

Independence May 15th 1832

Dear Sir
tomorrow morning I leave this place for
the mountains I am about 12 days later than
I expected but it has been partly owing to the
delay of my goods from St Louis & partly
owing to heavy rains which has raised all the
small creeks on the road it has rained nearly
every day for about two weeks I have about
one hundred & 65 head of mules & horses though
nearly all mules as I could not get money
that would suit the trip. My mules cost me from
forty to fifty five dollars each that I have
had to purchase I took more mules than I
expected by about 10 head to take out the
supplies for the mountains since I purchase
those of Mr Smiths last fall I have lost out of
my Band 11 head of mules & one horse in
spite of all the care I could take of them
& I have 5 of it that is scarcely able to pack there saddles
though I have enough without them to get on
& I intend to make them carry my provisions as
as I have had a waggon to go with me 4 or 5 days
I have not lost any men since I started from
St Louis & I have drawn sundry small orders on
you for them to the amount of about three hundred
dollars I will here give you the amount of
money paid by me & also a list of drafts drawn on
you & notes in Bank & C which I wish you
to letter

Independence Mo
May 12th 1832
Gene M. Ashley
St Louis
Mo

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 March the first Cash Paid 2079.00
 April 4th Cash 2000.00

 4079.00
 March 29th Draft to Lavelle & Morton on ~~act of~~ Kenery
 On the act of Mr Fitzpatrick due 29th July 500.00
 April 19th draft in favour of E Tracy due five days after light 712.00
 19th Order to Henry Shaw on Judge Wash 488.85
 due May 20th
 Draft to Thornton Gainsley due June 20th for 215.00
 My Note in Bank Enclosed by J Gainsley 675.00
 due June 20th 1832 for
 April 20 Draft to John H Gary for five days 150.63
 after light for
 Draft to Hawkins five days after light 272.67
 My Note in Bank due June 25th for 1500.00
 Enclosed by Judge Wash for
 May 9th Draft in favour of James & Robert Smith 600.00
 due five days after light for 300.00
 My Note due Judge Wash for
 This is about the amount I believe that I am owing as
 fair as I know it amounts to about one thousand dollars
 more than I told I expected it would & had money to
 pay for Mr Fitzpatrick more than I expected provisions
 & grain has been very high corn from 50 to 75 cents per
 bushel Bacon 8 cents flour 15¢ per hundred & every thing in
 proportion I have 50 hands hired on my own act,
 Mr Campbell has five besides him self & Mr Fitzpatrick
 & 4 traps that is going out forms an Company there is 24 Bostonians
 going on with me if they can keep up as they are on foot
 they was 28 thors when they left St Louis but 4 have left
 them

I have Paid I have now paid my hands one thousand
 one hundred & twenty six dollars towards there wages
 I have also let Mr Fitzpatrick have since he come in
 last fall \$1375.70 cents besides the draft of five hundred
 to Kenery I believe this is the standing of my affairs
 I will leave here with Mr Lewis a list of the mens
 acts a note on Mr Burch for \$221.69^{cents} also some
 other papers & Receipts of different persons & if
 any accident should happen to me I wish you
 would send & get them if I should not return
 this fall as business as well as life is uncertain
 It is my intention to buy & be back to St Louis
 about the first of Oct if no accident happens
 nothing more at present but remain your most
 Obedient servant
 Wm. S. Sublette
 Gent. Mr. Ashley