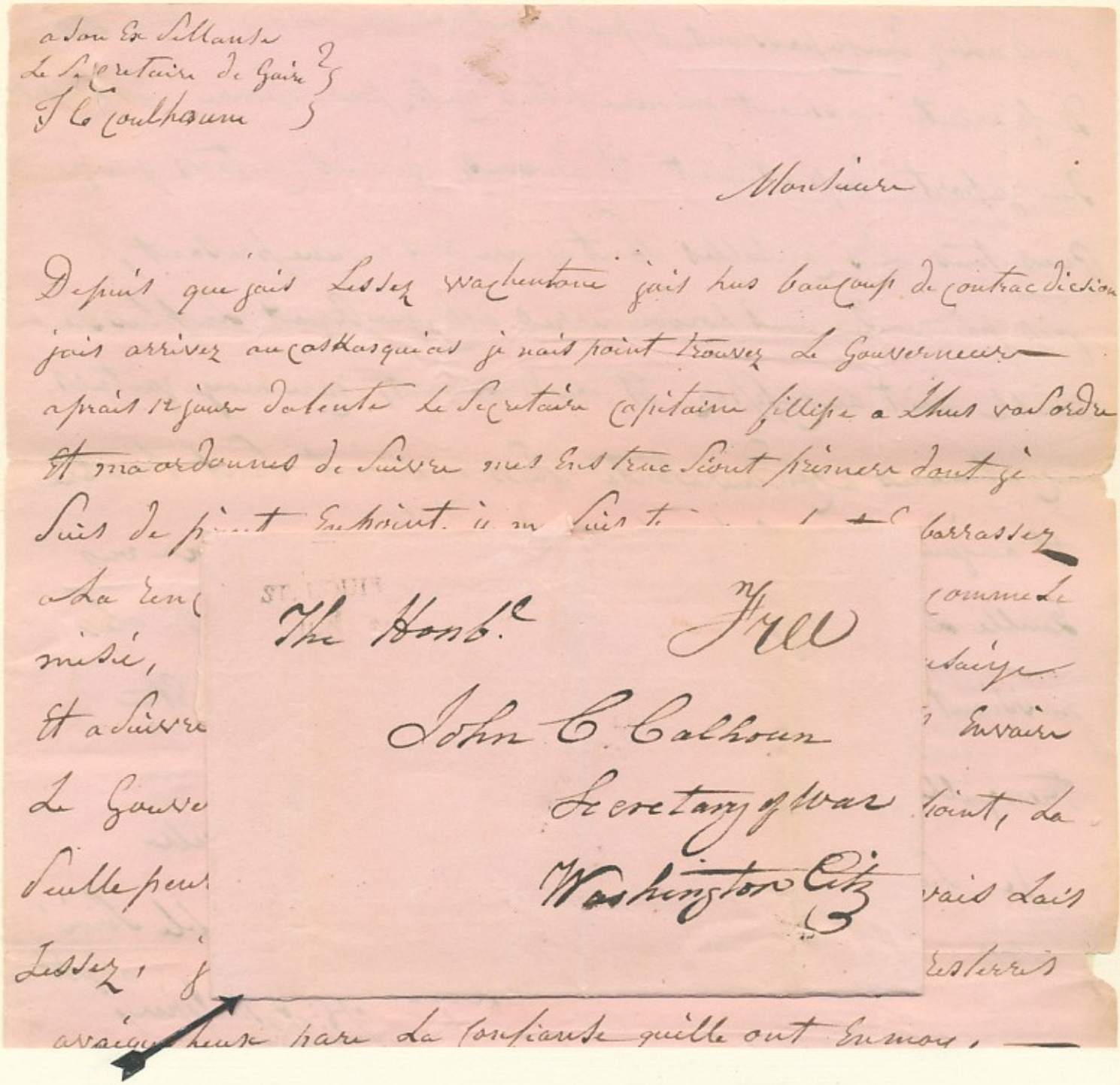

a son Ex Sillante
Le Secretaire de Guerre
J C Coulhoun

Monsieur

Depuis que jais Lessez Wachentone jais eus beaucoup de contradiction
jais arrivez au Castlasquias je nais point trouvez Le Gouverneur
aprais 12 jours datente Le Secretaire capitaine fillipe a Eus vas Ordre
et ma ordonnes de Suivre mes Instructions premiere dont je
Suis de point En point. il m Suis t[illegible] embarrassez
La En[illegible] comme Le
misie,
et a Suivre [illegible] Envair
Le Gouve[illegible] point, La
Seulle peu[illegible] vais Lais
Lessez, [illegible] Les terres
avaiq[illegible] eux nare La confiance quelle ont En moi,

The Hon.ble
John C. Calhoun
Secretary of War
Washington City

NICOLAS BOILVIN was the U.S.Idian Agent at Prairie du Chien from 1808 to his accidental death in 1827, when he was replaced by Joseph Montfort Street. Before the War of 1812 he had written to the Secretary of War recommending the "establishment of a garrison and factory" at the Prairie. In 1813 the Americans had occupied the French village of Prairie du Chien and constructed a stockade named Fort Shelby. In 1814 the British siezed the fort and renamed it Fort McKay. Following the end of the War in 1815 the British burned the fort and withdrew from Prairie du Chien. Thus ended British rule in the Upper Mississippi Valley. In 1816 the U.S.Army constructed a post on the same site and named it Fort Crawford. **Lt.Col. Talbot Chambers** commanded the fort in 1817/18. He was cashiered from the army in 1826. **Asher Pillips** was with the 3rd Infantry and died May 20,1843. Boilvin's letter was most likely carried by military express to St Louis where it entered the regular mails as per the straight-line postmark **ST LOUIS** with indistinct date.

(Translated Copy)

To His Excellency,
The Sec.y of War,
J. C. Calhoun.

Sir,

Since my departure from Washington City I have experienced many contrarieties. I arrived at Kickapoo - the Governor was not there - After a delay of twelve days, the Lieu.t, Capt.n Phillips read your orders and enjoined on me obedience to my first instructions, with which I have literally complied. I was somewhat embarrassed at the meeting of all the tribes who were expecting me as Commissioner. Having nothing to communicate to them but good advice and having enjoined on them a uniform compliance with my injunctions, in their conduct towards the Government, (which they have carefully observed) the only fear they now entertain

quiet although there is such an unnecessary number of agents. All the tribes are friendly and disposed to be peaceable if Government protects them. I hope to be honoured with your orders and am,

Your very humble Servt.

Signed N. Wailowa

Agent.

Prairie du chien,

June 1816.

(Translated copy) [from French]

"To his Excllency
The Sect of War/J.C.Calhoun.

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Signed N,Boilvin/Agent

Prairie du Chien/1st June 1818"

To the honorable
Secretary of State

Prairie du Chien 26 June 1828

Since my return to this place, I have learnt that the operations of the Indian Factory at this place, has been the occasion of much inconvenience, and discontent to the Indians, and citizens - The Factor is in the habit of sending out equipments into the Indian country - or rather disposing of a portion of his goods to a trader at the usual per centage say sixty one & a half - with this equipment he visits the Indian settlements and retails at the rate of one or two and a half sometimes three hundred per cent - The citizens of this place has no other way of supporting their families but by trading and they are now not permitted to trade, for as soon as the agent attempts to grant them a license for that purpose the Indian Factor reports them officially as disaffected persons to the government, and consequently - The agent is not justified in giving the citizen hereupon, this course of conduct causes great distrust amongst the families of this place and causes the Indians to complain very much, for it is impossible to convince them, of the intention and nature of Factories, as they imagine that every thing which comes from their American Father ought to be in the way of presents - in all their councils they complain much of the high price of articles - and it is a fact, that if traders were permitted, that they can afford to retail twenty per cent cheaper than the Factory

J. P. Boilvin

Pour le Commandant

To le honorable Preris des Chient le 1 juin 1818

Secretaire de Gaire

Since my return to this place, I have learnt that the operations of the Indian Factory at this place has been productive of much inconvenience, and discontent to the Indians and citizens. The Factor is in the habit of sending out equipment into the Indian country or rather disposing of a portion of his goods to a trader at the usual per centage say sixty one & a half - with this he visits the Indian settlements and retails at the rate of one or two and it is said sometimes three hundred per cent. The citizens of this place has no other way of supporting their families but by trading and they are now not permitted to trade, for as soon as an agent attempts to grant them a lisense for that purpose, the Indian Factor reports them officially as disaffected persons to the government, and consequently the agent is not justified in giving the citizen permission, this course of conduct causes great distress amongst the families of this place and causes the Indians to complain very much, for it is impossible to convince them of the intention and nature of Factories, as they imagine that every thing which comes from their American Father ought to be in the way of presents. In all their councils they complain much of the high price of articles, and it is a fact, that if traders were permitted that they can afford to retail twenty five per cent cheaper than the Factory.

N. Boilevin

Poure le commendant N. Boilevin

Chicago, 18th Oct., 1823

Dear Sir

Maberge arrived from St. Louis some time ago with all the articles which I had ordered, which gives me a good assortment.

I have made arrangements with Mr.[1] Crafts for the return of (the voucher) according to the wishes of Mr.[2] Crook and myself.

In June Mack has charge of the merchandise. I flatter myself that he will do well with (the list). Since they told me that he had a great quantity there I feel mortified for not having contracted with you for 31 additional.

I gave Mr. Crook seven hundred piastres to settle all accounts with[3] James Kinzie. I expect to leave for Milwaukee in two or three days with a good assortment.

Sanders is still in prison in St. Louis. Because of (some) rascally (stunt he pulled) a month ago.

We unloaded some (ruined or curled _____) which we had kept too long to our misfortune.

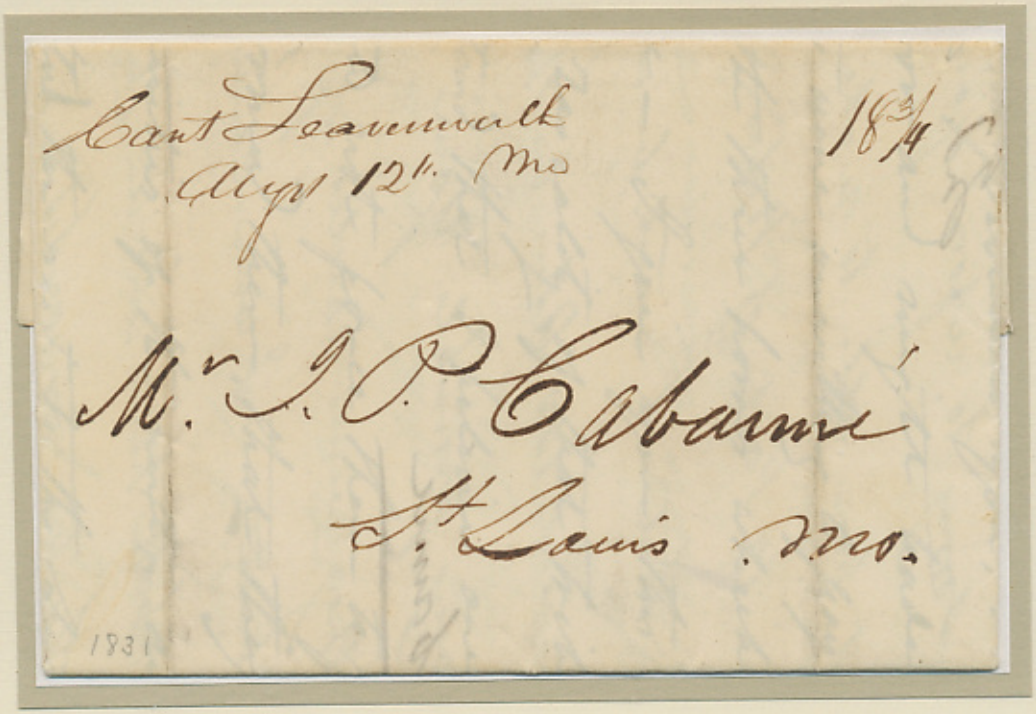
Sent with the help of Capt. Norton to whom we owe many thanks.

Remember me to Mrs Stuart.

I remain your obedient servant,

J.B. Beaubien

1- John Crafts - Astor's agent at Chicago
2- Ramsay Crooks Astor's Top Lt.
3- James Kinzie Astor man (winterer)



THE FUR TRADE

CANTONMENT LEAVENWORTH, Missouri. The folded letter shown above was written by John Dougherty, the Indian Agent at the fort, to J. P. Cabanne a fur trader at St. Louis. He writes in regards to a lost shipment of robes: "*we have not been able to make any discovery relative to your 12 packs of Robes. It is the opinion that it would be impossible for the soldiers to conceal 120 Robes in the garrison and that the robes were probably taken when they were hauled up from the river from your boat.*

Mr. Sarpy forwarded your acct. on the Omahaws. Their Chiefs were all at this place a few days since and I laid your acct. before them all. Each and every one of them had and made his own excuse. The Big Eyes for instance stated that he had offered you a fine horse, which you refused. Wash Kaw Money, that the horse he promised you had died. He that loves war, that he had offered you five large beaver skins in lieu of the horse he promised, and that you told him he was poor and might trade them. In short they said they were awaiting to pay any part of the acct. accept the three horses which they promised you last fall. I give you this trash mearly to show you the rascality of that tribe, nor do I wish you to understand that I beleive one word of it..." The cover shown bears the earliest postmark of "Cant Leavenworth" with the designation "Mo" for Missouri - August 12, 1831. The postage rate is 18¾ cents for under 400 miles as per Act of March 3, 1825.

MANY INDIANS AT FORT WILLIAMS*

" Fulton [Mo.] 2nd November 1835

Dear Robert I will now give you a short history of my travels and progress through this life as fair as I can recolect Since we parted as you Know all previous that has transpired - On my arival at Mr Cooks I found all Well where I remained One day Only and then proceded On My Journey - of Course I passed Dr Mossis [Moses]? where I found Rebeca pop Eye and Genl Ashley and Lady and Dr Mossis family all Well - where I Dined in Company With Sundry Other Strange Ladis and then proceded On to Columbia to Cousin Wm Burches where I found all Well - this was On thursday and the fair Came On next day and Lasted for two days but I did not Stop until I reachd Independence Where I remained One whole day and two pieces [places?] where I Setled My Business tolerable to My Satisfaction - I then Returned to Strother Renicks ,but first I am too fast - I met the Santafee Traders at Independence all of Which had done tolerable Well - they met With Scarcely any Losses - no robes Came in with [?] - But Bents & Cavery [William Bent & Marcellin St.Vrain] Worth Mentioning and Only about 8 packs of Beaver which they had and of Course I Purchased none,nor did I Get any mules for many reasons, I am now at Strother Renicks Swaping horsis which I done twist [dont trust ?]and then went and look at Some publick land - then went to Lextington and Entered two hundred acres - Strother With me all the time,In Lexington at Maj'-Rylands I found Miss Ann Todd where I spent a pleasant Evening &c,I am Sorry Miss Kyle did not Come to Lexington as I think She would have done good Business here [Virginia Jane Kyle married Robert Campbell on February 25,1841] -
After arainging afairs I left for Columbia and arive there On the 30 of Oct where I was Overtaken by Fraeb & Jarvey [Henry Fraeb & Jean Baptiste Gervais]from the Mountains - they Came in With Fontinell as fair as this place - he Stopt there and Cabena[J.Pierre Cabannè] is fetching down the returns Amounting to about 120 packs of Beaver & 80 of Robes traded - after you left,he Brought in 85 men from the Mountains (John Gray - Vanderburg,Newell,Nelson & my[many] others &c - [Wm.H.Vanderburgh - "Doc."Robert Newell - R,C,Nelson] - Fitz [Fitzpatrick,T.] remained at the fort[Williams now Fort Laramie] and Bridger[James] & Drips [Andrew] in the Mountains &c - Fontinell[Lucien B.Fontenelle] at the Bluffs - the men Say Fitz Will be in this Winter - they met Thompson [James] as they Came down with ten men who left Andrew and Vasques [Drips & Louis Vasquez] on the South fork all Well - he Said he Was Gouing in the Sioux Cuntrey to trap &c - there Was many Indians at Fort William when they left - Fontenell they Say leads near about the Same life as usual - (Bent & Savery Returns is tolerable good they Brought in about two hundered packs of Robes - Winters [William] & ~~Brent~~ Gant [John Gantt] is Starting Out for the Mountens and Falon [Bill Fallon] Passt here a few days Since - I have not any account of Boneville [Benjamin L.E.Bonneville] what he is about - Fontenell & Co has about forty thousand dollars to pay Out to hands that Came in - (Oct 31st I leave Columbia this Morning in Co With Polly Ann Mr Fraeb & Mr Jervey for Mr Cooks where we will arive Safe [Novembert] 1st 1835 - Mr Fraeb & Jarvy Started for St Louis - Sophronia & Polly Ann Went feel [?] to Mr John Cooks where we are at present - On the 4th Inst I have to return to Columbia again to take depositions On the 6 Inst When I Will then Set Out for St Louis Mo - if you will Look in the St Louis Enqirer you Will See Maried Maj Bean to Miss Mary Bent On the 21st of Oct - also you May find Boyes Maried to Miss Mary Forcythe - god help my Case - Now quite dispair - how do you feel Dear Robert - try and marry us Both off Whilst you are On East as it a dull chance here - I Will Write a gain and Will please doe the Same - My Respects to Hugh [Campbell] & Mary &c yours Mo Obnt / Wm.L.Sublette

Wm L. Sublette

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FULTON, MISSOURI November 4, 1835 to Philadelphia - rated 25¢.
See opposite page for content of the letter by WM. L. Sublette.

INTERIOR OF FORT WILLIAM, 1837
From a sketch by A. J. Miller

The White Castles on the upper Missouri — 1833

OUTCROPPINGS IN WESTERN MONTANA WHICH REMIND VISITORS OF CASTLES ON THE RHINE

H. Seven letters written by Sublette to Campbell from various places in Missouri between November 2, 1835, and April 30, 1836. These letters are extraordinarily revealing about their affairs, and mountain matters generally, since the letter of September 25, 1833, described next above. The partners had reached an agreement to sell out their Missouri posts to the American Fur Company, and had afterward disposed of their second Fort William (the post founded in 1834 near the confluence of the Laramie and the Platte, usually known in history as Fort Laramie) to one of the partnerships that sprang up after the downfall of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company in 1834. Campbell had gone to the mountains in the summer of 1835 to turn over the establishment to the new owners, and during the fall, winter, and spring of 1835-36 the partners Sublette & Campbell, as we now for the first time learn from these letters, were greatly exercised over the problem of reaching a financial settlement. The letters further show that they had sold out to a firm called Fitzpatrick, Fontenelle & Company; that this firm in turn was in some fashion allied to P. Chouteau, Jr., and Company (the successor to the Western Department of the American Fur Company); and that Sublette & Campbell looked to the latter to settle the accounts. Fitzpatrick's biography has been blind on all these topics; and the history of Fort Laramie has not properly been written in this connection, either. Moreover, we learn from the letters that it was the in fall of 1835, not in 1837 as usually said, that the partners Louis Vasquez and Andrew Sublette built their Fort Vasquez, the first trading post erected on the South Platte in present Colorado, and some details of their competitive position vis-a-vis their more experienced rivals. All this is of first importance, as significant a contribution to fur trade history as anything in this collection of manuscripts. There are, moreover, many mentions of individual mountain men who in 1835-36 wintered in the States, including Henry Fraeb, Jean Baptiste Gervais, John Gray, James Vanderburg, Robert (Doctor) Newell, Milton Sublette, and many others. The letters show that Thomas Fitzpatrick came down to St. Louis in the winter of 1836; and there are many other items of information significant for the reinterpretation of fur trade history and the lives of its principal figures.

St Louis December 21 1835

Dear Campbell

On last Evening I returned from Columbia and found your letter of the 3 inst at Hand which has relieve my Mind Much as I was apreheensive from the Shortness of your previous letter you might be quite ill as I know you are all ways Capable of filling One Sheet of paper at Least and Make it Interesting to me but you fell fair Short of that in my last letter you will recolect I spoke of Visiting Columbia for the Negroes I Bought of Mrs Bunch which I have performed I left in the Stage On my arrival in Columbia I found all Cousin Willams property under Execution but his home hold furniture and he absent with his horses South, and 4 Other Executions readdy amounting to two hundred dollars to be levied On the home hold furniture and Negroes all though the Constable was aware I had purchased the Negroes they Ordered him to levy On them I reached Columbia at 12 Oclock went and took the Negroes in possion and Grace Cook Came up with a dearborn and Conveyed them to Fulton that Night On the next Morning I Visited the Dear girls and left at Nine Oclock making a Short Stay of 25 hours Relicha Ann & Mary Jane who was in Columbia all Enquired Sincerely after your health &c. God bless them all they look as Sweet as Ever, Nathaniel Wilson wishes to be Remembered, in Columbia I fell in with Underhill who was in the Stage he Staied the night before in Fayette and Spent the Evening at Mr Ryles they

Ellen
Mt Auburn
Oct 21st 1835

Robert Campbell Esq
Care of Wm. G. Hunter &c
~~Cincinnati~~
New-York

ST LOUIS
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1835

Steam Boat

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Sulphur Spring Farm January 4th 1836

Dear Robert

Yours favour of 12th Decemb is at hand it it was duely recd but I cant truely say I am Sorry you cant shake off your old friend the ague & fever which I think must be anoying to you being in the place where you are under the pitying Eye of so many fair Angels I should have written to you sooner had it not been for Solomon who could not make up his mind what course to persue but he has I believe finaly concluded and came to a determination through my influence and what you stated in your letter of comencing Business at Independence in a clothing Store and requested me to write you now to buy in the goods

He wants clothing suitable for that place which you can judge what is suitable as well as I can while [redacted] and moreso than him he also wants a tolerable assd of Shoes & Boots principally of the Coarse kind a few caps & Hats and other articles you might think would be wanting

I think some Indian goods might answer there say about fifty pair of Blankett assd Colours one piece or two of ~~Black~~ Scarlett & Saw list cloth with some other articles in that line I discover those Indians purchase considerable Made up clothing such as plain Cloaths &c ~~[illegible]~~ would want some clothing pants he thinks from fifteen hundred to three thousand Dollars will give him a tolerable assd fit as for that matter you will be able to judge best as you make the purchases Solomon will remain here a month or so &

Letter
Wm L Sublette
January 4th 1836

ST. LOUIS
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Robt Campbell Esqr
Care of Gilt Campbell & Co
Philadelphia
Penna

St Louis Mo 12th January 1836

Dear Robert

your very acceptable letter of December 2 is now at hand and fetches me the pleasing news of the Safety of our Fur and at the same time gives a short and amusing account of the fair little Angels who days has come at last Leap Year I wish I was with you I can assure you I would not take a banter all though I cant say you used that word in your last letter which I am at a loss to comprehend please make further Enquiries ~~Mr~~ I hope ~~if~~ you will not Back out from any lady that might smile on you but give her the hand of an honest Man and dont be so faint hearted,

I have just returned from Orleans office I Enquired the news from Fontinelle he said he had tried now the house was full and I said nothing more he appeared Curly friendly I have held out the Idea to some one or two that if we could not get our pay here one of us would have to go to the mountains in the Spring I think likely that will stimulate him to pay us and if he does not pay us I see no other remedy that you can think of,

On last Evening Capt Holt called on me to know if I would join him in purchasing the house he now occupies and the one Deaners Dr. they belong to Pratt there is 44 feet front 135 deep he asks 20000$ five thousand down

Robert Campbell Esqr
Care of Gillo Campbell & Co
Philadelphia
Penn

Mass
Thos Coffin
January 13th 1826

Sulphur Spring Farm Jany 30th 1836

Dear Robert

it now being some time since I wrote you I now grasp my pen to inform you that your kind and amusing letter of Christmas day with that of the 29th both came to hand on yesterday. they had been in St Louis two or three days before I got them as I have been busily engage with all my power putting up Ice and had not visited the City as usual every day the Weather the last ten days has been very Cold and remain so at present stopping the Steam Boats from running I was informed a few days since that Fontinelle had Came down as far as Fort Leavenworth and was Expected in St Louis every day and for that reason I have said nothing more about there note to Chouteau Chouteaus note & Cabenis note will both be due about the first of February and if Fontinelle dose not Come before I then will give them another round and see what they say I would have spoken to Sarpey about it before this time but he has been sick nearly ever since his return & I have seen him but one time if the Company refuse paying the note I will let them plump & plain he will have to go to the Mountains and make it there I have held out such hints all ready to one or two persons as a secret rather, I have no doubt they have heard it before now I will call on Chouteau when those notes be come due which will be in a few days and then will write you more fully Mellow & Hack is up at Mr Coots yet Solomon is in Smiths Clothing Store

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42	Campfield	1 do
43	Currants	3 dead
44	Gooseberry	4 do
6	Grapevines	6 do
Rose		1
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you Will please Get me a few More of the Best Winter fruit Trees

As Soon as I ascertain how matters Stand I Will Write you again

Our Mail Is Every irregular to this place Some times as many as three at One time which has been due Before

Yours
Wm C. Schlatter
January 30th 1856

Le ave Our Lib
to

St Louis Jany 31 1856 Since I came to St Louis I have been informed that the Parties who got in the last Evening and that they left Thomas at Bellevue who is Expected here to morrow I Will be Here as Soon as he Comes I don't Know where Robert Stay Nothing during the Evening and Saturday Mrs & Sons Attend Church Stay he has Promised Sam good & Liberty Q e for the Last I think I should like the my school Ex

Mr Robert Campbell
care of Geo Campbell & Co
Philadelphia
Pa

St Louis Mo 18th 1886

Dear Robert

I Only a few minutes before the Mail Cloases and I take this opportunity to Drop you a few lines Might before last Fontinelle Milton Hack & Fallon all arive here on yesterday Fontinelle went to the Century to see his Children I Called on Milton this Morning & told him I was Going to Write you and I wanted to know if they had Made any arangements about there notes Berry paid he said there was non as yet that he had Spoken about it to Fontinelle =ell in presents of Sarpeny and fontinelle said you had taken the advantage of Filspatrick Sold him goods that was cut to pieces by the Mice Sarpeny then ask him why he had Sellect on those Conditions and had Given his note that he Ought not make those objections now he Milton Says he thinks it will all be

Mr Robert Campbell
care of Gill Campbell & Co
Philadelphia
Penn

Mr. Robert Campbell
Ottawa Franklin

St Louis Mo April 20th 1836

Dear Robert

I have just received a few lines from Solomon stating he had expended the Capt Stewart & Sellem left here on Sunday after you they drew in Cash one hundred and fifty Dollars more and cut a eight ~~another~~ for twenty odd

there has nothing transpired since you left here worth your notice only the death of our Deputy Sheriff Hamond and Deputy Court Bull which is not expected to live they was both Sold by a free negro as they was taking him to Jail for misdemeanor Hamond died immediately and in two hours after the negro was in ashes on the cut bott of Rudy Lucas there never was such an excitement in St Louis at the time it was done and agreed to by the majority of the City and no one dare to oppose it you know I am opposed to mob but in this case I think it was the best thing that ever occured in this city I was in the century at the time all the time every thing went on quiet and the people all left without a word look in the Missouri Republican you will find a true statement of facts as near as I can learn

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Mr Robert Campbell
Independence
Jackson County Mo

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Mrs. J. Campbell
Aug. 30th 1841

New York Decr 31st. 1832

Genl. Wm H Ashley

Dr Sir

Yesterday evening we arrived in this City. and this morning have handed your letter of introduction to Messrs Wolfe Sprecs & Clarke preparatory to our purchasing our Hardware. As you suggested these gentlemen do not wish to extend the credit over twelve months. but express a willingness to supply our memorandum by having your acceptance for the amount. the goods will be sold at six Months and interest for 6 months longer —

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Hon. Wm H. Ashley

Washington City

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Dr. *The* **POST OFFICE** *at* Grand Cakatin *County of* Brown *State*
from July 1st 1839 *to* Sept 30th *to* 1839

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2	To postage of unpaid letters received from other offices this quarter,	1	31¼
3	To postage of way letters received at this office ditto,		
4	To postage of letters undercharged from other offices, ditto,		
5	To postage of ship letters at 6 cents each, originally received at this office for delivery,	—	12½
	To postage of packet letters received at this office for this delivery,		
	To postage of steam boat letters, do. do. do.		
6	To postage of paid letters sent from this office this quarter,		25
		$1	68¾
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Post Master.

Alexander Grignon

AUGUSTIN GRIGNON

VIEW OF PRESENT GRIGNON HOME

Saint Louis 30 January 1840

Geo. T. M. Davis Esqr
Attorney.

Dear Sir.

Your of 28. with receipt & statement of a/c relating to the matter of T. A. Griffith for S. Boat Pavilion vs. Tanner is at hand this morning –

We have no knowledge particularly of the case, but are satisfied that you decided wisely in settling it as stated –

Capt. Griffith is not at present here –

In conformity with your permission we have this day drawn for the balance $216.$\frac{81}{100}$, in favor of J. S. Homans Esqr Cashr., which please honor. & believe us very truly yours &c

Chouteau & Mackenzie
per Wm. Clapp

C Houteau & McKenzie
February 1 1840 –

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George T. M. Davis Esq
Alton
Illinois

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The United States

To I. Moore Dr.

		$	c.
1836.	For ½ Ream of writing paper 1 quire folio post paper 6 quires of envelopping paper 100 quills 2 papers of ink powder and two pencils for the use of the Indian agency at Prairie du Chien	9	00
	I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just; and that the articles above stated were necessarily required for the purpose above stated. I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut Geo. Wilson A. A. Q. Master, military disbursing agent for the Indian department to pay to I Moore the sum of Nine Dollars in full thereof, out of the Contingent fund Z. Taylor Col, U.S. army Actg. U.S. In Agent		
	$	9	00

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Received, Ft Crawford W. T. Nov. 21st 1836 of Lieut George Wilson, A. Q. M. & A. A. Quarter-Master United States' Army, nine Dollars and ——— Cents in full of the above account.

(Signed Duplicates.) I. Moore

FORT CRAWFORD,W.T. 1836.

Voucher for writing supplies for the Indian Agency at Prairie du Chien, in the amount of nine dollars. Signed by Col. Zachary Taylor as acting U.S. Indian Agent, dated at Fort Crawford, W.T. Nov. 21, 1836.

Stanley, Del. Sarony, Major & Knapp Lith. 449 Broadway N.Y.

FORT OKINAKANE.

1841

Saint Louis Feby 6. 1841.

Mr. Robert Campbell

Dear Sir

Your favour of Baltimore 22nd and also of Philad.a 25th ult.o were duly received. Your directions in regard to making application for Open policy and effecting insurance on $3.378.26 Merchandise from Baltimore to this place was attended to immediately. We are also in receipt of Messrs H & A Campbell & Co: favor of Jany 18th in which they say the bag of Gold containg $540.56 said to be put in a keg with Specie which we shipped per S.B. Alton Nov. 14th was not in either keg.

We have made no enquiry at the Bank as yet as we expected you could inform them as to whether it had been shipped.

Mr. Sublette says that you mentioned something to him about a bag of Gold but cannot recollect what it was, & as you have said nothing about it in either of your letters we refrained from communicating the occurrence to the Cashier of our Bank until we should hear from you respecting it.

Mr. Sublette says in reply to H. & A. C. & Co. favor of 25th Jany relative to securing the amt. of their debt of the Assignees of Gov. Boggs that he will use every means in his power to effect an arrangement, but is very doubtful that but little can be done. He is not aware of what proposals Boone & Hamilton may have made the assignees but he will write & ascertain and then will be able to give his views clearly on the subject & advise them of what steps have been taken.

Nothing of much interest has occurred since you left we have had several remittances some of which were rather unexpected but nevertheless very acceptable, and we hope there may be a further continuance although we can scarcely expect it

Mr. Robert Campbell
Care of Messrs H & A Campbell & Co
94 Market Street
Philadelphia

2/1841

Red River December 27. 1829

Mr Jos. Nagard & Co.
St Genevieve

Gentlemen

I here make you my Proposition that is I will take all the Company's Business here under those Conditions that you will Credit the Company with $2300.00 and the Fire Boat and What she Cost and also no interest on interest and also on Goods that Cost 16⅔ p.ct from the Begining of this Company in this Contra untill to be Down to Give you my Note or Notes if you agree to this you will immediately let me know Retard not Fordoing so My Reasons for making you those Propositions is that if we Brake up here this spring the loss will be Grater than you have any Expectation as I am Determined to Break up here if those Propositions is not assented to As it is impossible to Collect Credit here in Winter and the time will be too Short in the Spring to Collect any thing or any Part of them and then they will be as Good as lost Money and if we brake up here the goods and other things will have to be throwd on your Hands or dispose of them at a Grate loss therefore Consider this Well. If you dont agree to this I am afraid that it will be a hard settlement between us as I am determined to See the Company Writes think not to Pass over Many Thing Pennotice such as the Flour that that I asked to C. F. Keyte the Company is not to Suffer for Negligence

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P A Tarineu
27th December 1828
Recd 20th Jany 1829
to Menard & Valle

Rec 20th Jany 1829

Messrs Menard & Valle
Ste Genevieve

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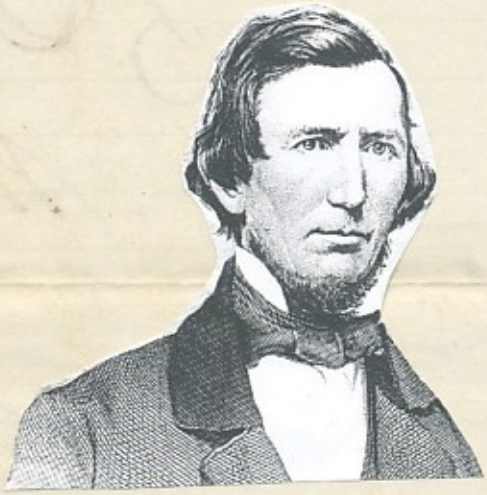
Messrs Chouteau and McKenzie

Gentlemen

Will you please deliver the inclosed letters to Mr Geo Davenport if he has not left the City but if he has you will please be ok open the envelope and please deliver the letters

Yours Respectfully
Geo L Davenport for
Davenport & Le Claire



Geo. L. Davenport

Antoine Le claire.

Rock Island
1st Augt 1824

O. H. Bostwick Esqr

Dear Sir

During the time I have been at the lead mines this Summer there as been several valuable discoveries made, I have not been able to secure any of them as Government requires security of Ten thousand dollars to secure the ten pr Cent. I cannot perceive the intention of Government in requiring such large bonds to secure such a small amount as Ten pr Cent. the regulation requires the pr Cent to be payed every month — by this means no large amount can be due Government Will you have the good nes to be coming security for the ten pr Cent to enable me to take possession of a good discovery when I have the opportunity and be assured you will have no difficulty —

Mr Strawne will procure a Blank Bond from Majr Craig — who will give you all the information respecting the mines

Respectfully your Obt Servt

Geo Davenport

Sac & Fox Agency 6 Sep. 1839.

Dr. Thomas,

I recd. your last letter, for which I am thankfull to you, and will write to Mr. Mechlin about the Post Office. I suspect that my enemies finding me beyond their reach, will try to do you some harm if possible. You are capable of withstanding them if you can keep cool and temperate. I fear nothing else for you.

Your situation is something similar to mine a little earlier in life. Surrounded by enemies — most unblushing scoundrels — yet, I kept cool, temperate, — and defeated them all, at the risque of my life, and came out of the scrape with many tried, and lasting friends. Dorseman has come out with Missouri Republican, and I replied in the same paper, the 13th of Augt. How pitifull is Boyd's pen!! — He mistakes my appeal to him entirely. I alluded to Netherlorehaugh's declaring that Cameron had brought 60,000$ to Prairie du Chien, and that Boyd heard him say so. He, with an important allusion to me, declares he never told me so. And Marsh's denial is somewhat astonishing. I believed Marsh a honest correct man, but he is like the rest. I will not be certain. He said he heard Broadheads soliloquy — but he told me that Broadhead said it in the presence of one of Taintor's Boarders. Possibly you can find out who it was. May be Elias Thomas.

Dorseman is a wolfish dog, and will deceive Fleming if he is not guarded.

I suspect Majr. Hitchcock is at Fort Winnebago, on a court martial, and will be at Prairie du Chien. He is a sterling man and can be depended on.

From what source could Dorseman obtain the remark as to my expecting the Comr. appointment. I never did, nor could any thing I

Free Street
1839

David Street

Mt Pleasant Ia.
Sept 24 } 1839

Mr Thomas P. Street Postmaster

Prairie du Chien

Wisconsin Territory

1839

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Mendota, June 5th 1849 –

Mr Mackenzie,

I regret exceedingly to learn of the heavy misfortune which has befallen you in being burnt out, but in the absence of all information on that point, I cannot but hope that you were fully insured, and will therefore suffer no other loss than a temporary suspension of your business.

I am desirous of purchasing the Baker property near the Fort, this is in a very dilapidated and forlorn condition just now, and it appears to me far more desirable that it should be sold at a moderate rate, than to leave it to destruction. I think, if you are authorized to sell it, and will give a warrantee deed, so as to secure it against any future demands on the part of Baker's heirs, which I suppose you can do as trustee of the estate, that the claim would be worth from 600 to 800., and if you are disposed to entertain an offer for it, I wish you to let me know without delay what is the very lowest sum you will take for it. In making up your mind, you must not forget, that the whole property is only held by sufferance, and that the value is very much diminished by the fact that no fee simple title can be given. It can be turned into a comfortable private residence by the expenditure of several hundred dollars, and my object is to secure it for that purpose for a friend of mine, if it can be purchased on the terms proposed. Write me as soon as possible, and if you are authorized to dispose of it, do not make other disposition of it until you hear from me.

Yours sincerely

H H Sibley

Kenneth Mackenzie Esq.
St Louis

1849
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H H Sibley Esq

Know all men by these Presents, That I Duncan Graham, of St. Peters, Iowa Territory, have made, nominated, constituted and appointed, and by presents do make, nominate, constitute and appoint Saml. C. Stambaugh, of Fort Snelling, my true and lawful attorney, for me & in my name, to present my claim for depredations committed by a war party of Sac & Winnebago Indians, amounting to ten thousand & forty eight dollars, to the Secretary of War & if necessary to the Congress of the United States, for the purpose of obtaining payment of the same, either from the United States or out of any monies which may be due to the Indian tribes, whose bands were engaged in committing the depredations. And upon the amount of my claim, or any part thereof, being allowed by the government of the United States or in any manner ordered to be paid, my said attorney is hereby fully authorised & empowered to sign for me & in my name, all or any receipt or acquittances as may be required for the same, when he receives the amount which may be allowed as aforesaid from any agent or officer of the United States. - Hereby ratifying & confirming whatever my said attorney may or shall do in the premises, by virtue of these presents.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my

hand & seal this 25th day of October, A. D. 1838.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in the presence of
Alexis Bailly
~~John Lowe~~

Duncan Graham (Seal)

Letter of Atty
Duncan Graham
to
Saml. C. Stinchcomb
Oct. 25, 1838.

Separation Claim.

NEW-YORK, March 16, 1857.

Since our last Circular of the 14th February, the Market has undergone several important changes, which we would have noticed earlier, had we believed that they were likely to remain for any length of time. How long the present state of our Market will hold out we are at a loss to determine, yet think that before the result of the London Market sales is known, no further depreciation or advance is likely to take place.

MINK—Have been slowly and steadily declining in the estimation of buyers, and a gradual reduction in prices is perceptible. This is not only the case with ordinary Western, but fine selected dark Northern, that are at all times desirable, have also been effected—any further depreciation we do not expect.

RED FOX.—This article, unlike the foregoing one, has been steadily improving in price, and in the estimation of most buyers, and the prices we are now paying bid fair to remain fixed, at least, until sales of this article shall have been effected abroad and the result of the same is here known.

OPOSSUM.—An unexpected demand has arisen for this article, and the anxiety of manufacturers to get an early stock of goods ready appears to be the cause of the sudden advance ; it is also generally believed that the collection will be very short.

RACCOONS—Appear to have the confidence of shippers, and the medium and lower grades appear to be doing better even than last year.

MUSTRAT.—Spring Skins are making their appearance in Market, and well-handled Northern readily bring 25c.

FISHER, Martin, Wild Cat, Gray Fox and other Furs remain unaltered.

In about two weeks we hope to impart to you the result of the London sales, together with our views as to their effect on our Market.

We again annex our quotations, with the alterations made, and you will please note. For *Prime* Skins, as follows :

SILVER FOX, according to size and color,	From	$20.00 to	$60.00
OTTER, Northen and Eastern, and North Western,	"	3.00 to	3.50
" Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio and Western,	"	2.50 to	3.00
" Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia and vicinity,	"	2.00 to	3.00
" North and South Carolina, and Georgia,	"	2.00 to	2.25
FISHER, Northern and Eastern, accor'g to size and color,	"	3 00 to	6.00
" Penn. Ohio and Southern " " "	"	2.00 to	4.50
BEAR, Northern, " " "	"	6.00 to	15.00
" Southern, " " "	"	2.00 to	6.00
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WOLF SKINS,			
CROSS FOX, Northern and Eastern, acc			
" Pennsylvania, New Jersey			
RED FOX, Northern and Eastern,			
" Southern N. Y. Penn. N. Je			
" Southern and Western,			
GREY FOX, Northern and Eastern,			
" Southern and Western,			
BEAVER, Northern, Parchment, per lb			
" Southern, and ordinary,			

MINK, N. Y. and Eastern, according to size and color,		$2.00 to	$3.00
MINK, New Jersey, Penn., Ohio, Mich,, Ind., Ill., Wis. and Iowa, according to size and color,	From	1.75 to	$2.25
MINK, Maryl'd, Va Kent'y and Mo. " "	"	1.00 to	2.00
" North Carolina and Tennessee, " "	"	.75 to	1.50
" South Carolina, Geo Fla. and Ala. " "	"	.60 to	1.25
WILD CAT Northern and Eastern States,	"	.60 to	.75
" Southern and Western,	"	.40 to	.50
RACCOON, Michigan, Northern Indiana, Indian handled,	"	1.00 to	1.25

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You should at all times place your name and postoffice address on tag and inside of each and every shipment. In a great many instances when shipments are received, tags are torn off, and if you should place your name and address inside of each and every shipment it avoids all mistakes. And advise us by mail of the number of different kinds of furs you have shipped; and by following the above instructions we can make you prompt returns for every shipment made us. We have large demands for furs from all sections of the United States, Canada and Mexico. We have inquiries from abroad from foreign manufacturers for all grades of raw furs. The mantle houses are using Skunk, Coon, Oppossum, Mink, and Otter for trimming quite largely, therefore we are enabled to pay good stiff prices for same. We are located in the center of the great fur producing country of the North, East, South and West, so we can more readily reach our customers. We are able to invoice Blue Pelts well furred at a good price, as we find in some instances that they are worth mo than prime skins. Marten, Otter, Beaver and Skunk are in good demand in France. We have a specia demand for Foxes, Bear, Lynx and Prairie Wolves, Timber Wolves, Otter. Fisher, Beaver, Cross Fox and Marten. 700,000 MINK, COON, OPOSSUM and SKUNK, WANTED AT ONCE, and we will agree to pay good stiff prices for same, both prime and blue pelts.

☞Any of our customers desiring any information on any particular class of furs write us and we will give our best opinion and will also inform our friends of changes in the market value of furs. By operating with us they may consider themselves safely posted. Buyers to operate safely in furs should make frequent shipments. By so doing you will always be safely posted. Losses are generally made by holding too long. The main difficulty in our business arises from persons who ship to us, that do not know the value or condition of skins. Those who know values are always satisfied with our prices.

We will now inform our friends and customers of the amount of goods offered at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sales. The sales took place June 12, 13 and 14, 1893:

Raccoon	119,064	Red Fox	25,685
Skunk	161,885	Cross Fox	475
Opossum	97,129	Silver Fox	53
Mink	37,958	Badger	939
Muskrat	198,249	Civit Cat	4,918
Otter	468	Wild Cat (advanced 35 per cent.)	2,452
Beaver	918	House Cat	4,690
Fisher	681	Black Bear	1,403
Lynx	875	Brown Bear	252
Marten	4,845	Grizzly Bear	81
Stone Marten	1,033	Wolf	8,890
Baum Marten	77	Grey Fox	10,656
Marten Tails	4,100	Kitt Fox	204
Stone Marten Tails	1,008	Fur Seal	623

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REMARKS.

DEAR SIR:—Permit us to hand you our regular Price List, which, as usual, is carefully gotten up, giving you reliable and trustworthy information.

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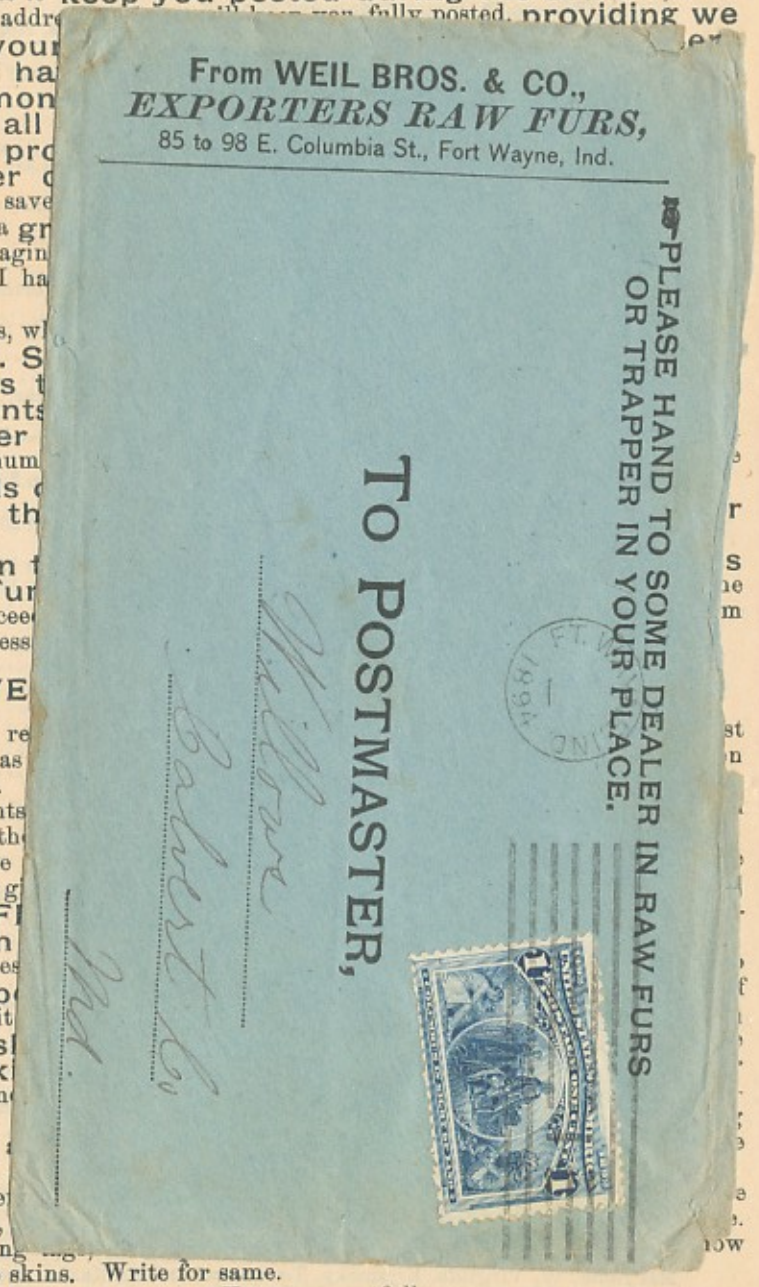

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The White National Bank this City.
or any Bank or legitimate Business House in the United States

JANUARY 15, 1894.

Raw Furs

Our Quotations are for full furred, large No. 1 Skins, unless otherwise stated For lower grades, small sizes, poorly-furred and poor colors we allow full value to us. We guarantee these prices until March 20 about which time we issue our last circular for this season.

Raw Furs

BEAR—Black.		
Eastern, Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Northern and Northwestern and similar, fine, silky	$40 00 to	$60 00
Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and similar, fine, silky	35 00 to	50 00
Rocky Mountain and Central Pacific Coast	30 00 to	45 00
Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Indian Territory and similar	20 00 to	25 00
GRIZZLY.		
Value as to size, general beauty and color	30 00 to	45 00
BROWN AND CINNAMON.		
Large and fine	20 00 to	40 00
RED FOX.		
Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Dakota, Idaho and Northern Pacific Coast, and similar	2 50 to	3 00
New York, Eastern Canada, Northern Michigan, Northern Wisconsin, Lake Superior, Minnesota and Northeastern	2 50 to	3 00
Northern and Central Ohio, Northern and Central Indiana, Northern and Central Illinois, Northern Pennsylvania, and similar	1 50 to	2 00
Southern Michigan, Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois, Southern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and similar	1 50 to	2 00
Kentucky, Missouri and Southwestern	1 50 to	2 00
Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama and similar	1 50 to	1 75
GREY FOX.		
Wisconsin, Michigan, Northern and Central Ohio, Northern and Central Indiana, Lake Superior and Northeastern	1 25 to	1 75
New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Southern Ohio, Southern Indiana, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Oregon, Central Pacific Coast and similar	1 25 to	1 75
Missouri, Kentucky, Indian Territory, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Arkansas, New Mexico, Tennessee and similar	1 25 to	1 50
Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and similar	1 00 to	1 25
SILVER FOX.		
As to size and color, also for beauty and richness of fur, dark	75 00 to	200 00
" " " " " " " " pale	20 00 to	60 00
CROSS FOX.		
As to size and color, and for beauty and richness of fur, dark	10 00 to	20 00
" " " " " " " " pale	4 00 to	8 00
TIMBER WOLF.		
Montana, Idaho, Washington and similar	4 00 to	6 00
Colorado, Wyoming, Rocky Mountains and Central Pacific Coast	4 00 to	5 00
PRAIRIE WOLF OR COYOTE.		
Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Washington and Northwestern	1 50 to	2 50
Colorado, Wyoming, Rocky Mountains and Central Pacific Coast	1 50 to	2 00
Kansas, Nebraska, Southern Pacific Coast and similar	1 00 to	1 50
LYNX.		
Eastern Canada, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and similar	5 00 to	6 00
WILD CAT.		
New York, Pennsylvania, Canada, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and similar	1 00 to	1 50
Texas, N. Mexico, Tennessee, Arkansas, Indian Territory and similar	75 to	1 50
RACCOON—Black.		
Value for general beauty, also for size and richness, good colors	3 00 to	6 00
Canada, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Northern Ohio, Northern Indiana and similar, good colors	1 25 to	1 50
New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Eastern Nebraska, Dakota, Northern and Central Illinois, Central Indiana, Iowa, Northern Missouri and similar, good colors	1 25 to	1 50
Oregon, Washington, Northern Pacific Coast, Northern Pennsylvania and similar, good colors	1 25 to	1 50
Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, good colors	1 10 to	1 25
Southern Missouri, Kansas and similar, good colors	1 10 to	1 25
Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas and similar	80 to	1 10
Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida and Texas	75 to	1 10
WILD RABBITS.—Whole skins (Ship by freight)	01 to	02

Our prices we guarantee until March 20th, BUT WE URGE SHIPPERS TO SEND THEIR FURS FORWARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE as the last day that we have for shipping from here to the London March Sales is February 14TH.

Remember our prices are good until March 20th, but we ask our shippers as a SPECIAL FAVOR TO HURRY as much OF THEIR FUR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE, and as fast AS POSSIBLE, as we desire to get our shipments forward to the MARCH SALES as early as possible.

Read our Price List and enclosed circular carefully, and you will ship to no other firm. Send for our Special Private Cable Report of the January Sales.

WOLVERINE.		
As to size and color, also for richness of fur	$5 00 to	$10 00
BADGER.		
From all sections, full furred	1 50 to	2 50
SKUNK—Black.		
Minnesota and far Northern	2 50 to	3 00
Canada, New York, New Jersey, Northern and Central Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and similar	2 00 to	2 50
Northern and Central Indiana, Northern and Central Illinois, Northern Missouri and Iowa	2 00 to	2 50
Southern Illinois Southern Indiana, Kentucky, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kansas and similar	1 60 to	2 00
Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Arkansas, and similar	1 50 to	1 75
Indian Territory and similar, average, free of trash	40 to	75

(Above Quotations are for Fine Black Skunk. Short narrow and broad striped at full value.)
We pay extra prices for large Iowa, Minnesota and similar large Skunk.

MINK—Dark.		
New Jersey, New York, Eastern, Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin and far Northern	2 00 to	3 00
Minnesota, Dakota, Northern Pennsylvania and similar	2 00 to	3 00
Oregon, Washington, Northern Pacific Coast and similar	1 75 to	2 50
Northern and Central Ohio, Northern and Central Indiana, Northern and Central Illinois, Northern Iowa, Northern Missouri	1 50 to	2 00
Southern Ohio, Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois, Southern Iowa and similar	1 50 to	1 75
Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Southwestern	1 25 to	1 75
Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and similar	1 25 to	1 50

MUSKRATS.	No. 1. OR SPRING.	2. OR WINTER.	3. OR FALL.	4. OR KITS.
New York New Jersey, Canada, Eastern, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin	23 to 25	16 to 20	12 to 16	3
Maryland, Virginia, W. Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and similar	23 to 25	16 to 20	12 to 16	3
Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and similar	22 to 23	14 to 18	11 to 15	3
Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, and similar	22 to 23	14 to 18	11 to 15	3

☞ We pay extra prices for Black Muskrats.

OPOSSUM.		
Cased Northern	35 to	50
Cased Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and similar	30 to	40
HOUSE CAT.—Black	25 to	40
Sundry colors	10 to	20
MARTEN.		
Dark from all sections	3 00 to	5 00
Pale and all sections	1 50 to	2 00
FISHER.		
Eastern, Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Lake Superior and far Northern, dark	8 00 to	20 00
Northern Pacific Coast and similar, dark	7 00 to	15 00
OTTER—Dark.		
Eastern, Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Lake Superior, Northeastern and far Northern	11 00 to	15 00
Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and similar Northwestern	10 00 to	15 00
Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa and Southwestern	10 00 to	13 00
Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Indian Territory and similar	10 00 to	13 00
Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and similar	10 00 to	12 00
SEA OTTER	100 00 to	300 00
BEAVER—Per Skin.		
Eastern, Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Lake Superior, far Northern and similar	12 00 to	15 00
Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Indian Territory and Southwestern	12 00 to	15 00
Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and similar	10 00 to	12 00
BEAVER CASTORS.—Dry per lb	12 00 to	15 00
BEESWAX.—Ship by freight, Prime Yellow per lb	25 to	28
GINSENG.—Large root.—Canada and Eastern per lb	3 75 to	4 00
Ohio, Indiana, Mich, Minn, Wisconsin and similar per lb	3 25 to	3 50
Maryland, W. Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and similar per lb	3 00 to	3 50

(Take roots off of strings before Shipping.)

SHEEP PELTS.—Wool estimated per lb	18 to	20

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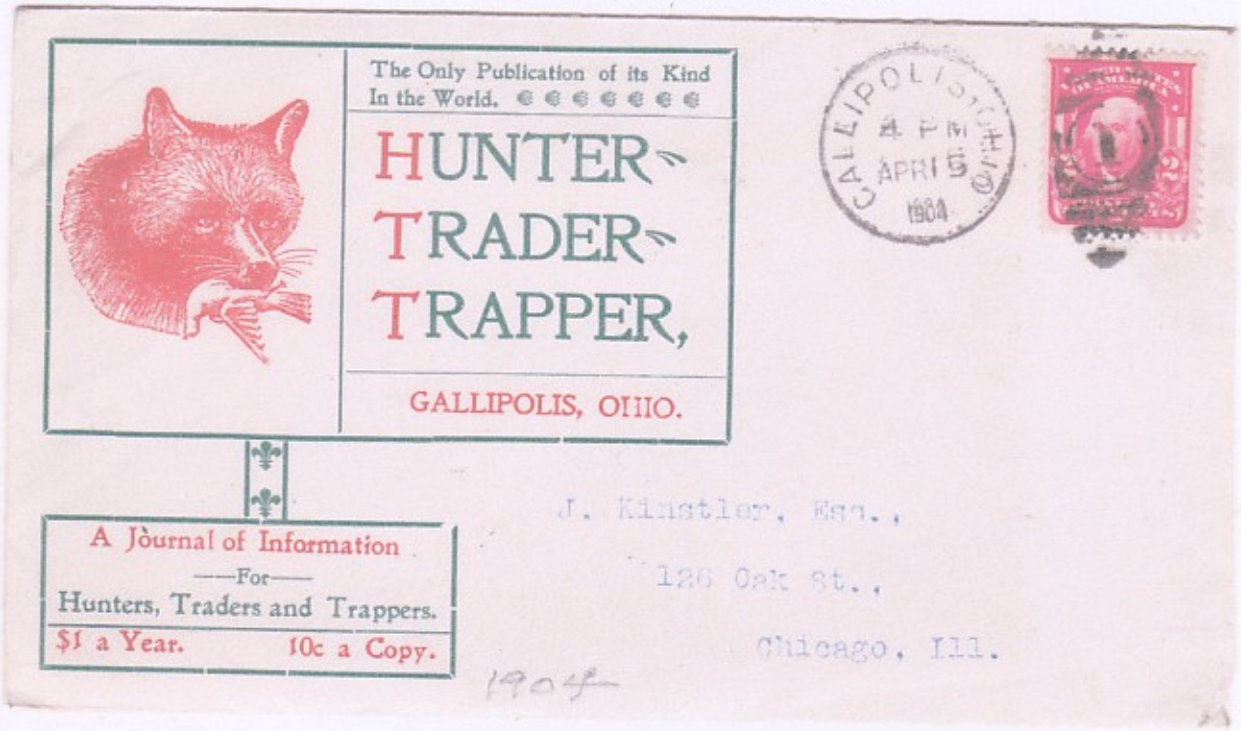

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I am paying the following prices for Furs until January 1st, 1892, only :—

		No. 1 LARGE.	No. 1 MEDIUM.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Raccoon,	Black and extra dark, From $1.50 to $5.00.					
"	Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan	$1.10 to $1.35	$ .75 to $ .80	$ .40 to $ .50	$ .25 to $ .30	$ .10 to $ .12
"	Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska and Northern Illinois	.85 " 1.00	.50 " .60	.35 " .40	.20 " .25	.10
"	Central Illinois, Northern Missouri and similar	.65 " .75	.50 " .57	.35 " .40	.15 " .20	.10
"	Southern Illinois, Southern Missouri, N. Ark., Indian Ty.	.55 " .60	.40 " .50	.35 " .40	.15 " .20	.10
Mink,	Lake Superior, Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota	1.50 " 2.50	1.00 " 1.25	.50 " .70	.30 " .40	.10 " .20
"	Northern and Central Illinois, Missouri, S. Iowa, Kansas	.85 " 1.00	.55 " .60	.40 " .45	.20 " .25	.10 " .12
"	Southern Illinois, S. W. Missouri, Northern Arkansas	.75 " .85	.50 " .55	.35 " .40	.15 " .20	.10
	Extra dark Minks, prime and large, from all sections	1.25 " 2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fox, Red,	Montana, Oregon, Wisconsin and Minnesota	2.00 " 2.50	1.50 " 2.00	1.00 " 1.50	.50 " .60	.25 " .30
"	Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas	1.15 " 1.25	.80 " .90	.60 " .65	.30 " .35	.10 " .20
Fox, Grey,	Missouri and North Western	.75 " .80	.55 " .60	.40 " .50	.20 ", .25	.10
Opossum,	From all sections, Prime	.20 " .30	.15 " .18	.05 " .10	worthless	worthless.
Otter.	Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, N. Missouri and Kansas	8.00 " 12.00	6.00 " 8.00	4.00 " 5.00	2.00 " 3.00	1.00 " 1.50
"	Southern and South Western	6.00 " 7.50	5.00 " 6.00	3.00 " 4.00	2.00 " 2.50	1.00
Beaver,	Northern and North Western	9.00 " 13.00	6.00 " 8.00	5.00 " 6.00	3.00 " 4.00	1.50 " 2.50
"	South and South Western	6.00 " 8.00	4.00 " 5.00	3.00 " 4.00	2.00 " 2.50	1.00 " 1.50
		Large Black.	Black Medium	Short Stripe.	Narrow Stripe.	Broad Stripe,
Skunk,	Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Eastern States	$1.50 to $2.00	$1.25 to $1.50	$ .80 to $1.00	$ .50 to $ .70	$ .20 to $ .25
"	Northern Missouri, N. and Cen. Illinois, Iowa, Kansas	1.20 " 1.35	1.00 " 1.20	.70 " .80	.45 " .65	.15 " .20
"	Southern Illinois, Central and Southwest Missouri	1.10 " 1.25	1.00 " 1.10	.70 " .75	.45 " .55	.15 " .20
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WHITEHALL, ILLINOIS.

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on your furs, since all consign-

uary, 1, 1892. Other dealers are
notations they send you.
shipments to me.
e fur trade.

Return to T. ABRAHAMS,
WHITE HALL, Greene Co., Ills.,
If not delivered within 10 days.

WHITEHALL, DEC 1891 ILL.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE ONE 1 CENT

H. C. Bagby
Pittsfield
Ills

Inclosing Enclosure

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1838

Mr "American Fur Company"
St Louis To Duff Green Dr

For subscription to the U. S Telegraph & ~~Reformer~~ ending
on the 1 day of Mar 1835 as per bill rendered $36.75

Washington City April 30. 1838

Sir

I take the liberty to hand you again a statement of the amount due me on your subscription. I have published the paper at a great sacrifice of health time and money.

The balance due me consisting in small sums, is scattered over so large a tract of country that I cannot call personaly for. I must therefore rely chiefly on the honor and honesty of those who owe me. These balances when added together make so large a sum that I cannot relinquish them. I hope that an appeal to your honor as a gentleman will not be in vain

Please to remit by mail to this place and oblige

Yours

D. Green

Mr. Pre Chouteau
Agt. Am. Fur Co
St Louis Mo.

Charles L. Hughes
Galena Jun 9. 1838
Recd — " 16 —
Lead —

Charles L. H.

1846

Galena Ill. Nov 23d 1846

Messrs P. Chouteau Jr & Co
St Louis Mo.

Gentlemen.

I have this day given Messrs McClosky & Patton a draft at one day, on you for One hundred & Twenty Eight dollars, it being for freight due St Bt "Argo" as per Mr. Bowmans receipt given for us, Three days ago Mr Sibley passed thro here on his way East, and as I have been informed, will not return for some two months, We have just arrived here and have in a few moments, Snow 2 inches deep & growing cold

Yours truly
Wm Rich

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A. M. Rice

Galena 23 Novem 1826

Received 30 " "

Answered 3 Decem "

Maj. J. Bonneville &c

Left Town

Ills

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Raleigh Oct 13th 1841

I always afford me great pleasure to receive your letters, I am glad to find by your last that you are still well and hap[illegible] I have been uneasy about you for the last month or so, I can not help having my fears in regard to the location of St Louis, I presume Mac[illegible]ellors has arrived before this, the Doctor and Mr M Peters have been at home about ten days Margaret Ann is here expecting to be confined every day she is in very delicate health has a very bad cough, she was very ill when she first arrived but is much better now, I am now living at Brother Simpsons comfortably fixed in my own little room as formerly where I hope to pass a pleasant winter in retirement, I have no prospect at present of going to Richmond and no wish to go any where in the world under all existing circumstances, I had a sale as was contemplated, but did not sell near all my furniture &c I was not willing to have anything sacrificed, so I got Mr Brown to buy in such things as was likely to go too low, Dr McKee bought the large bedstead I had packed away so long, he gave fifty dollars for it the price I had fixed upon it, I would most willingly have given it to you, but thought it would cost almost as much as it was worth to get it to St Louis.

Little Judy is still my little pet and bedfellow, we have a lonely chat every morning about Mr Robert Jane & Young Lee (Young), she says she loves Mr Robert Jane best of all her kin folks except body or, and I love dearly to hear her talk about you the remembers you both perfectly, I have been uneasy lately and about it to attend to it and I place you I take great pride in my [illegible] it is my [illegible] I was taste. I a present from Mrs McD. Told me about the bags I sent the other times were rather given them to Mr [illegible] you did, that it time sent it to me I kept it myself I am very glad you gave Mrs Freeman a little [illegible] give my [illegible] [illegible] love to all

if he does not get into business and can not pay me I can wait with him until he can and if he never can it will not make the least differ-ence as I am willing to divide the last dollar I have in the world with him and his family if necessary — I still have Caroline with me, I thought it was best not to put her out, as I do not know how long it will be before Mr Campbell would like to have them sent

Doctor Gilliam died at the Missouri Lodge which I believe his account to be a very fair one. I feel so much grieved at his death

Mrs Malcolm Campbell
care of Mr Malcolm G Campbell
St Louis
Missouri

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Mrs. Malcolm

St Louis, and she is just at an age now to be contami-nated by hearing her out, I have placed Hazlett with Jim-my Levy' wife to nurse her child, just that he may be learn-ing something, Simeon is still in the country, and they was good enough to send Ben back to the same place, I hope my much beloved son in law does not think any thing of my not answering his letters individually when I write to you, I mean it just as much for him as for you for I now consider you as one. May you both ever be as happy in each others love, as I now believe you are, is the prayer of your devoted mother

To the Honorable John Scott Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Loudoun. Shews your Orator Ludwell Luckett, by his Bill of Complaint against Barton Richards, and Mary Hereford, William Hereford, Thomas Hereford, Minerva Hereford and Esther Melora Hereford infants & Esther Hereford, Thomas A Hereford and Margaret his wife and Frances Sublette, that in filing his original Bill his Attorney overlooked the fact that the Law applicable to these cases requires that "those who would be Heirs to the estates" of said infants if they were dead shall be made parties. That there are Esther Hereford the mother of said infants; Margaret Hereford intermarried with her cousin Thomas A Hereford and Frances Sublette, who intermarried with William Sublette* but is now a widow: adopting therefore in all respects the original Bill as a part of this Amended Bill, Your Orator prays that the said Esther Hereford, the said Thomas A Hereford and Margaret A. his wife, and the said Frances Sublette

* Wm. L. Sublette married Frances Hereford Mar 21, 1844. W.L.S. died July 23, 1845. Frances married W.L.S.'s brother Solomon Sublette in May 1848. Solomon died Aug 21, 1857 & Francis on Sept. 28, 1857.

* Partner in fur trade firm of Smith, Jackson & Sublette.

Lucketts
to
Richards

Chas. Lee

To
Thos. J. Rose Esq.
Leesburg
Loudoun County
Virginia

PAID

MAR 25

Lett. Smith
Atty
Leesburg

1848-1881

Lemon Parker Wm P Tilton Lewis Lane, Gove Thos
Douglas Stephens Charles Caleb trading under the firm
& style of "The Galena Mining Compy"

vs.

William Sublette. Circuit Court

Lemon Parker one of the above named plaintiffs being duly sworn on his oath doth say that William Sublette the above named defendant is justly indebted to the plaintiffs in the sum of One hundred & sixty two dollars fifty cents — by his promissory note in writing under his hand. That said Sublette is an inhabitant of the Territory of Michigan out of this State — & that he cannot personally be served with process issuing from the courts of this State. And further that at the time of contracting said debt said defendant was a resident of this State. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th day of March 1829

14. March 1829. Lemon Parker
Sworn to and filed one of the firm of The Galena Mining Company
Atto Mun Black

holden. Now if the said plaintiffs shall prosecute their suit with effect or in case of failure therein shall shall well and truly pay & satisfy the said defendt all such costs in said suit — and such damages as shall be awarded against the said plaintiffs their or either of them heirs executors or administrators in any suit or suits which

shall arise hereafter be brought for recovering any part of the land aforesaid — to be used & claimed as aforesaid in fee & effect

Witness our hands & seals

Witness present

Elias Jones

1834

Prairie des Chiens 10th December 1834

Messrs. Pratte, Chouteau & Co.
St. Louis

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed herein you will find Lieut. Wm. L. Harris' draft at sight on Major J. B. Brant of your place for Fifteen hundred & fifty nine Dollars - which please collect & Cr. Western Outfits 1834

Respectfully Yours
T. L. Dousman
for Western Outfits

Prairie du Chien 2d Jany. 1856

Warner Lewis Esq.
U. S. Surveyor Genl. for the
States of Iowa & Wisconsin
Dubuque

Sir,

Many of the Citizens of this place are very desirous of having the following described Lands Surveyed with a view of their being brot. into market & the title to them acquired under the Laws of the Govt. — By reference to the Plats in your Office, you will see that none of these Lands have ever been Surveyed or noticed in any way by the U. S. Surveyors — These Lands are all more or less subject to overflow every Spring from the Mississippi River, & can only be Surveyed in the Winter when the River is frozen over & the present is a very favorable time for doing it correctly & for this reason it is very desireable that the Survey should be made at once —

I beg leave to recommend to your Consideration Mr. Ira P. Brunson, the County Surveyor of our County, as a suitable person to make the Survey & if you so direct him, he will make it at once without any charge to the Govt. Your early attention to this will confer a favor on,

Yours Very Respy

H. L. Dousman

(over)

Memorandum of Goods for F. Steele
Sutter at Fort Snelling

2 Bags of Shot No 7. 6 do No 6 10 do No 5.
10 do " " 4 10 do 3. 6 do 2
4 " " do 1. 2 " " BB.
10 Kegs IF. IF. IF. Dupont Powder best quality
4 Cases Cheese good, 12 Boxes Soap. Bro
25 Boxes Raisins. 10 Galls. Sam. Oil in tin Can
1/2 doz Candle Moulds (say 12 each)
50 prs, Kip Brogans. 24 prs, Chil. Leathers, Boots,
6 " fine Ladies Kid, Slips, say No 2. 2. 1 1/2.
1 doz. pr, Course, Satinette Pants, cheap
6 Boxes, large size Clay Pipes
1 pc. Bleached Linen Sheeting
1 Mahogany Beaureau, 1 Cherry Cupboard
1/2 doz fine Chairs 1 Settee to match
1 Bed Stead. 1 Cooking Stove with utensials
4 doz Opedeldoc. 3 Bbls. Almonds
200 lbs. Codfish, 1 doz pt. Bots. Macco bag Snuff
1 Frock Coat for Saml. Findley. Garette
Coulor with a Velvet Collar. size No 16 or 17
cost. will say $28. or $30. 200 lbs Dam Figs

Copied

To Stubs
order
for Sundries

Messrs. Baker & Dillon

In acct with A W. Kittson do.

1839.			
Augt. 27.	To 12 pr. Needles 2.25. 5 pr. Box Segars $7.50.		$9.75
31	" 1 Bag Coffee 173 lb @ 18¾ c.		32.44
Sept. 1	" 6 Boxes Matches 2.25.		2.25
5	" 2 Bags Coffee 383 lb @ 18¾ c.		71.81
11	" 1 pr. Mackinaw Blanket.		10 "
12	" 1 do "		7 "
24	" 5 doz 1 Razors ea. $6. & $9. doz		7.50
30	" 1 pr. Butts & Screws 50. Nov. 8, 1 C. S. Axe $3.		3.50
Nov. 25	" Cash $92.20 2b, Cash $200.		292.20
Decr 3	" Postage on Letters sent		3.19
3	" 1 pr. Butts & Screws		50
"	" Amt assumed for Noth. West. S. Comp.y.		607.80
	Cr.		$1047.94
1839			
Decr. 3	By draft on Mess. Stuart.		900.00
	Balance due me		$147.94

B. F. Baker

1837. To Norman W. Kittson Dr.

August 23.	To Tobacco. 12c. 12 dz Apples $6. 6c Sugar $1.	$ 7.12c
"	" 5c Lemonais 1.63. 2 b, 2c Crackers 37c. 2 dz apples $1.	3. "
24	" 5c Tea 31c. 27, 1c Candles 63. 27, 1/2 dz Quills 25.	1.19
29	" 6c Sugar $1. 30, 1 Tin Kettle 62c. 20c Pork $3.20.	4.82
30	" 15c Crackers 3.75. (Sept 2) 1c Crackers 17. 1 Broom 37.	4.29
September	2 " Amt overcharged on Stove in Inventory.	3. "
	2 " 1c Candles 63. 1/2 Bus. Corn Meal 1.50. 2c Shot 37c	2.50
	4 " 2c Shot 38c. 2c Crackers 37c. 5, 1 pr Suspenders 1.50	2.25
	5 " 5c Tea 31. 1 Ball H. Twine 75c 1 Chest Soap 38	1.44
	6 " 1/2 gr. Vapel 25c. 7, 1 Looking Glass 25. 3c Sugar 50	1. "
	9 " Cash pd John Scott $10.68 1c Candles 63.	11.31
	10 " " " S. O'Connel 9.50. 1 plug Tobacco 50	10. "
	" " 1c Tea 1.25. 11, Part of 1 Bbl. flour $5.64.	6.89
	11 " Overcharge on Wrap. Vapel in Inventory.	" 87.
	" " 6 Tin Cups 75c. 5c Pepper 6c. 7 3/4c Loaf Sugar 2.27.	3.08
	12 " 3 pr M. Hose 2.25. 3 pr. 1/2 Hose 1.50. 3c Nails 56	4.21
	" " 9 yds Calico 2.25. 2 yds flannel $2. 3 yds Cotton 1.13.	5.38
	" " 21 " Check 1.50. 5 " Jersey 3.12. 3 " H. Stripes 1.50	6.12
	" " 2 Spools Cotton 25 1 pr Boots 75. 12 1/2c Sugar 2.50	3.50
	13 " 4 prs Socks $3. 3 pr. Ch. Mitt 1.88. 1c Shot 18c	5.06
	" " 1 Bot C. oil 50. 2 Boxes Pills 50. 2c Candles 1.25	2.25
	" " 2c Tal. Candles 50. 2 N. Peppermint 25c. 3/4c Soap 63.	1.38
	" " 1 N. Opp deldoc 25c Thread 13c 1/2 " C. Salts 18c	" 56

Sutters Store Fort Snelling

Dr Norman W. Kittson Dr.

1839		
Nov. 17	To 1 fg Butts & Screws	$ 44
22	" George Browers order on H. H. Sibley agent	49. "
Jany 3	" 1 Blank Books $3.62 March 3, 1 Lead Pencil 25.	3. 87
March 13	" 1 Lead Pencils $1.	1. "
		$56. 31

Dr Amt Goods sent to St Peters for Sutters Store $4509.29 S

" H H Sibley for the following disbursements made by him while acting under Power of Atty

Cash sum for a/c N W Lumber Co	620.71	
" " Land Claim	88.44	
" " Sutters Store	246.49 S	
" allowance him for services	400.—	1355.64
" Amt K Mackenzie expenses on trip to St Peters on business of the Estate		121.25 ✓ 5786.18

Cr H H Sibley for Cash amt Cr by him while acting under Power of Atty for his a/c dated 28 May 536.70 ✓

" Cash Amt on Notes received from K. M. on 600.S ✓ 10,586.23

" " " " Cash being proceeds Furs c S. 1600 362.32 11.485.25

$ 5699.07

Balance Payrolls = D. 6000 2748

Falls of Saint Croix
27 Decr. 1839

Dear Sir.

The Inventory that accompanies this was completed some days ago, but could not be forwarded any sooner. I hope it is prepared as you would wish, and that it may reach you in time for the Mail if you think proper to forward it to Mr. Mackenzie.

I enclose a letter for Mr. Mackenzie, which, I take the liberty to request you to forward with your package provided you have no objection ~~for~~ as it relates altogether to the Mill affair - I have left it unsealed for you to read. -

Very respectfully yours
Martin McLeod

N. W. Sibley Esq
Agent for K. Mackenzie

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Hudsons Bay House
London Novr 9th 1865.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of October 15th 1865 on behalf of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

In reply I am able to assure you that it is our earnest wish to give every assistance to your Company and to maintain an understanding of the most friendly kind between that body and ourselves.

In proof of what I say I here enclose a copy of a Resolution which was passed previous to the receipt of your letter.

In addition to the instructions conveyed in that Resolution the Governor and Committee will instruct their Officers to give every assistance and facility to the Telegraph Company which is compatible with the proper protection of the trade of the Company

Andson Bang Co

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1853

R & W Campbell in acct. with Siter, Price & Co to June 18. 1853

Dr

1852 May 28.	To note at 8 mos for	$7814.38	
	" 4 mos. 20d Interest	182.33	
June 12.	" note at 8 mos for	21507.96	
	" 4 mos. 6d Interest	451.65	
June 29.	" note at 8 mos for	511.00	
	" 3 mos. 19d Interest	9.28	
Sept 1.	" note at 8 mos for	946.43	
	" 1 mos. 17d Interest	7.40	
Oct 25	" note at 8 mos for $1266.50		
	Less 7 days Interest 1.50	1265.00	$32695.43

182.33
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1853 June 17.	By cash, of H & J R Campbell	$500.00	
	" 1 days Interest	0.08	
1853 June 18.	By dft on New York due June 26. 1853 $8466.55		
	Less 8 days Interest 11.29	8455.26	
	By dft on Philada due Aug 2. 1853 $2000.00		
	Less 45 days Interest 15.00	1985.00	
	By dft on New York due Aug 12. 1853 $5000.00		
	" " " " " " " 4325.95		
	$9325.95		
	Less 55 days Interest 85.48	9240.47	
	By dft on Philada due Sept 1. 1853 $2500.00		
	Less 75 days Interest 31.25	2468.75	
	By dft on New York, due Sept 11 1853 $4000.00		
	" " " " " " " 5372.10		
	$9372.10		
	Less 85 days Interest 132.77	9239.33	$31888.89

11.29
15.
85.48
31.25
132.77
275.79

Balance due June 18. 1853 $806.54

Rec'd June 18. 1853 of H & J R Campbell, Eight hundred Six 54/100 dollars in full Balance due on R & W Campbell acct as above

Siter, Price & Co. per J. P. Hutchinson

$806.54

Mr Robert Campbell
Saint Louis
Missouri

Filed 20 March 1854
William F Ferguson

No 34

Woollens imported per Arcadia

		Cost £	s	d	at Lpool £	s	d
4 8							
5 p 13	No 1 — 22 yards (Amos 2/) Shire black in wool wooded 18/-	19	14	-			
	5 % p —		19	9	18	14	3
	" 2 — 30 yds Mate wooded dble milled Cassimere 5/8	"	"	"	8	10	
	" 3 — 28½ " — Blue in wool — Do } 66½ - 6/-	"	"	"	19	19	
	" 4 — 38 " — Black single milled }						
	8 fringed shawls Arab & Persian - 4/8	"	"		1	17	4
	4 — Do Lawnder — — 4/9	"	"			19	
	12 Scarlet printed — " — 5/2	"	"		3	2	6
	10 pair No 1 Rose Blankets 9/4 - 7/-	"	"	"	3	10	
	10 — " — 2 — Do — 10/4 - 9/6	"	"	"	4	15	
	10 — " — 3 — Do — 11/4 — 11/3	"	"	"	5	12	
1 p 14	No 5 - 1 pair Arab fearnought 50½ yds - 2/3½	"	"	"	5	15	9
	" 6 — Do — Do — 36½ " — 5/1	"	"	"	9	3	
	" 7 — Olive — Do — 111½ " — 2/2	"	"	"	4	9	
	" 8 — Logwood blue Do — 39½ " — 2/4	"	"	"	4	12	
	" 9 — Brown pilot Do 32½ " — 5/3	"	"	"	8	16	
	" 10 — Indigo blue (Inlet) 32 " — 5/1	"	"	"	8	1	
1 p 10	20 pair 3 pt med blankets 430 — 13/10	430	"	"	13	16	
	10 " — 3½ " — Do — 7/8	"	"	"	8	16	
	3 " — 4 " — Do — 20/5	"	"	"	3	1	
	2 pair Wrappers — " — 7/7	"	"			15	
1 p 11	20 pair 3 pt med blue blankets 18/10	"	"	"	18	1	
	10 — " — 3½ " — Do — Do — 20/-	"	"	"	10		
	3 — " — 4 " — Do — Do — 23/11	"	"	"	3	11	9
	2 — " — 4 " Shire Do — Do — 23/10	"	"	"	2	11	
	2 — " — Wrappers — — 7/9	"	"	"		15	
1 p 12	20 pair 3 pt medium Green — 15/10	"	"	"	15	16	
	10 — " — 3½ pt — Do — 18/6	"	"	"	9	5	
	3 — " — 4 pt — Do — 21/-	"	"	"	3	3	
	2 pair Wrappers — — 7/4	"	"	"		14	

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ST. LOUIS
JUL 17
MO.

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Mr. J. A. Swearingen
Care Biter Price & Co
Philadelphia

1851

Received
Jan 17th
Answered
August 1853

New York May 29. 1832

Genl. W. H. Ashley

Dear Sir

I have an opportunity to sell Sam Brown probably the lot on hand here at 4 $ pr pound 6 Mo. — there is but little demand for the article & I do not see any prospect of improvement — Foster is anxious to sell & takes every opportunity that offers to run off the article.

Yours &c

Fred. A. Tracy

New York Aug. 8. 1831

Genl. W. H. Ashley

Dear Sir

I have rec.d your of 24 July covg. Chas. Brant's Bill for Twelve hundred & ninety Dollars, being the balance of age due me —

The Beaver market is not so good as when you was here — especially for dark Beaver which is plenty & quite cheap — if you should have a lot of Rocky Mountain of light colour, the colour would sell it at fair prices as this kind is much wanted —

The prices are quoted Rocky Mountain select 6/
Cons.d — 4c 4½ 15/
heavy do Sal. 3½ c 4

Otters in good demand 6 c 6½ — Muskrats have advanced 12 to 15 p C.

The accounts from London that will be rec.d here in Oct & Nov. will establish the prices for Beaver Beaus &c

I regret to hear of Mr. Wahrendorf's continued illness — and of the small prospect there is of his contract recovery. I was

Lewis Kelly & Co.
Tallahassee
April 16th 1831

Private & Confidential
Lewis Kelly Esq

Mr. Robert Campbell
Nashville
Tennessee
Mr. Robert Stewart

1830

Belfast 5 July 1838

Mr Robert Campbell

dear Sir

I am in receipt your
favor of 4 inst. The Dumfries. Captn Harry
will proceed first fair wind after the 10 inst.
Passage Twenty pounds found at the
Captains Table. with Spirits. (but NO
Wine at ships expence) Captain Harry
is a perfect Gentleman & has not used
spirituous drink for 8 years

I am your obt Sr

George. Ash

If you proceed Please say so in course
enclosing a deposit

Saint Louis. December 26. 1832

Mr Robert Campbell

Dear Sir

Your favour of December 11th from Wheeling came duly to hand. on the subject of the Conversation had with you. about supplying you with Goods. for your intended expedition. I entirely neglected making mention of it to my Brother when he left this for Philadelphia. I have this day written to him on the Subject and would refer you to him

Since you left this we have come to conclusion. of closing our Old business. for the purpose of Collecting our Outstanding Debts. which has increased to a large Amount. and the prospects ahead quite gloomy. Should the United States Branch Bank. in this place. be discontinued. I fear we shall have Severe times. Consequently it would be impossible for us to make. you any advances in Cash. for carrying on your business. But should be glad. to accomodate with Goods. to the amount you require.

We should at all times. be glad to accomodate you as far. as lays within our. power. should there be any Articles. that. we do not keep on hand you had better mention it to my Brother

1843

New Orleans March 12. 1842

Mr & Mrs Winston's compliments to Mr & Mrs Robert Campbell and request the pleasure of their company a few weeks at their home in New Orleans.

Dear Virginia & Mr R. Campbell

I now write expressly to ask you to come and spend a few weeks with us. If it should so be that Mr Campbell cannot leave home, then will Virginia be permitted to put herself under the care of Capt Quincy or Capt Casey, Swan, or some of these married Gentlemen and let her come down. Margaret I am joins me in love to both of you & is anxious to see you both

Your affte Uncle

Thomas

Letter written by **FREDRICK OLIVA**, agent for the **MACKINAC COMPANY**,* at

Pittsburgh Jany 10. 1833

Genl W. H. Ashley
Washington City

Dear Sir

We duly received your estimed favor of the 2d Inst

We have called with some of our Rivermen and find that we can without difficulty obtain the boats as desired during this month

And as we shall have full time between the 18th Inst. (when Mess Sublette & Campbell will be here) and the 10th Feby to put the Boats in readiness we shall await their coming before we make a purchase in order that they may select to their own satisfaction

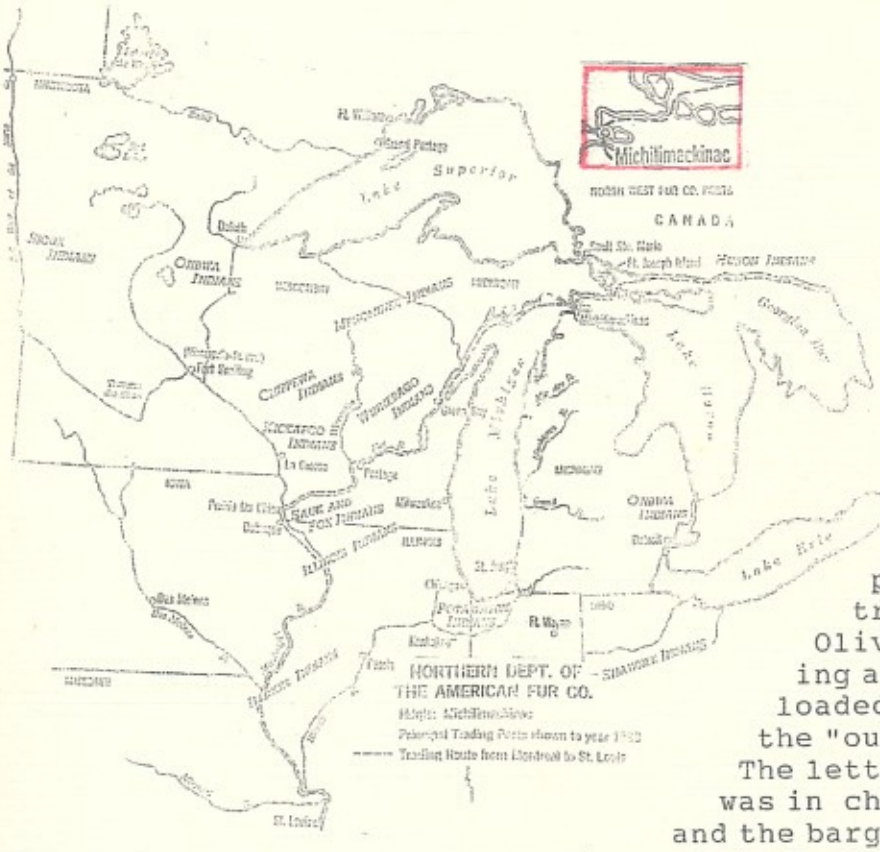
We have just recd yr Cask of Brandy but have not yet opened it for inspection. Shall endeavor to make an advantageous and early sale —

Our River continues in fine order. and free from ice —

Respy & &c
Yrs &c

Fredk Olivia

INTERNATIONAL FUR TRADE OF NORTH AMERICA



Letter written by **FREDRICK OLIVA**, agent for the **MACKINAC COMPANY**,* at Michilimackinac, on the Island of Mackinac, in the Straits of Mackinac, between Lakes Huron & Michigan, 1809. This company was founded Dec 31, 1806 by the traders on the Islan in order to keep the furs flowing from the Mississippr River and the Great Lakes to Montreal. IN 1811 J. Astor bought the company and merge it with the American Fur Company ar Mackinac Island became the headqua ters for the Northern Department o the American Fur Company.

* Also Michilimackinac or Mackinaw C **AUGUST CHOUTEAU** was the uncle of **PIERRE CHOUTEAU Jr**, who was the most prominent of the Chouteaus in the fur trade.

Oliva advises Chouteau that he is returr ing a "new barge" (flat bottom wood boat) loaded with sugar sending two men, as well the "outfit with which your men arrived here The letter was carried by **PIERRE BERGERON**, wh was in charge of the brigade of several canoes and the barge. The route used by the Mackinac Co. w ia Green bay, Fox River, and the Wisconsin to Prairie du Chien, to that great artery of th lest, the Mississippi. Thence to St. Louis and return by the same route they came on.

NOTE directive "Par Bergeron Canot" (canoe). This is the only letter such a notation, "by canoe", that Risvold has seen or record of, although, thousands must have been carried by canoe, in the Great Lakes and Mississippi fur trade.