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Common-Place Book
No. 3

From 1st of January, 1844

to

1st of January, 1846

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Linden-wood Monday January 1st, 1844.

The Mg. Rainy, Windy and Dark. T. 40 at Sun Rise- the last Night Stormy & Rainy, wind very violent.- Note-In 1842 & 1843, January commenced with mild, fair, pleasant weather. Contind. Stormy & wet 'till abt. Noon, & at 2 partially cleared off. Attended and interesting meeting of the St. Charles Bible Society at the Methodist Church and after Night a Colonization Meeting at the Ct. House- Both meetings were pretty well attended- the weather mild- No freezing-

Tuesday 2nd

Mg. Calm & Somewhat cloudy. T: 33 at Sun Rise- Some appearance of Snow avt. 9 O'clk:- At 1 ½ turned colder, began to freeze & spit Snow. The night cold and clear.

Wednesday 3rd.

Mg. Somewhat cloudey. T. 21 at S: R: Raw & cold wind from Nothwd. Saml. Hopkins Sibley (my youngest half brother now 16 yrs. of age) arrd. This evening at L: W: from Louisiana, via N. Orleans.- The day cold dark & unpleasant.-

Thursday 4th.

Mg. Somewhat cloudy. T. 21 at S: R: the day was cold cloudy & dark throughout- freezing all day-

Linden-Wood Friday January 5th, 1844

The Mg. dk: cloudy & calm- T. 22 at S. R.- a dk: cloudy day-

Saturday 6th

Mg. very dk: & cloudy- T. 30 at S. R:- Snowing (or Rather fine Hail) at 8 ½ Rain after noon & at Night.

Sunday 7th

Mg. very wet & still cloudy- T 33 at S. Rise. Communion to day in our Ch: very good attendance- Monthly concert at Night- the weather rather mild & partially fair- Streets exceedingly muddy-

Monday 8th

Mg. fair & frosty- T. 15 at S.R. the day very cold throughout- I spent most of it in town attending to Some business in the County Ct. connected with Mr. Lindsay's estate.

Tuesday 9th

Mg. cold and cloudy. T abt. 23 at S; Rise. abt. 2 Inches of Snow fell last night & this Mg. Spent most of the day in town as on yesterday- Ice in the River-

Wednesday 10th

Mg. fair. T. 22 S: R- Again in Town all day- Snow melting away very fast- very muddy-

Thursday 11th

Mg. Hazy- T. 22 at S: R: - the day chilly and unpleasant- cloudy and dark.

Friday 12th

The Mg. very Wet and dark. I Rained last night very hard and nearly all night- T. 43 at 8 this morning. 50 at noon everything Soaking Wet- turned cold & cleared off about Sunset- Wind very high and violent- Showery all day.-

Saturday January 13th, 1844

The Mg. fair & frosty. T. 25 at Sun Rise- thawing thro' the day.

Sunday 14th

Mg. fair- T. 33 at S. R: pleast. Day- being unwell, I id not attend Church to day.-

Monday 15th

Mg. Cloudy & Calm. T. 38 at Sun Rise- the day mild and pleasant- Frost all out of the ground.

Tuesday 16th

The Mg. cloudy, Raw & Windy and Cold. T. 23 at S. R: the day pretty cold, but pleasant.

Wednesday 17th

Mg. cold & Cloudy- T. 20 at Sun Rise. A little fine dry Snow on the ground, which disappeared before 10 O'Clk:- the day turned out an unpleasant one.

Thursday 18th

The morning fair & frosty, and pleast. T 28 at S. R.- 45 at Noon- a very fine day-

Friday 19th

Mg. fair & pleast. T. 30 at S. R: 50 at noon- another very fine day- very little frost in the groundnow- a boat passed up the Missouri yesterday-

Saturday 20th

Mg. Hazy, dk: & Cloudy- T. 40 at Sun Rise. some Rain last Night.- T. 53 at Noon- a summer Day-

Sunday 21st

Mg. Cloudy- T. 33 S: R: a dark cloudy day- attended church as usual- pretty good attendance- Bishop Morris of the Methodist Ch: is preaching in St. Charles at this time.

Monday 22nd

Mg. dk: & Wet. T. 40 at S. R.- Heavy Rain last Night & this Mg. Mild, Cloudy & showery all day- fair just at Sun Set.-

Tuesday, January 23rd, 1844

The Mg. fair & pleast. T. 30 at sun Rise, but no frost. – 46 at Noon. Purchased from Mr. WM. Foushee, of Polk Cy. 8m: from Bolivar, his Negro Man Washington, 36 years old, formerly in possession of Edwin Foushee of St. Charles, now decd.- Mr. Foushee inherited this Slave from his Mother now also decd.- I gave \$375 for Washington- \$277 cash down, and my Note for \$98. payable 15th July next ----- The day mild, fair and pleast.-

Wednesday 24th

Mg. fair & frosty- T. 22 at S. R. 28 at Noon- Wind from the North- Wrote many letters to day.

Thursday 25th

Mg. fair & hard frozen- t. 14 at S. R.: 20 Noon, the day Raw, cold & partly cloudy threatening Snow.

Friday 26th

Mg. cloudy & dark. T. 13 at S: R- 17 at Noon.

Saturday 27th

Mg. cold & Snowing briskly= T. 15 at Sun Tise- 23 Noon- 1 ½ In: Snow, cloudy Still- T. abt. 12 at bed time.

Sunday 28th

Mg. fair- windy- T. 11 at S. R: 11 Noon- 11 S. Set. 8 at 10 P.M.- No Service to day In our Ch:- ay fair and very cold-

Monday 29th

Mg. hazy, Calm- T. 8 S.R. – Ice all over the House Ink froze for the 1st time- T. 25 at Noon- River full of Ice- Mr. George Riddle, f the ferry, died yesterday- fair day after 10 O'Clk:-

Tuesday 30th

Mg. Hazy & Raw. T. 21 at S. R: 25 at Noon. The day fair and pleast. After 10 O'Clk:

Wednesday 31st

Mg. bright & pleast. T. 15 at S. R: 32 Noon, S°. Wind- Clouding up just before Sun Set- T. 32 at S. Set-

Linden Wood Thursday February 1st, 1844.

The Mg. Cloudy & dark. T. 40 at S. R. – heavy fall of Rain last Night.- The day partly fair, partly cloudy & Raw- T. 36 at Sun Set.-

Friday 2nd

Mg. dark & hazy. T. 31 at S. R: wind from the North.- T. 31 at Noon- at 11 a fall of Snow, Ice & Rain commenced & continued to Snow lightly the most of the time till near Night, when it fell much more briskly, with every prospect of continuance: T. 32 at S. S.-

Saturday 3rd

The Mg. cloudy, dark & cal. T. 32 at S: R: Sleeting there is now about 2 inches of Snow, ice with a Crust, on the ground.- T. 35 at Noon. The day dark & gloomy, drizzling Rain at times.- all the trees &c. coated over with Ice, or sleet.

Sunday 4th

The Morning dark & Misty- T. 34 at Sun Rise. The trees dripping with the melting sleet- Toads &c. Sloppy & muddy- attended our Ch: Mr. fielding preached, Mr. Munson at the Dardenne to day- pretty good attendance- T. abt. 38 all day.- very muddy-

Monday 5th

Mg. fair & frosty & calm.- T. 28 at Sun Rise- the day cloudy & unpleast. At Night a little Snow fell

Tuesday 6th

Mg. fair and pleast. T. 15 at S. R: a pleasant day- Went to Town-

Wednesday 7th

Mg. fair & Windy. T. 16 at S. R: No. Wind. A very Windy unpleast. Day- T. not above 20 to day- Wind from the North very fresh- T. 20 at Sun Set.

Linden Wood Thursday, February 8th, 1844.

The morning fair and calm. Mer: 13 at Sun Rise- The River appears to be nearly closed up with Ice- But they still cross the mail.

Friday 9th-

Mg. fair & calm. T. 15 at S. R: a pleasant day- went to town about Mr. Lindsay's business-

Saturday 10th

Mg. fair & frosty & pleast. T. 15 at S. R: Went to town on business- a very pleast. Day.-

Sunday 11th

Mg. hazy & Windy- T. 30 at S. R- a Windy day. T. abt. 40 at Mid-day- attended Ch: as usual.

Monday 12th

Mg. fair frosty & pleast. T. 31 at S. R.- T. 54 at Noon- the day fair & pleast.- Bees out- a Summer day.

Tuesday 13th

Mg. fair & Windy. T. 32 at S. R: another very pleast. day- Bees out again-

Wednesday 14th

Mg. fair & frosty- T. 28 at S. Rise another very fine pleast. day- Bees out.-

Thursday 15th

Mg. fair & frosty- T. 32 at Sun Rise- another very fine day Geese & Swan flying- a S. boa passed up the Missouri yesterday- No ice in the River-

Friday 16th

Mg. fair & frosty & pleast. T. 28 at S: Rise another fine pleast. day- Went over to Mrs. Durfee's-

Saturday 17th

Mg. fair calm & frosty- T. 32 at S: R. Still another fine day- I fear that our fruit Trees may be prematurely advanced especially the Peach Trees-

Linden Wood Sunday February 18th, 1844-

Mg. bright & frosty- T. 32 at S. R. Another charming day- Mr. Candee Agt. For the board of foreign Missions, preached in our Ch: & took up a collection- Also at the Dt. House in the evening, and at Night in the Methodist Church.

Monday 19th-

Mg. fair & frosty- T. 31 at S. R. 53 at Noon- the day fair and pleasant.-

Tuesday 20th

Mg. calm & Hazy- T. 38 at Sun Rise- 58 at Noon- another Summer day.

Wednesday 21st

Mg. Soft & calm and fair. T. 37 S: R: 54 at Noon- the day very pleasant and fair- To day I wrote to "Brown & McLean Atty at Law Cincinnati Ohio" enclosing them Royall & Locke's acceptance of E. Root's Dft: on him of 19th of April 1843, due 20th of January 1st &c. &c. an I instructed B & McL. To collect Said Dft: (for \$100) in the most Summary way & place proceeds in the hands of Dr. Muzzy of Cincinnati to remit to me thro' Dr. Thompson of St. Charles-

Thursday 22nd.

Mg. fair & pleast.- T. 36 at Sun Rise- abt. 60 nearly all day after 11 O'Clk: spent the day in Town- There was a temperance meeting in the evening, but very poorly attended the day very warm and bright& pleast.-

Linden-Wood Friday 23rd. February, 1844

The Mg. fair & Crist. T. 39 at S. R: 2 Boats passed up the Missouri early this Mg.- at 11 O'Clk: I attended the funeral of Mrs. Johnston (Wife of Julius D. Johnston of St. Louis) who died at St. Louis on Wednesday & was brought up yesterday- he was the daughter of the late Wm. Christy of St. Charles- I acted on the occasion by particular Request, as one of the Pall bearers with Revd. Mr. Fielding, Judge Griffith, Professor Morris, Mr. Chauvin and Mr. L. Tosti- (2 Catholics- 3 Methodists & 1 Presbyterian) The funeral was numerously attended, from the house of Mr. Wm. R. Fulkerson to the Catholic Church, thence to the Catholic Burying ground- All the Services & formalities from first to last, were according to the Roman Catholic Church, tho' from good authority I learn, that the decd. Lady did not die in full communion with that Ch: or indeed anything like it- I look upon this funeral with its incidents, as very remarkable; amounting reality, to an

important innovation upon the heretofore lofty pretensions of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy- An event that will probably cause some trouble in the Church and community, and possibly Result favorably to the cause of Christianity and the protestant faith- We Shall See.- The day tho' windy, was mild and pleast.- 2 Boats passed up this evening-

Linden-Wood Saturday, February 24th, 1844-

The Mg. fair, calm & frosty- T. 32 at Sun Rise- 50 at Noon. Another very fine pleast. Summer day.-

Sunday 25th

Mg. hazy, but fair. T. 35 at Sun Rise- 59 at Noon- attended Ch: in the Mg. very good attendance. The day quite Sultry & Smoky- the ground getting very dry-

Monday 26th

Mg. Smoky & calm. T. 48 at S. R. 65 at Noon Went to town- County Ct. Sitting this Week, Many people in Town.

Tuesday 27th

Mg. fair. T. 35 at S: R: wind from Northwd. Spent the day in town attending on political meeting &c. the day was cool & pleast.

Wednesday 28th

Mg. boisterous & cloudy- heavy Rain between 4 & 5 this Mg.- T. 37 at S. R. 46 at Noon high So. Wind. Cloudy and dark & calm at Night- after 10 P.M.-

Thursday 29th

Mg. cloudy & dark & wet; Still Rains a little. T. 50 at S: R: So. Wind. Showery all the off and on- Thus ends the Winter; and uncommonly mild one here.

Linden-Wood, Friday 1st, 1844

The morning cloud, dark, calm and very Wet- T. 52 at Sun Rise- Much Rain fell last night: very heavily at times- the day turned out windy, Raw, and unpleasant- Pe-Wees arrived.

Saturday 2nd

Mg. Dk. & cloudy. T. 32 at S.R. fair part of the day, showers & Wind from Nothwd, in the evning- Peach buds Swelling Rapidly-

Sunday 3rd

Mg. cloudy, windy, Raw- T. 33 S. R: North wind. 42 at Noon- attended Ch: the day windy, cloudy, & unplt.

Monday 4th

Mg. fair, frosty & calm- T. 26 at Sun Rise- the day very fair and pleast. I am preparing t teke the Slaves of Mr. Thom. Lindsay's Estate to New Orleans, to Ship them to Liberia agreeably to his Will.-

Tuesday 5th

Mg. fair & frosty & calm. T. 32 at S: R. a fine pleast. day- wrote to Dr. McClure of Pike Co. on political business- also to N. Paschall of St. Louis on the Same.

Wednesday 6th

Mg. fair & pleasant- T. 34 at S: R. the day fair and pleasant.

Thursday 7th

Mg. hazy. T. 35 S. R: another fine day- Started the Lindsay Negroes to St. Louis on their way to Liberia- they crossed the River & camped for the Night.

Friday 8th

Mg. fresh & fair- T. 50 S. R. Rain last Night- After Skft: 9 O'Clk: left L. Wood for St. Louis & New Orleans &c.

St. Louis, Saturday 9th March, 1844.

Fine Weather- Reached St. Louis in good time on Friday to get the Lindsay Negroes, with all their luggage. Safely on Board the S.B. Macedonian Capt: Claghorn, before Night- Capt. C. expects to Start for N. Orleans this evening.- To day, I laid in Sach provisions & other articles as I deemed necessary for the negroes: but was very much hurried, and at Night nearly tired down- For the convenience of being near the Boat & Boat Stores, I took lodging the Virginia Hotel- a very good House-

Sunday 10th

A fine pleast. day- I was much disappointed that the Boat did not get off esterday; & now wish her to put off her departure 'till tomorrow- But all being in Readiness, Capt. C. got under way at about 2 O'Clk: The Boat is large & very heavily laden, with much valuable property- Not many passengers- accommodations only "So-So". The Macedonian is Rated as one of the Safest Boats on the River- 'tho' Raheer Slow. Just at Night landed at Kaskaskis landing to put out and take in freight, and lay there all night it being very dark, and Raining nearly all Night. Capt. C. is very cautious & prudent- navigates his Boat Safely enough But pretends to no Cabin dandyism-

Monday 11th

Mg. dark & Wet- Started at Sun Rise. Rained all the day- the Night being dark & Stormy, Capt. C. lay by all night a few Miles above "The Grave Yark" altho' the River is now in fine order, it is deemed most prudent not to attempt to pass this dangerous place in Such bad weather at Night.

Tuesday 12th

Mg. wet and dark- Started early, passed the Ohio at 10 ½ A: M:- cleared off at Noon very Strong head wind all day.

Wednesday 13th

The mg. fair and pleasant Ran all last Night, Slowly.- at Sun Rise this Morning we are 110 Miles below the Ohio- At 4 ½ P: M: got to Memphis- Stopped ½ an hour- The Missouri S. B. arrd. Same time, from N. Orleans Since Saturday evening- Landed at 8 P: M: and lay by for the Night; it being very cloudy and dark.

Thursday 14th

A dark unpleast. Morning. Started at day light- at 10 A: M: landed for a minute at Helena (80 miles blow Memphis) to put a passenger on Shore. (Dr. Moore of Louisiana) by whom I Sent a package to Messrs. Preston & Ringo, on business &c. The day turned out tolerably pleasant- I remark that Capt. Claghorn does not keep the best order in the cabin- Gambling 7 Noise too much abound-

Friday 15th

Mg. fair & Windy- Ran all last Night- at Sun Rise this Mg. we were abt. 100 Miles above Vicksburgh and at abt. 10 P:M: passed that place- Wind ahead-

Saturday 16th

Mg. Windy, cloudy & unpleast. – Ran all the last Night very well. About 45 miles above Natchez this Mg. at Sun Rise- passed that City at 11 ½ A. M: the day cold and very unpleasant.-

Sunday 17th

Ran very well last night tho' the fog detained us Some 2 or 3 hours- passed Baton Rouge this Mg. just before Breakfast: a very pretty thriving place; called 130 Miles above New Orleans- We were again detained at Night by fog- But arrived safely at New Orleans about Midnight- Our Voyage from St. Louis has not been by any means a pleast. one, but it has been a Safe one; and not over one day longer than average trip- Of course we find a great change of climate, and many Striking differences in the appearance of the country, as compared with Missouri- All is green & blooming here & along the River for 5 or 6 hundred miles above- Many beautiful Seats, plantations &c. along the Coast below Natches- But the extreme flatness and dead level of the land with the River deprives this beautiful country of much interest- to me.-

New Orleans, Monday March 18th, 1844.

A very fine Mg. – left the Macedonian at a little after Sunrise, and took lodging at the St. Charles Exchange Hotel- after Breakfast I found Mr. W. A. Bartlett (96 magazine Street) the Agt. Of the Am. Col. Society at N. Orleans; and made arrangements with him to Send John Bunyan & Co. o Norfolk, where the Society is fitting out a Vessel for Liberia- The Brig Lime Rock, the Vessel in which I expected to Sent the Lindsay negroes direct to Liberia, had Sailed more than a Week ago; and was over crowded with 92 emigrants from Mississippi & Kentucky-

I also called in course of he day to See Mr. Kimball & Medora Easton- Before night I was tired out.-

Tuesday 19th

I this day transferred to Mr. Bartlett John Bunyan & Co. and furnished him complete List descriptive, (height, age, colour, &c.) also, a List of necessaries to be by him furnished

them. Mr. B. has engaged their passage to Norfolk in the Brig John A. Lancaster Capt. Loveland, expecting to sail in a few days; and Mr. B. expects to get them on Board the Brig this evening or tomorrow- I went to See the Brig, and am Satisfied that the Negroes will be as comfortable & well provided for, as can Reasonably be expected- Mr. Bartlett will, I am quite Sure, do all that lies in his power to Send them Speedily and Safely and cheaply to Norfolk- He possesses all the knowledge & experience necessary (which I do not) and is therefore the most fit person to have charge of them and with him I have unhesitatingly left them-

At 5 P:M: I embarked on board the De Soto., Capt. Kimball, for Alexandria, to visit my Brother Henry who Resides in the vicinity of that place- at 6 the Boat Set out and went on her way Speedily, having many passengers, & a Rich Cargo.-

Wednesday, 20th

Ran all the last night, passed Baton Rouge Abt: 8 O'Clk: this Mg.- At 8 P:M: entered the Red River- the weather has been fair and pleast. Since the 16th and continues so- I have got a bad cold, and am troubled with a cough and much head ache-

Thursday, 21st

Fine pleast. Mg. Ran finely all the last Night- arrived at Alexandria about 1 O'Clk: P.M. found Rufus Sibley, who procured me a Horse, and in an Hour and half, we were on our Way out o the Residence of My Brother (Dr. Rt. Henry Sibley) 15 Miles out from Alexandria- the Road was good, the weather fine, and the Scenery interesting along the Bayou Rapids; So the Ride was a pleast. one- Arrived at Mt. Elou, my brother's place a little before Sun Set; and found all well- I had not Seen my Brother or any of his family

Since the beginning of the year 1828- now more than 16 years- Our Meeting was an agreeable one-

Friday 22nd. March.-

The day exceedingly windy, and So cool that we Sat all day in the House by good fires-

Saturday 23d

A fine pleasant day- passed it, as well as yesterday in the midst of my brother's family; and enjoyed myself very much.

Sunday 24th

Having So arranged my business at New Orleans, as to enable me to Start homeward in the Alex. Scott on next Thursday, obliges me to leave my brother's this Mg. early, So as to meet the De Soto at Alexandria at 10 O'Clk: to Return in her to New Orleans- The obligations I am under to Return home Speedily, puts it out of my power to visit Natchitoches or more than to make a mere pop visit to my Brother Henry- This I Regret very much; but cannot help it- Henry took me in to Alexandria in his Barouche- The day very fine, and the drive quite pleast.- Arrived just in time to meet the Boat, and went immediately on Board- The Boat had to cross the River to take in a supply of Wood; and whilst thus detained; Henry & I took a walk up the River about a quarter of a Mile, to the Graveyard (Opposite Alexandria, to See the grave of our nephew William S. Johnston (Son of Josiah S. & An Eliza Johnston) who died in Alexandria Sept. 20th, 1839, Aged 24 years.- Mr. Henry D. Gilpin of Phila, the present husband of the decd's mother, Sent out a Marble Monument, and had it placed on Williams's Grave- On one Sq. of the Shaft (an obelisk) the following lines, from Mr. Gilpin's pen, and handsomely Recorded-

“If Genius, goodness, piety and truth,

The brightest promise of ingenuous youth,
A Wisdom Reaching far beyond his years
Could check the current of affections's tears,
Then might the hearts that Swell with anguish, Still
With calm composure, this last act fulfill.
But Ah! Remembrance has no Soothing power,
Hope only cheers this melancholy hour:
Hope, that if worthy, at the eternal day
Each cloud of earthly Suffering, Sweeps away;
Those parted here, united Shall enjoy,
That bliss which Death nor Sorrow can destroy.”-

We spent half an hour in this Silent Repository of Mortal Dust- This “City of the Dead” is quite as large (& more populous) as the town of Alexandria opposite- it contains many costly monuments; nearly all of which are already crumbling, and decaying- everything tells of death and time.-

Alexandria, Louisiana, Sunday, March 24th, 1844.

Soon after we had Returned to the Desoto from our visit to the Grave of Wm. Johnston; She Returned to Alexandria, and then immediately Set off down Stream for New Orleans, Rapidly-

Monday 25th

Mg. fair, but very Smoky- Got into the Mississippi abt. One O'Clk: this Mg.- passed Baton Rouge at 7 1/2 – the River Rising- at 5 P:M: landed at N. Orleans, feeling unwell. I preferred Remaining on board- and did not go ashore- I have much to do tomorrow.-

Tuesday 26th

Early this morning went on board the Aex. Scot, adnnSecured Berths for Mrs. Margaret Sibley, Medora Easton, Mary Lee & myself- saw Medora, and told her to be ready to go on board at 4 P:M: on Thursday-

Saw Mr. Bartlett, who ells me that John Bunyan & co. are yet in N:O: the Brig expecting to Sail on next Friday or Saturday for Norfolk- I can do nothing more than I have done in this matter at present, & leave the Rest to the Agents of the Am. Col. Society- To day I paid Mr. Bartlett &478.75 on acct. and took his rect. – I shall Settle the whole Acctg. With Mr McLain, the Prinl. Agt. At Washington City, when I See him, between the 25th April & 1t of May next-

At 3 P:M: went on board the Mobile packet Creole at Lake Pontchartrain, bound for Ft. Pike, and was put on Shore there just at Dark found Capt. Lee & family all well-

Fort Pike, Wednesday, 27th March. 1844.

(See the end of the book, page 136.)

The day Sultry & find Mrs. Lee, my niece, who has been very severely afflicted by an abscess in her Side, for about two years, fast recovering & looking very much better than I had expected to find her- Her Son Sibley, her eldest child, who has been dreadfully Subject to convulsive fits for two or three years, is also, in a fair way of Recovery- all the Rest are in very good health.-

Capt: Francis Lee, who commands at Ft. Pike, intends Sending his daughter Mary with me to Linden-Wood, to School-

Ft. Pike is on a Small Island in Lake Ponchartrain, and commands one of the passes to N. Orleans- It is a beautiful place in many respects, quite a formidable post, and

is kept in the very best order by Capt. Lee- I Spent the day here pleasantly, tho' the weather was occasionally boisterous & uncomfortable-

The Packet "Jas. L. Day" in which I intend to Return to N. Orleans with Mrs. Margaret Sibley & Mary Lee in charge, is expected to pass this place, at Some hour between midnight and Morning, or possibly earlier- so that we can only expect Some broken naps to night in our Clothes; as we must be Ready at a moment's warning, to go out in the Yawl to meet the Boat as She never lands, or comes very near the Shore- At abt. 10 we Retired to get what Sleep we could; fortunately the wind has fallen and there is not much likelihood of Rain.

New Orleans Thursday 28th March, 1844

At ½ past 3 this Mg: our little party got Safely on board the Packet off Ft. Pike; and at Day light we arrived at the landing near the Rail Road Depot; Soon were Seated in a Car & by 7 were Safely on board the Alex. Scott, bag and baggages: and had a good Breakfast- We turned out, Margaret & I, to finish our business as quickly as possible, and were again on board by dinner time all Ready for the Voyage up the River.-

At 4 P: M: the Passengers were all on board, (Medora was accompanied by her friends) and at 5 we were flying along up the Coast in the fastest Boat afloat anywhere.

Friday 29th-

The day cold and Stormy, heavy head wind all day long, So that the Boat could hardly get ahead. The Boat is full of passengers, Cabin and Decks.- Large fires necessary all day.-

Sunday 31st

At night we had an alarm of fire; and there was actually cause for alarm- Capt. Swan immediately landed the Boat, made all necessary examinations, without confusion, and was So fortunate as to find and extinguish the fire, which was in the Hold under the furnace, and had damaged Several Sacks of Coffee Slightly- We were thus detained about 3 hours, after which we proceeded as before, rapidly & quietly.-

On Board the S: B: Alex: Scott, Monday 1st April, 1844.

We are not far from Memphis this morning, and going on well. Today I enter upon the 63rd. year of my earthly pilgrimage- Still I feel myself highly favoured, and humbly offer to God my poor thanks for his merciful dealings with me & mine- The day turned out very pleasant.

Tuesday 2nd.

At about 10 O'Clk: this Mg. landed for a few minutes at the Mouth of the Ohio to put out Some passengers; and went Rapidly on again; At Cape Girardeau just before dinner a Mr. Cook, a Millerite preacher, came on board with his Wife & child. This man has been, as I learn, a Baptist minister of very Respectable Standing in Connecticut, 'till he was Seized Recently with the monomania of Miller- was then dismissed by his Congregation; and is now going to St. Louis to proclaim the near very near approach of the awful day, so often heretofore announced by Miller and his fanatical followers- Mr. Cook is very zealous, and Seems to be fully Satisfied of the correctness of his theory, and that the consummation of all time is close at hand- After Supper nearly all the passengers of the Cabin, assembled to hear Mr. Cook discourse upon his new doctrine- He detained them for more than an hour, and Seemed to engage their Serious attention- I did not think fit to listen to him; but with Some others, kept entirely aloof.-

St. Louis, Wednesday, 3d. April, 1844.

A fine Mg. We Reached St. Louis in good time for Breakfast on Shore-Intending to take the St. Charles stage for home at 10 O'Clk: I had to be exceedingly industrious getting gll our Baggage, plants, &c. from the Boat & in Safety- all which I accomplished; and with Medora & Mary Lee (Mrs. Marg. Sibley Remains here a few days, with Mrs. Simpson) set out at appointed time, very nearly,- and after a dusty Ride at a Slow gait, arrived at Linden Wood, a little before 4 O'Clk:- Found all well, except my Servant Washington, who hurt himself by a fall in the dark the other night, and is entirely disabled- As yet, the forests hereabout appear in their Sable Winter dress, with only here and there a Sprig of Green. A very Slight Shade of verdure tinges the tops of the Cottonwood Trees opposite St. Charles, as Seen from L: W. Red buds, Plums, Peaches, Pears, are in full bloom- and Several Garden flowers are out- The Storm of last Friday was exceedingly Severe in this quarter, and Set back the advancing vegetation of Spring with a Rough and peremptory hand- But, as the weather is now mild and Settled, we may expect a Rapis advance of Spring.

Linden-Wood, Thursday 4th April, 1844.

The day very warm. The thermometer at about 75. -fair.

Friday, 5th

Another fine warm day; everything is now Rapidly growing green- Attended preaching tonight in our Ch:

Saturday, 6th

The day very Sultry and Windy too. T: 78 at Noon- Clouding up at S. Set-Heavy Rains at Night.

Sunday 7th

A fine day tho' warm – Communion in our church, very good attendance all day.

Monday, 8th

A very fine pleast. day- Since the fine Rain on Saturday Night vegetation has advanced most Rapidly, cherries and Apples in bloom. T: abt. 75 to day

Tuesday 9th

The Weather Still very Sultry. T: 80 Noon. Rev. Dr. Potts, on his Way up to Presbytery at Eagle fork, called to Stay all night. Rev. Mr. Holmes the Bible Agt. Also Staid all night.

Wednesday 10th

Mg. fair and Sultry- Dr. Potts & Mr. Holmes departed Soon after Breakfast; the latter went to St. Louis- T. 84 at Noon.

Thursday 11th

Mg. fair & pleast. T. 70 at 8- 80 at Noon. Quinces, Currants, Dog Wood in Bloom- Grafted some early Apples.

Friday, 12th

Mg. Hazy. T. 64 at 7 ½- 75 at Noon.- The day Sultry and windy- preparing to Set out for Baltimore to attend the Whig National Convention on the 1t day of May as the Delegate from the First electoral District of Missouri to which I was duly appointed in November Last.-

Linden-wood, Saturday April 13th, 1844

Mg. fair & pleast. T. 63 at 8- Left home this Mg. after Bkft, in the Stage for St. Louis, Baltimaore Ac. – arrd. at St. Louis at 2 P:M: took a Room at the Planter's House; but went out to Mr. Gamble's just before night & there Staid &c. – the day warm & unpleast.

St. Louis, Sunday 14th, April-

The Mg. Showery and cool- attended divine Service in the Mg. at Christ' Church (Episcopal) where Mr. Hawks officiates as Pastor- The Service interesting, and the Sermon excellent. Slept in my Room at the Planter's House- The day tolerably pleast.-

Monday, 15th

Arrangements are made for all the Delegates now here, on their way to the Baltimore Convention (1t. and 2d May) to leave St. Louis tomorrow evening in the St: B; Manhattan for Wheeling – A number of the Delegates went on Some days ago, and Some went to day in the John O'Fallon- the day fair & pleast.-

Tuesday 16th.-

A Rainy, unpleast. day- At 4 P:M: the Manhattan Set out for Wheeling, having on Board about 40 Delegates from Missouri & Illinois; and many other passengers. The Boat is very much crowded- Before we Started there was Some parade & Speechifying on Board, none of which was to my taste, or very edifying to any body I believe- of the Nat. convention, there are on Board Swing, Cox, & myself of Missouri and Edwards, Davis, Fisher & Wilcox of Illinois- accommodations So So.-

St: B: Manhattan Wednesday, 17th April, 1844-

At Noon to day we entd. the Ohio- passed Padonca (at the mouth of the Tennessee) at Sun Set- the day Rainy and chilly-

Thursday 18th

Mg. fair- passed Shawneetown about breakfast time- at 9 P:M: passed Yellow Banks (where Mr. Mosely, another Del: from Mo: to the Nat: Con: came on board) – To day we

adopted a plan of organization to facilitate our movements &c. and to hasten our Journey.- The day fair and pleasant.-

Friday 19th.-

The Mg. fair and cool- The Ohio is not in very good order- and the Manhattan is not a fast Runner. She will only Rank about third Rate- Capt: Kind, who is a very young man is attentive and kind and certainly does his best- There are Some preachers- Our Company is large & much mixed- Whigs- Locos- Mormons &c.- But we get along very harmoniously- among the passengers, we have a Dwarf 24 yrs: old- 37 Inches high of perfect form, called "General Tom Thumb". A Man & Woman claiming to be his Father & Mother are exhibiting him thro; this country for Money.- At Sunrise this Mg. we are abt. 100 Miles below Louisville- At about Midnight we had got through the Canal and lay at the Wharf at Louisville Ready to proceed- Putting out and taking in Some freight detained the Boat abt. 3 Hours- during which time "The Boys" were pretty noisy & merry.-

St: B: Manhattan (at Louisville) Sat: Mg. April 20th, 1844.-

At 3 O'Clk this Mg. we contend. Our voyage up the Ohio- The Mg. fair & cool – fires pleast.- Landed at Madison, Inda: at 7 ½ O'Clk: & lay half an hour- I walked our thro' the Town- and had a pretty view of it from the Boat- Madison is 50 Miles above Louisville & 100 below Cincinnati- is a very pretty place, and appears to be a thrifty, business town- The Scenery round about is very beautiful and grand.- At 10 P.M. we arrd. At Cincinnati, and laid up for the Night, having much fright, principally Wheat from Illionois, to land- "The Boys" went ashore, visited most of the Hotels, Singing Whig Songs and making Whig Speeches, in all which they were joined most heartily by

hundreds of the Whigs of Cincinnati. I did not go from the Boat- I was very fearful that in their frolic "The Boys" would rench upon the Sabbath; but I was glad to find that Such was not the case- fine day.

Cincinnati, Sunday mg. April 21st, 1844.-

We left Cincinnati this Mg. at 10 O'Clk: The Boat has but little fright on board now; but does not get along any the faster for that- Passed Maysville at 8 P: M:- Slight Showers during the day.-

Monday 22d

Mg. fair & pleast. – We Ran all the last night pretty well- at ½ past 7 P:M: passed Falliopolis 170 Miles below Wheeling- the day fair and pleast.-

St: B: Manhattan Tuesday 23d April, 1844-

The Mg. fair and pleast.- At noon arrd. At Marietta, where we were detained, aground Some two hours or more- The Ohio is falling, and is now Shallow in many places- We have met many Rafts of Lumber- Shingles &c. Some very large ones.-

Wheeling, Wednesday 24th-

We arrd. Here at 1 O'Clk: this Mg. took a Sort nap, & afterwards a hasty Breakfast and then at 5 ½ O'Clk: Set out for Cumberland (in 7 Coaches) on the National Road 131 Miles, Stopped an hour at Washington, where Saw & was introduced to Mr. McKennan, Dined, just at S. Set, at Uniontown, & then went on all night-

Cumberland, Thursday Mg. 25th.-

We Reached this place at 7 O'Clk: this morning- had time to Wash and take Breakfast, and then at 8 O'Clk: Set out on the Rail Road for Baltimore, which is 180 Miles from Cumberland-

Dined at Harper's Ferry (Rather poor fare,) and at 6 P: M: Reached Baltimore, all Safe and Sound; tho' much fatigued, dusty and drowsy- I procured a pleasant room in the Eutaw House, corner of Baltimore & Eutaw Streets) where nearly all our Company took lodgings also- Thus have we completed the Journey from St. Louis to Baltimore in 8 days and 2 Hours- Expense- to Wheeling \$10- Whg: to Baltimore \$11 – extra expenses \$3.37 ½- Total Ex: \$24.37 ½

Took a Warm bath and went to Bed at 9 ½ O'Clk:-

Baltimore Friday 26th, April, 1844.

The Mg. fair and pleast. tho' Rather Sultry- Arose quite Refreshed, & in health- enjoyed a comfortable Breakfast at 7 O'Clk:- then took a Stroll about the City for two or three Hours-

The Whigs are already congregating here in great Numbers, and extensive preparations have been made & are still making, for their accommodation- After Tea went by invitations to a Sort of Concert of African Music; which turns out I believe, to be 4 White Men disguised as Virginia Negroes, performing on the Tamborine, Bones, Banjo, &c. with songs, Gestures, & c. Somewhat amusing, but by no means instructive- Yet very many "Ladies & Gentlemen attend these "Concerts".-

Saturday 27th.-

Morning cloudy and cool- The most of our Missouri & Illinois Delegates, went to Washington this Morning- Some on business, but mostly to See Mr. Clay who has just arrived there on his way home from the South- I too have business at the Seat of Govt. but purposely postpone my visit there 'till after our Conventions- I neither wish to help Swell the crowd now besetting Mr. Clay or to Seem over anxious to pay my court to him-

After the conventions, I intend to go to Washington- but even then I may not find it convenient, or entirely consistent with my notions of propriety to wait on Mr. Clay-

Rainy day- made Some necessary purchases fires very agreeable-

Baltimore Sunday April 28th, 1844-

Morning cloudy && cool- attended divine Service this morning in Mr. Breckenridge's Church (old School Presbyterian) and was highly gratified by Mr. B's very able & eloquent discourse-

Monday 29th

The morning bright and pleasant, attended to Some business- walked about the City- looked over the Newspapers &c.- The Whigs are thickening continually- The Baltimoreans are busy with their preparations-

Tuesday 30th

Mg. fair and pleasant- all our Western delegates are now here- indeed all the delegates are here from all parts of the Union- I have requested a Meeting of the Missouri delegates to the nominating convention to meet in my Room this evening at 4 O'Clk:- All the State Delegations are holding meetings for consultation- chiefly in Reference to the Vice presidency, about which there is considerable diversity of Sentiment; which I am Sure will all be readily and amicably Reconciled in convention tomorrow-

At Night 10 O'Clk:- Our Delegation met at 4 O'Clk: and upon consultation, we find that we Shall not differ as to the nomination for Vice president materially- A committee of two members from each State is to meet at 9 O'Clk: tomorrow Mg. for the purpose of nominating the officers of the Convention-(President, Vice Presidents &

Secretaries) in order to Save time- Mr. Rt. A. Ewing & myself are appointed of the part of the Missouri Delegation to attend that Committee- The weather very fine-

Baltimore, Wednesday 1dt May, 1844.

The Mg. fair and bright- At 9 O'Clk: the Committee, of two delegates from each State, Met in Union -Hall agreeably to appointment, and proceeded immediately to business- Mr. Hopkins of Alabama in the chair- We agreed on the Hon: Ambrose Spencer of M. Yk: for President of the 2 Ohio- 3 Ky- 4 Ind:- 4Ill: 1 Mo. 4 Mich:) Davis 83- (Me: 9- N.H. 6- Vt. 6- Miss: 12- Con: 6-Md: 1-So. C. 3- Ala: 1- Ohio 20-Ky. 5 Ind. 7-Ill: 2- Mich: 1-Mo: 4) Sargeant 38 (Penn: 26 Del: 3- Ohio 1- Ky: 2-Ind. 1-Ills:1)- Frelinghuysen 101 (N. Y. 1-N.J. 7- Md. 7- Va: 17-No. Ca. 11- So. C.6- Ga: 10- Ala: 8- Msi: 6- La: 6- Ky: 2-Tenn: 13-Ills. 2-Mo. 2- Ark: 3)- Fillmore 53- Davis 83- Sargeant 38- Frelinghuysen 101- 138 necessary for a choice- Another Vote was taken Vizt. ((Skip tabulations of second and third votes)) Frelinghuysen 155- Davis 79- Fillmore 40- So Mr. Frelinghuysen was declared the choice of the convention, and So it was announced & unanimously confirmed- On the 1t. trial I voted for Davis- on the 2d & 3d, I voted for Mr. Frelinghuysen- Considering Davis out of the question- On the first trial I Should have voted for Mr. Frelinghuysen most willingly; but I and most of my colleagues believed Mr. Davis to be the first choice of the Whigs of Missouri- Not doubting in the least but Mr. Frelinghuysen would prove equally as acceptable, we all gave our votes to him with the utmost freedom and confidence- The Missouri Delegation in this truly great Convention was thus composed, and thus voted. Vizt:

1t. Dist. Geo: C. Sibley	1 st Vote- Davis- 2d Frelinghuysen-3d. Frelinghuysen
2d. " Jas: S. Rollins	1 st Davis- 2d. Davis- 3d. Frelinghuysen.

- 3d. “ Chas. R. Morehead 1st Davis- 2d & 3d. Frelinghuysen.
- 4th “ Thompson T. Ewing 1st Davis “ “ “ “ “
- 5th “ Thos. Mosely, Jr. 1st Fillmore-“” “ “ “
- 6th “ Caleb Cox, 1st, 2d & 3d Frelinghuysen
- 7th “ Rt. A. Ewing “ “ “ “ “ “

As soon as it was Settled that Mr. Frelinghuysen was the decided choice of a Majority of the Convention, Several of those who had the most warmly Supported Messr. Davis, Fillmore & Sergeant, rose, and in the handsomest & most honorable manner, declared their cordial & hearty Sub Convention; and one Vice Prest for each State (I nominated Rt. A. Ewing for Missouri) and Six Secretaries.- The Vice Presidents & Secretaries were all duly nominated &c. and our chairman directed to Report the whole proceeding to the Convention for confirmation; and then we all Repaired to the Universalist Church, the place prepared for the meeting of the Convention where we found all the Delegations in the Seats assigned them , Ready to proceed to business- At 11 O’Clk: the Convention came to order, Mr. Hopkins in the Chair; Two Clergymen, Episcopal and Methodist, were in attendance, and opened the proceedings with Prayer & Reading of Scripture, the Convention & all the vast multitude that filled the Galleries & aisles Standing, with Hats off- The Scene was extremely imposing and Solemn.-

Mr. Hopkins then announced the nomination agreed on by the committee; which were all unanimously confirmed by the Convention- The President, Judge Spencer, was then conducted to the chair provided on the platform, s also the Vice-presidents and Secretaries- On Motion it was then ordered that the Roll Should be called to ascertain how many delegates duly appointed were actually in attendance and who they were- The

aggregate number Requisite to Represent every electoral District in the Union is 275.-

On calling the Roll 273 delegates duly authorized, answered to their Names, The State of Mississippi was deficient 2 delegates- One of the 4 in attendance from the State announced to the Convention that the two absent members being unable to attend, had authorized him to vote and act in their Stead; and asked leave of the convention not to do So- No objection- So every District was present in this great Convention- all these preliminaries being quickly adjusted, and the address of the Venerable President delivered, Mr. Benjamin Watkins Leigh of Virginia (one of the Vice Presidents) Rose and after a Short address offered a Resolution declaring, “That Henry Clay of Kentucky was the unanimous choice of this convention, as the Whig candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and that he be Recommended to the People as Such”- This Resolution was by acclamation adopted by the convention, and instantly responded to by the voices of the thousands who thronged the Galleries, Aisles, Pavements and Street- Messrs. Berrien of Ga. Burns of Ohio, Archer of Va.- Lawrence of Massts.- & Root for N. Yk: were appointed to inform Mr. Clay of this nomination.- Some other proceedings of form took place afterwards in Relation to Mr. Clay’s nomination, not necessary here to mention; when the Convention proceeded to consider the Vice presidency; having determined to make a nomination for that office, before they adjourned or Separated- It was Settled by a Resolutin that the Roll Should be Read over, and that each Delegate when his name is called Shall cast his Vote Viva Vce for Some person for Vice president, and that a Majority of all the delegates present in convention should be necessary for a choice.-

Letters were now produced and Read from Mr. George Evans of Maine- Mr. John M. Clayton of Delaware and John McLean of Ohio (who have been Severally named for the

Vice presidency) Requesting not to be considered a candidates, positively declining &c.
In order to prevent any division of difficulty in the Whig Ranks- Nominations being now
in order, Gen: Root of New Yk: named the Hon: Millard Fillmore of N. Yk;- Mr. Storer
of Ohio, named Joh Davis of Massachusetts- Mr. Chambers of Pennsylvania named John
Sergeant of Penna, Mr. Green of N. Jersey named Theodore Frelinghuysen of New
Jersey (now chancellor of the University of N. Yk☺ and then the Voting commenced-
The Delegates were called individually by States, (Maine first, in the Usual order)
agreeably to the order previously agreed to .- On the first Vote 275 Votes were cast Vizt.
For Fillmore 53 (35 N. YK:

It is proper here to State, that there were in attendance from Several of the States
many more Delegates than according to the Rule adopted of one for each Electoral Dist.
They were entitled to in the Convention; thus Indiana- Louisiana- Alabama- Arkansaw-
had each about double the Number present that they had votes- The people had seen fit to
appoint a Surplus number in order to ensure a full Representation- The convention
quickly arranted all this, So that each district had one voice & no more- As before Stated,
there were actually present 273 delegaes, Representing 273 Districts- 2 of Mississippi
were Represented (by consent of the Convention, ist being Requested) by one of the
attending Delegates form another District, who State that the absent delegates being
prevented for attending, had Requested him to act for them, & fully authorized him to do
So- Thus the whole 275 Electoral Districts of the Union, were fully Represented- 273 of
them by Men personally present (one form each) and the other two as above Stated. And
I will here add, that his great Convention was composed of men, every one of whom , I
believe, was legitimately appointed through the action of primay meetings of the People

in their Respective Town ships, counties & Districts throughout the Union. All instructed to nominate Henry Clay for the Presidency- and to take good care to nominate a true Whig for the V, Presidency.-

Our Venerable President, Judge Spencer of N; Yk: gave the first vote in Convention for Mr. Frelinghuysen- He was the only one of the N. Yk: Delegation who did not Vote for Mr. Fillmore-

I Should have noted before that Messrs. Ellsworth of Connt. Green of N.J.- Reed of Penn- Metcalfe of KY-& Mann of Rh. Island were appointed a committee to inform Mr. Frelinghuysen of his nomination, by order of the Convention- I have also omitted to Say that on the motion of Mr. Beverly Johnson of Md: the Convention adopted unanimously Sundry appropriate Resolutions offered by him, and Mr. Lumpkin of Georgia, after Some excellent Remarks offered the following- “Resolved: that the nation be requested to meet on the 3d of July next, in State Convention, in all the States of the Union, to Respond to the nominations of the Convention.” – and I believe the proposition was assent to informally-

I will conclude this account with the Remark, that the nomination by Such a convention of Such a man as Theodore Frelinghuysen for the 2d office in our Govt. in Special view of the contingency that may happen to place him in the Presidential office must enlist for the good Whig cause a large portion of the influence of the Religious people of the Union- Such a nomination is an era in our political history, and augers well I trust for the Country- It affords to the Christian of every denomination a Rallying Standard, as in connection with civil Rights & duties, that I believe will not be neglected by many.

Baltimore Thursday 2nd May, 1844.

The morning Cloudy and Windy, very unpromising indeed- The Whigs look Rather blue; but the Locos appear Smiling enough; The wish for Rain today, for the benefit of the Gardens, &c. and for the discomfiture of the Whigs, whose "Convention of Ratification" of the Young Men, is to come off here to day, by appointment- So many persons have come here from all parts of the Union, to attend this Young Men's Convention as Delegates Regularly appointed, So many others have come to Witness the pageant; and the good Whigs of this City have made Such ample & expensive preparations therfore; that a Wet Stormy day will really prove a very Sore disappointment; tho' the thing will not be postponed let the weather be as it may- Yet I hear many of the Rabid Loco-focos exulting in the prospect of the Rainy day- Some however, of the better Sort, really regret the present aspect of the clouds, as much as the Whigs do- I make these Remarks at 8 O'Clk: after Retuning form a long walk up and down Baltimore Street- The dust is exceedingly bad in the streets, and the Wind blows in fitful blasts & whirls, and the black clouds are banking up westward; all portending a great Storm- Yet the Streets are crowded with moving massed of Badged Whigs, and unbadged Locos- The Deputy Marshalls mounted on fine Horses, gaily dressed, are Riding up and down- The different delegations with their Banners & Music are assembling at the head of Baltimore St. in the cross Streets assigned them- The elements of Nature & of Loco-foco-ism appear to be conflicting this morning with the elements of the great Whig party; which nothing daunted, is Seen & heard mingling her bold Music and Stately Banners with the Roaring of the threatening tempest and the flashing Rain clouds' and the Shouts of "the Democracy"-

After a few minutes Rest, I Sallied out again' and went up to Poppleton Street, to join the nominating convention there; and thence fall into the procession, according to the programme- found the dust Still flying in clouds; So that my eyes, hair &c. were Soon filled; a headache that commenced early in the morning increased, and I was heated and fatigued- comparing notes with several other gentlemen who were nearly in the Same plight with myself; we concluded it best to decline marching four miles in procession to Canton, under all the circumstances, and in the face of Wind and dust; and determined at once to Retire to our lodgings; and afterwards act as circumstances might Require- Before I got back to my Room in the Eutaw House, a long walk, my headache became worse, a Showers of Rain overtook my (which however my umbrella prevented from wetting me at all) and I became So uncomfortably heated, that I determined to give up the idea of entering in the doings of the day altogether- Accordingly I hastened to my Room; Shut myself up there- Bathed my eyes & Head in Ice water, cleansed myself as well as I could, and in half an hour was nearly Relieved of my headache and felt pretty comfortable- Finding that from the Window of my Room (in the 5th Story of the tall Eutaw house) I had a complete commanding view of Baltimore Street, and could of course witness the procession as it passed along, as well perhaps as it could be Seen anywhere in Baltimore, I resolved to Stay where I was- I locked my Door; Seated myself by a table at the Window, with Watch, paper, pencil & programme- (coat off) and patiently waited the "moving of the Waters"- By the time I had completed these arrangements, the State of the weather had very materially changed; the Rain Shower that I had just passed through had effectually laid the dust and cooled the air- the wind was lulled into a gentle zephyr-like breeze; and the cheering rays of the Sun came Sprinkling

down in the most beautiful manner thro' the braking clouds- The Scene So Suddenly opened, was indeed lovely and joyous- the thousands of Whigs (male & Female) that now again thronged the beautiful Street, the distant Sound of the numerous Bands of Music; the Stars & Stripes that floated form the tops of numerous houses, Ships in Port, (for I had a full view of all) the beautiful arches thrown across the Street; the fresh, Sweet air that had now Succeeded the oppressive heart and dust' completely cured all my ailments- But I could not consent t give up So excellent a position as I now found myself in the quiet possession of, however much I desired to mingle in the vast throng now organizing & forming for the grand procession' I took the key out of the door, and determined to Stay where I was, and interested Witness-

At abt. 9 O'Clk: the procession commenced its march from near Poppleton Street- it was formed in platoons, 8 deep- Sometimes 10 deep- The Delegations of each State, with their own officers, Music & Banners marched together- they moved in tolerably close order, and common time; and by my watch were One hour and a half passing by my Window- I made Notes of what most attracted my attention as the line passed, by have lost the paper, and must Refer toe the details descriptive furnished for the press- The whole affair more than Realized the prettiest picture that any one could have anticipated- All passed off quietly and gracefully to Canton, where the convention was organized in due form; many speeches delivered (& one from Danl. Webster among the Rest) the beautiful prize Banner presented to Little Delaware, the winner, &c.- A Slight Rain Shower fell abt. 2 O'Clk:- At 3 the procession Returned to the Exchange and was dissolved- From the time the march of the procession commenced (at 9 O'Clk:) till dismissed (at 3 ½ O'Clk:) the weather was uncommonly pleasant- There was neither

Dust or rain to incommode, even Ladies, daring the whole time- From all that I can learn, & from my own observations, I come to the conclusion that the Yong Men's Convention, proper, was composed of at least ----- persons- That more than half of those wee in the procession – That of that number about----- were from a distance, not Resident in or near Baltimore; What there were to day in the City, rising----- Strangers altogether; and that there were form 60 to 70 thousand people assembled at Canton at the organization of the Convention, and the Acts of Ratification of the Nominations made yesterday by the National convention.

Delaware, as before State, won the prize Banner- This Splendid Banner, which cost the Whigs of Baltimore about \$900, and could not be got up again for any other occasion Short of 1200 dollars, might have been Secured by the Missouri Delegation, as I am assured, if all hr Delegates known to be in Baltimore had been in attendance at the appointed time and place this morning, to be counted- it appears that if even 10 out of the 30 absent uncounted Delegates, had been present in time; the prize would have been ours- Altho' we must Regret this "bad luck", Still there does not appear to be any just cause to cast blame on any one for the misfortune.- We had the forces in the City but owing to some unintentional oversight, or want of information on the part of the Committee of arrangements, and our absent members, they were not all at the Rendezvous at the precise time appointed to be counted.

And thus concluded the great Whig Convention and Pageant of 1844- the greatest and most imposing party-political affair that ever assembled in the Union; considering the numbers present, the entire unity of purpose, the uninterrupted harmony of all the

proceedings, to Say nothing of the Rank and character of the multitude thus brought together, or the happy & cheering prospect resulting from the whole.

At night we had political addresses in various parts of the City: at Monument Square- The Exchange- Eutaw House & other Hotels; at each Stand great numbers assembled Simultaneously & were addressed, 'till near midnight by Ewing of Ohio- Crittenden- Webster- Hardin- Granger- Stanley an others- In fact the Hotels and Taverns were So crowded, that Sleeping Room became Scant, So that many were in a manner compelled to amuse themselves in the passages & Streets as well as they could- The Sounds of Music, vocal & instrumental, were everywhere heard, but there was no disorder, or anything materially to disturb the peace of Baltimore- The Monumental City was in the hands of the Whigs, and all felt that all was Safe-

At midnight a heavy Shower of Rain fell, which dispersed the people- The day and the Night passed away with out a Single incident to mar or disturm the harmony& good feeling that prevailed-

Baltimore, Friday 3d May, 1844-

The Mg. fine and Sultry- the day warm- The crowd is Rapidly dispersing as fast as the public conveyances can carry them off- very many are yet detained however, and the City Still appears much crowded- I propose going to Washington City tomorrow morning in the Rail Road train.

Saturday 4th

The day fair and pleast.- At 1 O'Clk: P.M. arrd. At Wahington & took a Room at Brown's- at dinner met with Major Morell (formerly Chf: Engineer of Mo:) who is now, - I believe employed ads a Co-editor of the New York Courier and Enquirer- "A

correspondent”- Feeling a little out of order, I confined myself pretty much to the House, (int the Reading Rooms, &c.) for the Rest of the day, Reading the Papers, & listening to the various talkers” many of whom have a great deal to Say about Mr. Tyler’s Texas project, pro: &con: which Seems to be the engrossing Subject here-

Washington City Sunday May 5th, 1844.-

The day fair and pleasant; but Windy, and a windy day here on Pennsylvania avenue is always unpleasant; the impalpable dust of the Street flying in clouds and penetrating every where- Being told that there was nothing attractive in the City to- day at any of the Churches; I (rather against my conscience I confess) Remained in doors all day, except a Short walk out in the morning-

Washington City Monday May 6th, 1844-

The Mg. fair and pleasant- After breakfast visited the office of the American Colonisation Society, and paid over to Mr. McLain the Secretary \$650 on acct of the Estate of Thomas Lindsay (for transportation of his negroes to Liberia &c.) for which I took his Receipt- From My. McLain I learn that those negroes arrived at Norfolk from New Orleans on last Fria the 3d Inst. (they left N.O. on the 7th of April) and that one of the children had died on the passage- which one he knew not-I Suggested to Mr. McLain that I would probably go down to Norfolk and Seethe condition, and disposition of those people; which he Said he thought very desirable- The expense would not be much and possibly if there was anything like wavering, discouragement or dissatisfaction among them, I might be able to Remove it- It is proposed to Send out a Vessel from Norfolk to Liberia with Emigrants and Stores about the 5th of June- in the meantime the Society’s Agents at Norfolk, Messre. Souter & Bell, would have the care and charge of Bunyan & Colony, Africa &c.,

Declining is & Mr. Gurley's polite invitations to dinner & Tea; and promising to consider of the Trip to Norfolk (which I think I will determine on) I left the office, & made Some other Visits &c.-

Washington City, Tuesday ay 7th, 1844, 1844-

The Mg. fair, but windy- The day the Same- It is So very unpleast. Going about here in the wind & dust that I feel no inclination to go out. Mr. Clay is indisposed I hear, and I am Sure needs Repose- I Shall not from mere idle ceremony, disturb him- I have no business with him, and even if I had unless pressing, I Should postpone it for the present.

No Citizen of the Union, has longer or more ardently and constantly desired to See Mr. Clay at the head of our Govt. than I have- I urged and advocated his claims when the last term of Mr. Monroe expired- Altho' I Regretted the apparent necessity of Running Gen: Harrison in his Stead in 1840, I zealously Supported that nomination; feeling perfectly Sure, that if alive in '44, Mr. Clay would be the Successful, unrivalled Whig Candidate, & So he is-

As there is nothing doing in Congress that is particularly interesting, & nothing to me very attractive in that directi9on, I Shall Spare myself the fatigue of a visit to the Capitol- The City is full of office Seekers, T Speculators, and other Visitors; many of whom are paying their devoirs to the Rising Star of the West- In the evening, after dispatching a letter home, took a lonely Stroll Round the Public Buildings, Presidents's House &c.- all very beautiful. Tomorrow I will go to Norfolk. The weather is good.-

St: B: Osceola Wednesday Morning, May 8th, 1844-

Fine Mg.- at 9 O'Clk: A: M: the Boat left the Wharf at Washington and proceeded Rapidly down the River on her Way to Norfolk- The distance is 120 Miles from the

Mouth of the Potomac & ten 100 Miles down the Bay to Norfolk- The time of arrival at Norfolk varies according to the wind, tide, & Weather- neither of which being favourable to day, the Capt: Says we Shall hardly make the trip before Midnight- At 10 passed Alexandria- at 12 passed Mt. Vernon, of which had a good view- at 8 P:M: we entered the Chesapeake Bay- The wind ahead by Rough there is much beautiful Scenery along the Shores of the Potomac; Some elegant Villas- public works & c.- We are not overcrowded with passengers- The Boat is quite comfortable, pretty well found, & very well managed- the passage to Norfolk is \$6 in the best Cabin-

The Osceola is a Middle Sized Boat, & is Reckoned a Swift Runner- As Soon as Night Set in, and Supper over, it became cloudy and dark, and the wind pretty high- Some became "Sea Sick"; and we all Soon betook ourselves to our Berths, as being the most eligible positions under all the circumstances- for myself, I was not troubled with any "Sickness", or anything else; and Soon fell Sound asleep; which the Rocking of the Boat did not in the least disturb.

Norfolk Va: Thursday May 9th, 1844.

It was 3 O'Clk: this Mg. when the Osceola landed here- I went immediately up to French's Hotel (a good house) and took a Room; Refreshed myself with cold water, Shaving & clean linen; looked over the papers, took a walk; and at 7 had Breakfast- I then called on Souter & Bell, Agts. Of the Col. Soc.) to enquire for the Lindsay negroes; and afterwards went to See them- I find them in comfortable quarters- all in good health, and in fine Spirits- So far from being at all discouraged by their long & Rough Voyage from N. Orleans; they are more Resolute and determined than ever, to proceed to Liberia- They are all at work, that are able, earning wages- (I desired the Agents to keep them

employed while here, So as at least to defray their expenses; and also enjoined on them all to be industrious & economical, which they promised to do) Betsy the daughter of Jenny abt. 9 yrs: old, died of Dysentery the day after they left N. Orleans- Her Mother Says She died very happily, expressing full faith & hope in the Saviour; and thus is She perfectly Reconciled to this dispensation of Providence- So Jenny declared to me- I gave them Some advice & instructions and again bid them all good bye- Dined at the Hotel (fine Strawberries, Pess, &c.) after Supper went on board the St: B. Jewess bound for Baltimore, to leave this place tomorrow Mg. at 4 O'Clk:- Went to bed in my Berth-

St: B: Jewess Friday 10th May 1844-

The Jewess Set out this morning at the hour appointed- the weather fine; but the wind is Rising- This is a large & better Boat than the Osceola- not many passengers- passage \$6 to Baltimore. Distance 160 Miles- expect to arrive in time for the Phila. Cars-

Note-At Norfolk yesterday Dr: Finley of the Army, now Stationed at Fortress Monroe, called on me, and pressingly invited me to Spend Some days at the Fort- which invitation I was Sorry my hurry obliged me to decline- Ft. Monroe is the largest & most important Military place, I believe, now occupied by our Govt. and is, I am told, kept in prime order.- The City of Norfolk bears evident marks of old age and decay- It is Still a decent & tolerably pleast. place- Portsmouth on the opposite Shore is a more flourishing & promising town, they Say.-

The Bay is very Rough to day, and Several of the Ladies are very Sea Sick- Among the passengers is a Maniac, a Youth of abt. 19 yrs. of age- His Father & a Physician (from Georgia) have him in charge- they are taking him to the Lunatic Hospital near Phila.- The poor Sufferer Requires constant watching, to prevent him from

destroying himself- His father Says he has hopes of his Recovery.- Boxes of Strawberries & Barrels of Peas, Large quantities, are here, on frt. For Baltimore-

Reached Baltimore just in time for the Cars, & in 5 Minutes, just at dusk, was on the way to Phila.- Cars crowded & inferior-

Philadelphia Saturday, 11th May, 1844-

A cloudy Mg. arrived at Phila. This Mg. at 5 O'Clk: went immediately to Head's Mansion House (So. 3d St.) this is the old Bingham House, & is now I believe the best public House in the City- It is a quiet, neat, well kept establishment.- I Spent the time before Breakfast in Shaving, Bathing & dressing &c.- After Breakfast I went to Mr. Henry D. Gilpin's, No. 99 Walnut Street, the present husband of my half Sister (Ann Elisa Sibley) formerly the wife of the late Josiah S. Johnston of Louisiana. Found Mr. G. in his office, told him who I was, and was by him quickly conducted up Stairs to my Sister, who Received me in the most affectionate manner, as did Mr. Gilpin also- My baggage was immediately Sent for, and I was at once an inmate of the family- My visit tho' by myself intended from the first, was entirely unlooked for by Mr. Gilpin & his Wife- they are both in good health, and are living very comfortably & easily here- Having announced my intention of pursuing my journey homeward (by the Northern Lakes) on Monday; that intention was overruled, and I was obliged to give it up, and agree to Stay in Phila. 'till after dinner Wednesday, or till Noon of that day-

This being Settled MR: and Mrs. G. planned various excursions for my amusement and to commence, We Set out immediately after dinner, in their Carriage, to See the Girard College, an, and after a pleasant drive, the weather fine, we came to that famous edifice- We walked thro' the interior of each Story, and then ascended to the top

of the Roof- All Is Marble beautifully dressed, and fitted together perfectly- all the materials are fine, all is massive and costly- No cost of Money or Skill or Labour Seems to have been Spared- There is no edifice in America probably that will compare with it when completed, which it will yet Require Years of time, & Some Millions of Dollars to effect, and when completed according to the Will & the plan; The question may well be asked; what will it be fit for?

Leaving the Girard College, we drove to the "Laurel Hill Cemetery" and Spent the Rest of the evening 'till near Sun down, Rambling thro; this imposing place of the dead- Much pains have been taken in the Selection of this beautiful Spot (commanding a lovely view up & down the Schuylkill) in its plan and adornment, to make it an attractive place of contemplation & agreeable Resort for the living, as well as a convenient and appropriate depository for the silent dead. The Monuments, Railings &c. that designate and enclose the Graves, are of infinite variety. Some are Costly & elegant; Altogether it is in "good keeping: with the Rich, chaste taste of the Philadelphians, & well worthy of the Stranger's visit- We Returned by a different Route, to [end of page]

Philadelphia Sunday May 12th, 1844.

The Morning cloudy and Cool- light Showers of Rain now and then during the day- The principal Streets are paraded occasionally by Troops of Horsemen in Uniform- Guards of Artillery & Infantry are Stationed in difft parts of the City; especially at or near all the Roman Catholic Churches; which it is Said the Mob Still threaten to destroy- The City is indeed under Military Sway, Yet all is orderly and quiet- The Churches are all open and well attended, except the Catholic, which are closed by order of their Bishop Kerrick (?), from a mistaken apprehension (real or pretended) that their Religious

Services will be disturbed if publicly observed- I am assured by persons, who I am Sure must be fit judges; that there does not exist any just cause for the Bishop's order' and am myself disposed to attribute it more to a desire to enlist Sympathy, than from any Real apprehension of danger. But I may be mistaken-

I went with Mr. & Mrs. Gilpin at 11 O'Clk: to St. Peter's (Episcopal) Church, of which my Sister is a Member- This is venerable Ch: the oldest in Phila. I believe, and is Still Retained in its good old fashioned Style as to its interior arrangements; which by the way , appears to me convenient, comfortable and appropriate. The young Pastor Oberhuysen (I think is his Name) gave us an excellent discourse, Suited to the present condition of the City; They Music (aided by a fine organ) is very excellent in this old Church.- The attendance was very full, and all the Services were solemn and imposing- The Pastor is much esteemed for his eloquence & Piety-

It was my intention to have gone to Mr. Barnes' Church in the evening, but Some paltry excuse too Readily yielded to , prevented my going out again. I Spent most of the time however in conversation with my beloved Sister, (I had not Seen her for Sixteen years ;till yesterday, and hardly expect ever again to See her in this World, after I leave Phila.) in which we were mutually interested in a high degree, and I trust benefited also.-

Philadelphia Monday 13th May.-

He Mg. & the day fair and pleast. Mr. &Mrs. Gilpin had invited to Breakfast Mr. Thomas Gilpin, a bachelor uncle of Mr. H.D. Gilpin, with the view of enlisting his Services to Show me, what is most desirable for a Stranger to See in Philadelphia- I was advised of this beforehand. Mr. Gilpin came to Breakfast, and in the most cheerful,

Ready manner undertook to be my conductor for the day- This estimable Gentleman, an old inhabitant of Phila., a Member of the Society of Friends or Quakers, is perfectly familiar with the whole City, and with all her benevolent and learned institutions; all the eminent Artists, Manufactures, Presidents, Secretaries & Directors of all the many valuable and eminently useful public establishments here are well & intimately known to Mr. G., who being a Man of taste and extensive learning and knowledge, and a Member of nearly all those institutions, and of the most unsullied amiable private character, is universally esteemed as here he is universally known- In Short, Mr. Thomas Gilpin's name & presence Serve as a perfect Open Sesame" to all that is worth Seeing in and around Philadelphia.-

Our first excursion was to the famous Steam Ship Princeton, Capt. Stockton, lying off the Navy yard- But for the influence of Mr. Gilpin's name, I could not have got on board of that fine Ship- The Capt: was on board directing Some inspection &c. and had given orders not to admit visitors on board to day except by his Special permission- Mr. Gilpin sent our Names however and the Yawl handsomely manned immediately came ashore (The Ship lies Several hundred yds: out in the Stream) and took us on board- Capt. Stockton Received us very politely, took us into his Cabin and Showed us, by a Model he keeps that, he manner by which his Ship is propelled &c. and the very near & economical stowage in the Cabin- He then called one of his young officers, Mr. Norris, (whose Father and Grandfather Mr. Gilpin Said were his old friends, he Seems to know everybody) and directed him to conduct us thro' the Ship, and to Show & explain to us every thing that we might desire to examine- All which the young Middy did very courteously and fully- Certainly to my very great gratification-

Neither of the Bib Guns is now on board- The one that did not burst, is at the foundry (where I afterwards Saw it). We Spent nearly an hour on board the Princeton, then made our bow to the Capt: and were Sent ashore again in the Yawl- We now went to the great Foundry, where Saw the Bug Gun of the Princeton (abt. 15 ft. long carrying a Shot weighting 220 lbs) which appears as bright as Silver, and had a most awfully frowning aspect- They are casting Several very large parts of Machinery of different kinds- From this establishment (where we Staid half and hour) we went to the Old Pennsylvania Hospital- Then wto the U:S: Mint (where I found Mr. and Mrs. Tunstall of St. Louis) We witnessed the coining (Stamping) of Half Dollars, and were Shown most of the Machinery & operations of this important National institution, So ably managed and conducted by Dr: Patterson to whom Mr. Gilpin introduced me.- After I had written my name, place of Residence, and the date of my visit in the Register, that is kept for the purpose of Recording Such visitations, we took our leave of Dr: P: and went to see Two very celebrated Panorama views of Rome and "The Bay of Islands" both of which are well worth a long visit- I was particularly interested with the magnificent view here exhibited of Rome' it far Surpasses any thing of the kind that I ever Saw before- I Spent more than an hour here; and am Sure that a whole day would not be too long to enjoy this Splendid Picture-

We went Successively to See Several fine paintings that Mr. G. knew of, and then , pretty much fatigued with Walking, Returned to Mr. H. D. Gilpin's to dinner, at 3 O'Clk: Mr. Thomas G. promising to call for meat 10 tomorrow morning, to Resume our Rambles through the City- Immediately after dinner Mr. G. ordered his Barouche, and Mrs. & Mr. G. & myself went out to The Fairmount Water Works. The weather is

very fine, and the Ride was very pleasant- There are Engines and Machinery here
Sufficient to take up the whole of the Schuylkill and apply it to watering the City- At
present not over the half is Required I believe- These works are Substantial, durable, and
ornamental- There is much to attract visitors, especially in hot weather- Our Routes
going out to Fairmount and Returning (being different) brought us in view of Several
public institutions of the City & State & U: States (Naval Asylum- Paupers' Refuge-
Penitentiary- Insane Asylum I am not Sure of the names) all of which appear to be kept
in excellent order- We crossed the Schuylkill on a fine Wire Bridge- Saw many
beautiful Seats along the River and on the adjacent Hills- Our Ride was purposely
prolonged 'till Sundown, when we got home to tea- We found the elder Mrs. Gilpin,
Mother of H.D., a fine old lady, Miss Gilpin her daughter and her younger Sons
Thomas & Richard; who had all dropped in to spend the evening and presently my
excellent friend Thos. Gilpin Senr. Came in; and the evening passed off very pleasantly
indeed 'till late bed time, with these accomplished and amiable people.

And thus went off my third day in Philadelphia, entirely to my
Satisfaction, and something to my benefit I think-

Philadelphia Tuesday May 14th, 1844.

Morning Hazy and cool- At half past 10 Mr. Thomas Gilpin called and he & I
immediately set out upon our walk- First went to the offices of Messrs. Spencer, Hufty
& Danforth, Bank Note Engravers., who have made some very important improvements
and inventions in the Graphic Art- Mr. Spencer claims to be the inventor of a contrivance
by which Medals are accurately transferred to plain Surfaces (& thence to paper &c.) so
as to present the pictures with every appearance of the uneven or Waved Surface of the

original- I witnessed the whole process, which is extremely simple, and was at once Struck with the perfect infallible accuracy of the Result- it would be impossible to distinguish the the Original from the Copies- when the latter are Re-transferred, as is easily done, to metal, &c.- I was much delighted with this establish. The proprietors & artists were very polite, and Shewed us many beautiful Specimens of their noble art (Several of which Mr. Spencer Sent me after I left his office)- Next we visited the Atheneum for a few Minutes- Then the Hall of the Am: Philosophical Society; where we Saw in the Cabinet many very Rare and curious things; among others, the Original Rough Draft of the Declaration of Independence, with all the alterations & amendments interlined, erased &c.- Then we went to the Hall of the “Artists’ fund Society” to See a Gallery of Pictures now being exhibited In this Hall or Gallery, are arranged 200 pictures- which employed us nearly two hours to inspect with the help of a printed Catalogue briefly explanatory- I pretend to no taste or Judgment in these things, tho’ I love dearly to see and examine them- I thought Some of these very passably fine; a few very fine- Many only So So- Still I was much gratified upon the whole.

From this Gallery we went to See Some fine pictures and Portraits (likenesses) by Sully- And here we ended our Morning Ramble- friend “Thomas” as he is familiarly called by every body, in quaker style, was obliged to attend to a business engagement at 1 O’Clk: now at hand, and I was reminded that my Sister had notified us, that Some Gentlemen were expected to dine with us at 3.-

The day was Sultry, and our walk had not left me exactly in a proper “fix” for a dinner party- So I leisurely proceeded to my Room, a good long walk , and made Ready for the dinner hour.—Our dinner party, besides Mr. Gilpin Mrs. G. & I, consisted

of Hon: Mr. Snowden Speaker of the Penna. H. Reprs:- Mr. J. R. Ingersoll, Son of Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll now in Congress, and Mr. Thomas Gilpin Junr. Late Consul of the U. S. at Belfast in Ireland- All very agreeable & well informed men- In the evening Mrs. Shamburgh and Miss Page her Sister, came in Mrs. S. Sings & plays well and the evening passed off very pleasantly indeed-

Philadelphia Wednesday May 15th, 1844

The Morn. and the day fair & cool and very pleasant.- At 12 O'Clk: I took leave of my Sister, Mr. Gilpin & other frds: and crossed the River at the foot of Walnut St: to the Rail Road Carrs, and was quickly on the way, Rapidly, to New York. At South Amboy we were Shifted from the Carrs to a St: Boat (Rather a Shabby one, the Regular Packet is Repairing they Say)-

Got to New York at 7 O'Clk:- took a Room, No. 140. 3d floor, at the Astor House- took Supper, a cold one, ooked over the Newspapers awhile, and went to bed at 10 O'Clk:-

New York Thursday May 16th-

The morning 'till about 11 O'Clk: was wet and disagreeable- Nevertheless Major Rollins of boone Co. Mo: (one of the delegates) Mr. Chambers of the Republican St. Ls. And myself, accompanied by Mr. chapman of this City, Set off Soon after Breakfat, in an Omnibus, to pay our Respects to Mr. Frelinghuysen- We found him in his office in the University; and were intrduced by Mr. Chapman, an intimate acquaintance of his, - Our visit, of about 20 Minutes was every way agreeable- Mr. F. appears cheerful & Social; is in good health , a fine looking gentleman, and is by no means averse to expressing himself freely in Reation to public affairs.- After we left the University, we

went to Niblo's Garden- the 5 points- Wall St: the Exchange- Express office- Park- U: S. court, and to the City Council then Sitting; Mr. Chapman introduced us to the new Whig Mayor, Harper, Alderman Drake & "Old Hays"- We also visited various other places in course of our morning excursion-Called on Mr. Havens an eminent writer on Political economy, Statistics, the Tariff, &c.- Mr. H: invited me to his House tomorrow Night, at a party in compliment. To his daughter's birthday' which I promised to attend if I Remain So long in the City-

Dined at the Astor House at 3 ½ O'Clk: at the Ladies Ordinary, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Rollins-Mr. and Mrs. Tunstall & Mr. and Mrs. Chambers- Spent the evening till bedtime mixing with the crowds about the Hotel. Just as Night commenced a heavy Rain which contend. Near all Night.

New York Friday May 17th-

The morning dark, wet and Muddy, and So continued nearly all the day- I am tired of this great dirty, bustling City of "Gotham:- and am determined to pursue my journey homeward without any further delay; and have arranged to go up to Albany to Night in the St: B: Knickerbocker which leaves here this evening at 7 O'Clk:- Sent my apology to Mr. Havens by Chambers-

The Astor House, as now kept, is by no means "what it is cracked up to be"- The Buildings, plan & position are all, doubtless very well- and I dare Say the establishment Suits very well, those who Regard Bustle, Show and extravagance more than Comfort- I have never yet been able to find near as much of the latter, at any of our very large Hotels as at those of less pretensions- I think the "Planter's House" at St. Louis far better than The Astor House is now.- And there are Several Smaller Houses in St.

Louis far preferable in my opinion to either of those- “Every one to his notion” about
Such things.-

Albany Saturday Mg. May 18th, 1844-

The Knickerbocker is a very fine Boat, at least equal in all Respects to her
pretensions- We landed at Albany this Mg. at 4 O’Clk: (60 Miles from N. York) cold, dark
and Wet; Raining hard- Employed a Cab to convey me to the Rail Road depot, where I
found a few Shabby looking Men & Women, with their luggage, dosing near a dirty
Stove, waiting for the departure of the Carrs Northwardly; which is to take place at 7
O’Clk: I deemed it prudent to keep a Sharp look out for my Baggage; having good
reason to think there are thieves and pick- pockets about- As daylight appeared, & people
began to Move out, Tho’ Still Raining, things began to look Rather better- I went into an
adjoining Hotel, where many passengers were congregating, and found tolerably
comfortable quarters- At half past 6 we had a pretty good breakfast, and Soon after that,
precisely at 7, The train of Carrs was in motion- The Carrs are comfortable, and we are
not crowded- Of course I had not time or opportunity to See Albany; It Still rained when
we Started; but cleared off Soon after & was very pleasant all the Rest of the day- Our
Route took us through, or in Sight of many pretty towns & villages- Skenectady-
Amsterdam- Little Falls- Utica- Rome- Syracuse- Geneva- and Canandagua- which last
named place is 25 Miles from Albany- We Ran at the Rate of about 15 Ms: an hour
nearly the whole way (frequent Short stops deducted) So that a Mere glimpse of the
country was all that we could get- I don’t like this hurry Scurry mode of travelling-

Canandagua Sunday 19th May, 1844-

I left the Carrs immediately on their arrival at this place, at One O'Clk: this Morning; and went to bed at the principal Hotel, as informed, and got a good Refreshing nap before breakfast-time- After Shaving and otherwise improving my condition &c. and taking breakfast (Rather early I thought) I took a walk down to the Canandagua Lake on which this beautiful Village is Situated- The exercise was of Service to me- This lake is long & narrow, (about 15 Ms: long & 1 Wide) the water Remarkably clear, & the Scenery along its Shores picturesque and beautiful- Hon: Mark Hopkins Sible of this place, is a near Relative of Mine (full first Cousin) but I have never Seen him, or any of his family- He is a practicing Lawyer here and throughout this Regioun; was Sent to Congress Some years ago from this Dist., during Mr. Van Buren's admn. Which he opposed, and has Several times been in the Senate of N. York Now, & for Some years past, he has quit public life, except professionally- He is a Whig, out & out, and as Such co-operates warmly with Francis Granger, who also Resides in Canandagua.-

At 9 O'Clk: I went to my Cousin's House- He is not at home, gone to Geneva- I Requested to See his Wife (Sending her my name) who immediately presented herself- I told her who I was &c. and that I hafd called, as in duty bound, to See them all, and to get a little better cquainted with them &c. Mrs. S. Received me with the utmost cordiality and kindness- Said I must Spend the day with them at least, if not Several days, till her husband came home, whose absence She as well as myself, very much Regretted- This I agreed to of course- Mrs. S: now Said that they were about going out to Church, (She belongs to the Episcopal Ch☺ I offered to accompany her, but She Said there was no Regula r Service today in their ch:, the House being undergoing Repairs, and

Recommended my going with her Son John (a fine tall young Man of 20) to the Presbyterian Church where She was Sure the pastor, Mr. Thompson would please me with and excellent Sermon- This proposition Suited me exactly; and So Master John and I were Soon seated in a comfortable Pew in the Presbyterian Church; which is large, handsomely arranged and finished, and very well filled- There is a fine Organ here, and a large Choir- Never have I heard better Church Music; and Seldom have I ever heard a better Sermon, than Mr. Thompson preached this morning- The appearance & behavior of this large congregation testifies very favourably of the conditions of the Society here, for piety & morality-

After dinner, Mrs. Sibley & her daughter Emily accompanied me to the Same Church- Mr. Canfield of Ohio was the preacher- I did not like him much; tho' I believe most others who heard him did- (Mr. C. preached again at night, but I did not go- John & Emily did go however, and Reported favourably, Rather favourably)-

My Cousin has 3 children, all grown- John- Mary & Emily- John is now a Law- Student, & appeas promising (unless he is a little too wild)- Mary, the eldest daughter is Soon to be married, her Mother tells me, to Mr. John Garrison, a young gentleman now associated with my Cousin in professional business; considered, I believe, a young man of very fair promise- They are all three well educated, Sensible handsome youths- My Cousin is in very easy Circumstances, and lives in the Style of a Gentleman of fortune- his Wife is a Lady of fine appearance, well educated, agreeable in her manners, affable, kind & Religious: a first Reate housekeeper & manager- She is a Native of Canandagua-, Maiden name Clark- After Tea She invited me to See their new House & Garden, about half a Mile up Street, on a lot of 40 Acres- The House is not yet

finished, nor the Garden either, tho' they are both nearly So; The whole exhibits elegant taste, with a due Regard for convenience and Substantial Comfort- Mrs. S. assures me, that their farm and Garden very nearly Supports their family, So far as Necessaries are concerned- This walk also afforded me an opportunity to See Something more of the elegant Villas, Gardens, &c. of this lovely place; and it was not without a Struggle that I Resisted the Strong temptations presented to me on every Side, to Spend a Week ten days here, & hereabout- Geneva & Geneseo among other places, held out Strong attractions- but I was anxious to be going homeward & Resisted- It was late bedtime before I took leave of my Cousin's amiable family- long Shall I Remember this day and night- At 11 O'Clk: I went to bed at the Hotel- The Carrs Start at 7 in the Mg.-

Rochester Monday 20th May, 1844-

The day wet and chilly- left Canandagua at a little past 7- At half past 9 got to Rochester (16 Miles) Here I had to Stay till half past 5 in the evening, when the Carrs Started for Buffalo, which is 75 Miles from Rochester- It Rained and Stormed nearly the whole time that I Stopped here; which prevented me from Seeing but very little of this interesting and thriving City- Even tho' it did Rain, I Raised an Umbrella & walked about, Solitary & alone, for nearly an hour- All the outsides, as far as Saw it, made me only Regret the more, that I could not have looked into the Mills, Churches, &c. more minutely- Tomorrow the Great Western is to leave Buffalo for Chicago, and I'm so desirous of taking passage in that fine Vessel, that I must to on in the Carrs to day-

Buffalo Tuesday 21^t. May.

Arrived here this Morning at about one O'Clk: after an unpleas. Ride the Night being dark and Wet & Stormy, and the Carrs crowded, and Some of the passengers

Rather troublesome. The morning is cold and cloudy and the Streets of Buffalo muddy especially those near the Harbour- I went out early however, and Secured a berth on board the Great Western, which is to Sail for Chicago this evening at 4 O'Clk:-
Meanwhile I took a Walk about the Town, which is certainly a fine business-like thrifty City, & is a Right pretty place moreover- Soon after dinner I went on board the Boat- many passengers on board-

Lake Erie, on board The Great Western, Wednesday 22d. May, 1844.

Left Buffalo at 4 O'Clk: yesterday evening- The Boat much crowded- the weather cold & unpleas.- the Lake quite Rough- The Night was dark and heavy and Somewhat Windy- But it is fair & pleas. This morning- At 7 O'Clk: got to Fairport (164 Ms. From Buffalo)- At 10 arrived at Huron- Passed Cleveland- Sandusky & Several other towns; in the evening passed Several Islands towards the head of the Lake, and arrived at Detroit about Midnight, 316 Miles rom Buffalo- I enjoyed the Lake Scenery for an hour or two this evening, from the upper Deck; it is extremely grand an beautiful.-

Detroit Thursday 23d. May '44.-

A fine pleas. Morning- The Boat lay here till 9 O'Clk: this morning- I availed myself of the opportunity to take a morning walk about the City- It is an interesting & pretty place- opposite, on the Canada Side is the little Town of Sandwich, which does not appear to be growing or improving- The Detroit River here, is as wide as the Missouri at St. Charles, and bears about the Same with form Erie to L. St. Clair: the Water clear and deep- This River is only abt. 30 Miles long, connecting Lakes Erie & St. Clair- The Scenery along the Shores is pretty as Seen from the Boat- We entered Lake St. Clair at a little after 10 O'Clk: and at about 1 P.M. entered the River St. Clair- The

breaking of a Wheel detained us Several hours to day- a little after Sundown passed Ft. Gratiot, 75 Miles from Detroit & entered Lake Huron- Along the Shores of the River St. Clair (which is abt. $\frac{3}{4}$ Miles wide & nearly 40 Miles long) are Several thriving Villages on the Western or American Side, the few that are on the British Side, are Strikingly inferior- I observed Several large Steam Saw Mills on the West Side; the Scenery all along this beautiful Stream on both Sides, is indeed very beautiful. The evening was Calm, fair & pleast., So that from the upper deck of the Great Western the view was very distinct- Our entrance into Lake Huron, just after Sun Set, was exceedingly fine. The Current of the River for 3 or 4 Miles where it pours down form the Lake, is Said to Run 17 Miles and hour, Requiring great power to Stem it- This power being duly applied, our Boat ascended majestically tho' Slowly, passing the Fort, and a Light House; and we were fairly through the pass, and on the bosom of the Lake before it was quite dark.-

Lake Hurn Friday 24th May-

A fine pleast. morning- The Lake is Rough yet from the wind of last Night, but the weather is calm- This is one of the Great Lakes- from Ft. Gratiot to Mackinaw (the whole length) it is called 400 Miles; and its width in Some places, is over 150 Miles, it is very deep, water very blue & clear; and abounds with fine fist; Salmon trout- White fish- Surgeon &c. Some very large and beautiful Islands (Some of them 20 Miles long & 10 or 12 Wide) lay in our course, on which are fine Farms, Handsome Buildings & iprovements.

We Reached Mackinaw, Island & Ft. at half past 6 this evening; and Stopped and hour- 'tho' raining, I walked out to the Ft. & back- this Island is abt. 9 Miles

in Circumference, commands the Straits between Huron & Michigan- At 8 O'Clk: we
entd. L. Michigan, & contend. On our course all Night-

Lake Michigan Saturday 25th May 1844-

The morning boisterous, & the Lake Rough, and many of our Female
passengers very Sea Sick- Tfog & mist on the Lake last night impeded our progress
Somewhat- At 7 O'Clk: this Mg. Stopped for Wood at one of the Manitou Islands (abt.
100 Miles from Mackinaw)- The whole of this day was Stormy, wet & unpleas.; the
Lake was So Rough & So Shrouded in fog, that we could See Nothing if we looked out-
at night it cleared off- There are many emigrants on board, from the New England States
going to Missouri & Illinois; Some of them have their families, Waggon, furniture, &c.
nearly all of them are Stowed in the "Steerage" and must have a hard time of it-
Altogether, there are, now abt. 400 Souls on board- There were 600 when the Boat left
Buffalo—The Great Western is one of 19 Boats now employed by one Company carrying
freight & passengers from Buffalo to Chicago (both ways) and the intermediate places;
besides these there are many Sail Vessels & "Propellers" employed in the Same way- The
whole distance from Bufflao to Chicago is about 1100 Miles. And the average trips, of
this Boat, are 5 days up & 4 down- The "Great Western" is a large, fine well found, &
well managed Boat; tho' I am of opinion, much inferior, So far as Relates to Comfort &
Speed, to our Largest, 1t. class Mississippi Boats- With one exception (the "Wiskonsin",
a new Boat) She is preferable to any other Boat now on these Lakes- Te Wiskonsin is
Said to be better.-

I forgot to Notice in My pencil Notes, but will now do it, what ought not
to have been overlooked by any means- I mean the Fisherman along the Straights of

Mackinaw- Great quantities of White fish and Salmon Trout are here taken and Salted in Barrels, for exportation- Whenever the Michigan & Illinois Canal is completed, or a paved or Rail Road established between Chicago & Galena (both of which are in contemplation, & will doubtless be effected in a few years) then this Fish trade will take a new direction, and become a very important item of trade, Subsistence and Luxury throughout the great Valley of the Mississippi- The Salmon trout, weighing from 8 to 80 pounds (I was offered one weighing 45 pounds for One Dollar) inferior to no other fish; and the White fish, called Lake Shad, & quite as fine, may then be taken fresh, packed in Ice, to St. Louis, N. Orleans, &c. at cheap Rates, & this will all soon be Realized I doubt not-

Lake Michigan Sunday 26th May.-

The weather this morning is fair and pleasant- The Boat Landed at Milwaukie about 1 O'Clk: this Mg. and pour out a Number of Emigrants & their effects &c. This is Said to be a very thriving and promising Town, very pleasantly Situated on the Lake Shore in Wisconsin, about 85 Miles below Chicago, at the Mouth of Milwaukie River and Bay- I Regret that I could not See this place, and walk into it, by day light, which I had a Strong desire to do for many Reasons.- At 9 Stopped at Racine- then at Southport-then at Little Fort; all pretty towns of Recent growth on the Lake Shore.- And at half past 3 O'Clk: P: M: landed at Chicago- I went immediately to the "Tremont House" & took a Room-

Chicago Monday Mg. 27th May 1844-

The Mg. fair & pleast- I had made up my mind "pretty much" to go from here to Galena, 160 Miles, & from thence down the Mississippi to St. Louis; howbeit I

had also a desire to See the country along the Canal Route to Peru, & also the Illinois River from Peru down- from Chicago to Per it is 98 Miles & the line of Coaches Said to be very good- Owing to the immense Rains, all the Roads are Reported decidedly bad, that to Galens decidedly the worst- I decided last Night, however, to take the Peru Route, and Secured my passage in the Mail Coach for this Mg., before I went to bed-

Early this Mg. I walked out to See Something of Chicago- The growth of this City (*for it assumes that Rank & title) has been very Sudden & Rapid; and no doubt Strong & durable- the Situation is very eligible and pretty; buildings mostly of Wood, and in good taste- Streets broad, and partially paved- and there Seems to prevail a considerable Religious influence; After Breakfast, at a little after 8 O'Clk: left Chicago in the State for Peru- the State quite full, and very much overloaded with Baggage- It was near Sunset before we got to Joliet (40 Miles) a very pretty Romantic town on the Canal and Joliet River- The Country thus far exceedingly beautiful & fertile, and Rapidly filling up & improving Roads very very bad- Our Stop here was only for half and hour, to change Horses & the Mail; & then we proceeded very Slowly & Roughly, all Night-of course Saw no More of the Country, the Night being cloudy & dark, 'till morning; which found us moving at a Snail's pace about 30 Miles from Joliet- We got to Ottoway, (a pretty thriving place at the mouth of Fox River & near the Canal) at abt. 11 O'Clk: & Stopped and Hour to get Breakfast &c.- After which, the weather being fair & pleast. had a pleasant drive (in 2 Coaches) to Peru (16 Miles) where we arrived Safely tho' fatigued.

Peru, Illinois River, Tuesday 28th May-

A fine pleast. day- We arrived here at 2 O'Clk: this evening- The Boat that we expected to find here was gone; & none looked for 'till tomorrow- So we must Submit

to Stay in this poor place 'till then- So much of the country as we could See this Mg. is picturesque & beautiful, & Susceptible of the highest degree of improvements- Our Route from Chicago was along the valley of the Canal, or in view of it, and at many points presented views of Surpassing beauty- The terminus of the Canal is at La Salle, a new town, on the Illinois River, occupying an elevated & very pretty position about 3 Miles above Peru – La Salle is, I think, destined to grow up to considerable importance, after the completion of the Canal- The immense water power that will there be afforded, must of itself, cause the town & its vicinity, to flourish Rapidly & permanently- and for the Same Reason Peru to St. Louis is Reckoned from 280 to 300 Miles- (300 at least I Shd. Think)-

Peru-270 Ms. Up the Illinois River, Wednesday 29th May, 1844

The Mg. dark & Wet- heavy Rains last Night & 'till noon today- the Streets of Peru awfully Muddy.- The St: Boat Chicago, Captain Field, arrd. At 11 O'Clk: this Mg., and at 12 was on the way back again to St. Louis- of course our party all embarked in this Boat-

It seems proper here, to Say, what I think is due, in Relation to the Line of Stage Coaches between Chicago & Peru – Our trip thro' was certainly tedious & uncomfortable enough, owing however to the Bad weather and bad Roads- The Coaches- Horses, & Drivers, I pronounce good, very good- The only fault I could, in conscience, find, was the enormous load of Baggage that our Coach groaned under from Chicago to Ottawa; At Ottawa. Our Breakfast was Super-excellent, and well deserves a special notice.-

We proceeded Rapidly down the Illinois, Stopping only at some Small towns to exchange Mails; and at a little before Sunset landed at the beautiful Town of Peoria. (80 miles form Peru, at the lower end of Peoria Lake) here we were detained 'till near dark; and then proceeded all night-

St: B: Chicago- Thursday 30th May-

Mg. fair & pleast.- At a little after Sunrise landed, for an hour, at Bardstown, 30 Ms: below Peoria & abt 100 Ms: from the Mouth- the Illinois is now in a very high flood, overflowing its banks & a wide extent of the adjacent Country- Farms, & Villages even, are completely Submerged and all looks like destruction and desolation.-

St. Louis Friday 31t. May, 1844-

We landed here this morning at a little after One O'Clk: At Chicago I had undertaken, by particular Request, to take care of a young Girl on the journey to St. Louis; She is from Geneseo, N. Yk: & was a passenger form Buffalo in the Gt. Western, under the care of a gentleman, a friend of her brother's- the gentleman, (I did no learn his name) came no farther than Chicago, where he Requested me to take charge of her, which it was out of my power to Refuse- Her name is Emily Treat, Sister of Mr. Treat of St. Louis, Co-editor of the Reporter, Atty. At Law, &c. She is about 16 years old I Shd. Suppose, & is, I think, a Sensible, well educated and deserving young Lady- My first business this morning, as Soon as people were astir, was to acquit myself of y duty towards Miss Emily, by finding her Brother and conducting her to him; which I was able to accomplish in an hour or two.-

I afterwards, Sometime before breakfast, went up to the Virginia Hotel, took a Room, Refreshed myself &c. and then took Breakfast- After all which, I went out

to find & greet my friends and acquaintances- I must make a Note here concerning the Boat Chicago- She is Small; but very decidedly the neatest, best provided, best managed, best Running, most comfortable Boat of her Class that I have ever been a passenger in- and Capt. Field is a polite, gentlemanly clever fellow; and deserves the Support & patronage of the public- There is to be a Whig gathering, here on Monday, & I have concluded to Stay and attend it-

Saint Louis Saturday 1st June 1844.

Yesterday I dined at Mr. Gamble's, who now lives in town, but found it most Convenient to occupy my Room at the Virginia Hotel last night- This Morn. after Breakfast I Shifted my quarters to Mr. Gamble's, and Shall Remain there; 'till Tuesday Morn. & then go home in the Stage- The meeting on Monday is to be in compliance with a Resolution of the Hannibal Convention of last Novemr. Recommending a young-men's State Convention to be held in St. Louis on the first Monday in Jun to Receive and Respond to the Nominations of the Baltimore Convention- The Suggestion was favourably Recd. By other Counties; and there is a prospect now of a large assemblage on the occasion, especially from the Missouri & Upper Mississippi Counties, & Some even from Illinois & Iowa- The Whigs are to have a convention in the Southern part of the State, for the Same objects, about the Same time; So that there will not be any up from that quarter probably- The Spirited Clay Clubs of St. Louis are making Suitable preparations for the gathering on Monday.-

Sunday 2nd June.

The day fair & pleast.- I attended divine Service Morning, evening & at Night in the 2nd Fresn. Ch:- In the Morn. Mr. Chittenden preached-in the evening Mr.

Dixon- At Night prayer meeting- (Dr: Potts the pastor has not yet Returned form the General Assembly) At each of these meetings there was a very good attendance- County at Night.-

St. Louis Monday 3rd June 1844.

The Mg. wet & dark & ugly 'till after 9 O'Clk: after that the Rain ceased altogether, but the day was Somewhat Cloudy throughout; and except the mud it was very cool and pleasant- A large number of delegates arrived on Saturday & yesterday evening in St: Boats, from the Missouri and Upper Mississippi. There is a very evident large increase of the population of St. Louis at this time- and the political Stir commenced quite early this Mg., the Rains notwithstanding- At 9 O'Clk: the procession commenced forming near the Court house, agreeably to the published programme, under the direction of the Marshalls; And began to move (the Rain having ceased & the clouds dispersing) at about 10 O'Clk- After marching through Several Streets in various directions thro; the City (all very muddy) We (for I was in it all) took a direct line out to the Grove called "The Park" where preparations had been made for the Conventional proceedings- public Speaking &c. and where Refreshments were provided by the Committee of arrangement- The procession was about a mile long, and I Should Say, contained not less than 3000 persons (Some Say 4000)- plenty of excellent Music, and an infinite variety of Banners & devices enlivened the March & imparted to the Scene a high degree of Spirit and enthusiasm- Besides those who marched in procession, there were at least as many more Whigs, who made their way out to the park by Shorter Cuts & more convent. modes, to avoid the Mud & fatigue of the long march prescribed in the programme- When we arrived at the Park, it appeared to be already crowded with the

people, who had gone out early in advance of the procession, besides the Many who accompanied us on the latter part of the march, occupying the Side Walks- And there were also quite a large number of Ladies present at the Park- Altogether, I venture to Say there were at least Eight thousand Whigs at the Park to day, on this occasion; a great number were detained by Reason of the unpromising State of the Weather last Night and this morning-

The convention was quickly organized by the appt. of a President (Mr. Eager, of St. Louis) a number of Vice Presidents, of whom I was one, and Several Secretaries; Suitable Resolutions were proposed and adopted, expressive of the objects of the Meeting & most cordially accepting the Nominations of the Baltimore Convention of the 1st of May; with a most enthusiastic pledge to Support them.- Many Speeches were delivered from the three different Stands or Rostrums- Some of which were of a peculiarly Stiring quality- Of course there was more or less of Noise, for many could not approach the Stands near enough to hear the Speakers & were engaged in loud laughing & talking &c. and there was a full complement of Rude Noise Boys on the ground- But there was not the least disturbance- All was hilarity, & perfect good humour throughout- At 6 P:M: we Marched back to the Ct. House Square & all was dissolved &c.- At Night there was a large assemblage in front of the Ct. House- and Many Speeches delivered.

Memo. Referred to in page 77-(4th June '44)-

Apr. 13 Passage form St. Charles to St. Louis-----1.50
 “ 15 Boots \$2 1/3- Socks \$1.37 1/2- Umbrella 75¢- Hkf: & Soap &c. 1.12 1/2-----5.75
 “ 16. Bill at The Planter’s House \$2.75- A Book 87 1/2 -----3.62 1/2
 “ 20 Boot Blk: 12 1/2¢- Shaving glass 18-1/3-----.31 1/4

“ 24	Passage room St. Louis to Wheeling (St: B. Manhattan) -----	0.00
“ “	Passage from Wheeling to Baltimore (Stages & R.R. Carrs) -----	11.00
“ 25.	Road expenses (Tavern at Wheeling & along the Roads to Balt)-----	3.25
“ 27	Clothing &c. purchased in Baltimore Vist.	
	Hat \$4 ½ - Dress Coat \$17- Do. Pants \$7- Do. Vests \$8-	
	Hkfs: \$5 ½ -Drawers \$1 ½ Summer Coats \$8- Do. Pants \$2 ½ -	
	3 Shirts \$6- Collars \$1 ½- Stocks \$1.37 ½ - Braces \$1.75-	
	Umbrella \$4 ½- Knife \$2 ½- Spectacles \$2 ½- Books \$1-	
	Pictures, Badges, paper- newspapers &c. Say \$10. -----	85.12 ½
May 4	Bills & expenses at the Eutaw House, Washing &c.-----	13.87 ½
“ “	Passage to Washington City & portorage (Carrs) -----	3.00
“ 8	Bill & expenses at Washington City -----	6.75
“ “	Passage to Norfolk (St: Bt. Osceola)-----	6.00
“ 9	Bill & Exps. At Norfolk (including Carpet Bag \$4) -----	7.00
“ 10	Passage from Norfolk to Baltimore (St. B. Jewess)-----	6.00
“ “	Do. Balt: to Phila. & porters- R. Rd. Carrs -----	4.50
“ 15	Bills & exps in Philadelphia -----	2.75
“ “	Passage form Phila. to N. Yk: porters &c -----	3.25
“ 18	Bill & Exps. Astor House \$4 ¼ Omnibus &c. 100¢ -----	5.25
“ “	Pants: \$5- Under Shirts \$4. -----in N. Yk. -----	9.00
	Tweed? _____	
	Carried forward-----	\$187.94
“ “	Passage form N. YK: to Albany (St. B. Knickerbocker)	

	Including Porters & Cabs- (Raining &c.) -----	3.00
“ 19	Passage Albany to Rochester (Carrs) & extra exps. -----	9.75
“ 20	Exps. At Canandague (including 87 ½) for a Razor Strop) -----	2.37 ½
“ “	Passage from Rochester to Buffalo (Carrs) -----	2.25
“ “	Expenses at Rochester & Buffalo (Books 87 ½) -----	2.87 1/2
“ 21	Passage Buffalo to Chicago (St. B: Great Western) -----	14.00
“ 27	Expenses at Chicago & on the Road to Peru -----	1.75
May 27	Passage form Chicago to Peru -----(Stages)-----	6.00
“ 29	Expenses at Peru -----	1.00
“ 30	Passage Peru to St. Louis (St. B. Chicago) -----	4.00
June 1	Bill Virginia Hotel, portorage, &c. -----	2.00
“ “	Lamp &c. \$12 ½- Socks 50¢- Collars 37 ½ & 25¢ -----	13.62 ½
“ 4	Passage St. Louis to St. Charles (Mail Stage) -----	<u>1.50</u>
	Whole Amt. -----	\$252.63 ½
	Add a Book & Map at Buffalo -----	<u>56 1/2</u>
		\$252.63

	Actual expenses of traveling -----	\$129.00
	Necessary purchases (Clothing chiefly) -----	97.63
	Expenditures Somewhat Superfluous -----	26.00

Note- Of this \$15 was for a Lamp & a portrait of Henry Clay-

Linden-Wood Tuesday 4th June, 1844.

At length I have got home again, after an absence of 52 days; having traveled about 4000 Miles- I came up from St. Louis in the Mail Stage; which owing to the badness of the Road (especially thro; the Missouri Bottom, which is full of Water, & Swimming in Some places) was pretty busily employed from 8 O'Clk: this Mg. 'till after 3 this evening getting up to St. Charles- I find all well at home, and pretty well to do.- the extreme and long continued Rainy Weather, has seriously incommoded the agriculture operations, and will, it is feared, produce Sickness in many parts of the Country- There has never been, within my Remembrance Such a general and destructive flooding of the Country before-

My whole expenditure of Money, form the 13th of April to this day, inclusive, is \$252.63; of which \$129.00 was for actual traveling expenses- \$97.63 was for clothing and other things that I needed & took occasion to purchase where I could get them best and cheapest; and the other \$26.00 was expended, chiefly, in Rather useless things, tho' Some are not entirely So.- See a detailed Acct. in the margin of this Book, at the beginning.-

Note- I am entitled to charge \$18.87 of the above to The Estate of Thos. Lindsay, which I incurred going form Baltimore to Washington and Norfolk, & back to Baltimore, to See after the Negroes of that estate on their way to Africa. See pages 14 – 18, and 7-8.

Baltimore to Wash. \$5- Wash. To Norfolk \$6- Norfolk to Baltimore \$6- Extra expenses at Hotels, & portorage in all \$3.87 ½ - Altogether \$18.87

Linden-Wood Wednesday 5th June 1844-

The day Cloudy and Sultry- All the Spring Crops are backward, owing to the late, and Still continued heavy Rains- Raspberries & Cherries are plenty at L. W.- and the prospect fair, as to Peaches, Pears, & Apples- Our Wheat is very good, and the Corn & Potatoes, Still are promising tho' Rather backward, & hard to keep in order- The meadows are of course good, & the pasturage generally-

Thursday 6th- A Rainy morning, & a dark Sultry day. Musquetoos are now this evening, troublesome here, or the very first time Since our Residence at L. W.- Mr. Taylor of St. Francis Co. who has a daughter here at School, called & staid all Night- Yesterday & today, the Mer: up to 830 & 840 at Noon.

Friday 7th- Another warm, cloudy day T: Abt. 84 at Noon. Cooler near Night, & quite cool & pleast. at bed time.-

Saturday 8th- The Mg. pretty fair. T. 62 at 6. The day cloudy, but pleast.- Sultry after Night.-

Sunday 9th- Mg. Rather warm & cloudy. T. 65 at S. R: heavy Rain last night- Rev. John Boal preached this morning in our Church- Pretty good attendance.- A fine pleast. day-

Monday 10th- Mg. cloudy- day dark, wet & unpleasant- A heavy fall of Rain about Nightfall.-

Tuesday 11th- The morning Rather cloudy & dark- T. 56 at 6 O'Clk: the day quite cool and pleasant- The River is now falling Slowly at St. Charles; & has been for a week past-

Linden-Wood, Wednesday, 12th June 1844- Mg. dark & cloudy- T. 59 at 7 O'Clk:
the day cool and pleast. enough; though we have but little Sunshine- The ground is very
wet-

Thursday 13th- The morning dark & cloudy, & very Sultry- T: 70 at 7- More Rain
last Night and this morning- Dark & Showery all day- everything indicates another flood
of Waters.

Friday 14th A Rainy Sultry morning- T. 70 at 7 O'Clock- Rain nearly all last
Night. & frequently during this day-

Saturday 15th- Rain, Rain, Rain- T. 68 at 7- Last Night and all of this day, Rainy-
very cloudy at night fall- The Missouri is again Running over the bottom opposite St.
Charles-

Sunday 16th- A cloudy morning- T. 70 at 6- More Rain last Night- Attended
Service in our Ch: Attendance only So So- On last Sabbath, this day week, Mr. Munson
announced form the pulpit, Sentence of Suspension, by the session, against Thos. P.
Copes- It was cloudy all the day, but No Rain- Great flood looked for in all the Rivers of
the West.-

Monday 17th- The Mg. fair & Sultry- T. 72 at 6 O'Clock- 84 at Noon- the day
pretty fair- No Rain- The Missouri Still Rising fast- Much loss & distreass produced by
this Second flood-

At 2 P. M. Major Sims, a Candidate for Congress, from the So. W. part of Mo:
addressed Some of the people, at the Ct. House- The Major is an independent Soft Loco-
foco, and "no great Scratch at that", as Some of his Auditors thot. Fit to Say of him.-

Linden-Wood Tuesday 18th June, 1844- The Morning pretty fair & pleast. T. 70
at 8 O'Clk:- the day Sultry, with Some light Showers- The Missouri is Still Rising
Rapidly- very cloudy at Night fall, & at 9 a Storm Commenced- By the Mail this evening,
we learn that the Senate of the U: S: did on the 8th Inst. Reject the Texas Treaty, by a
Vote of 16 for and 35 against; majority 19, only 1 Senator absent (Mr. Hannegan of
Indiana) who had he been present wd. Probably have voted for the Treaty- I Required 36
botes to confirm the Treaty- and if a Bill of Annexation were to pass the H. Reps: it
would then Require 27 Votes in the Senate to concur, which is 10 or 11 more than can be
had, all the Senate present- So I consider Mr. Tyler's Texas Scheme is defunct- Congress
was to have adjourned yesterday, & I presume did adjourn-

It is now Settled, that James K. Polk of Tennessee, and George M. Dallas of
Pennsylvania, are the Loco foco Candidates for President & Vice Prest. of the U. States at
the next election, which is to take place (throughout the Union) on the 4th day of Novemr.
Next, being the 1st Monday, as now fixed by Act of our Legislature.

Wednesday 19th- Mg. Cloudy & Wet- T. 68 at 6- Very heavy Rain nearly all
Night, with Wind, thunder & lightning- Awful accounts are Reaching us form all
directions, of the increasing floods of the great Western Waters- Property & Human lives
are destroyed & great distress Suffering very extensively- The Waters are So Spread over
the whole bottom opposite St. Charles, as to prevent all passing- The Mail has failed-

Linden-Wood, Thursday 20th June, 1844. Morning fair and pleast.- T. 68 at 6
O'Clk:- The Missouri is Still on the Rise- The whole of the bottoms in "the point" on
both Rivers, (for the Mississippi is also in flood & rising) are inundated; crops are
Ruined- fencing floated off, Some Houses Removed; Stock destroyed, & the lives of

many people Seriously in Jeopardy.- I Sent the following Notice to the St. Charles Advertiser this morning, for publication 'till the 1st of August.

“ A Card- George C. Sibley herby Respectfully tenders his Services to the People of St. Charles & Warren Counties, to Represent them in the Senate of Missouri as the Successor of Wm. M. Campbell Esquire- June 20th”

I have taken this Step “of my own Motion”, knowing it to be in accordance with the wishes of many voters, that I or some other Whig Shd. Come out as a candidate for the Senate’ and believing myself that it will be every way hurtful to the Whig Cause, to Suffer either a Hard or a Soft Loco foco to Succeed our favourite old Whig Senator Campbell, if we can help it, and I am firmly of opinion that this can Certainly be done-

These, with other Reasons, after much Reflection, have moved me to this course, there appearing to be no probability, that any one else will Step forward from our ranks.-

I went to town this eveng- The Reports abt. The Still increasing flood are truly alarming- The water in the bottom opposite St. Charles is abt. 8 ft. deep, average,- It has Risen more than a foot to day-

Linden-Wood, Friday 21t June 1844- The morning cool & a little hazy- T. 62 at 6 O’Clk:- Notwithstanding the high water, we had a Mail yesterday from below- with a Flat, they can now carry the Stage, Waggons &c. over the bottom to the Bluff, crossing the River in the Steam Ferry Boat.- At 3 ½ P. M. went up to Mr. Pitman’s- Mrs. Sibley Mrs. Drake & Miss Rosseter went also- The weather pleast.

Saturday 22d- Mg. fair & pleast.- After Breakfast I Rode up to Naylor’s Store, where a gathering of the people had been appointed- there had assembled about 100, and

all the Candidates for the Legislature & the Sheriffalty (11 in all) were there also, including myself, except Patters-(?) We had much political discussion, but nothing to disturb the most perfect good feeling- I ent home with Mt. Naylor after the meeting, to stay all night-

Sunday 23d.- Very fine Mg. & a very pleast. day, tho' Rather Sultry- went to the Presbyterian Meeting House, to hear young Mr. Watson their new Pastor, a very good attendance, tho' many were kept away by Reason of the flood in the Missouri; They were employed rendering assistance to the Suffering &c.- In the evening I Returned to Mr. Pitman's, where I Remained all Night. I think there is a large portion of the people of these Settlements, who regularly attend the places of Religious Worship-

Linden-Wood, Monday 24th June, 1844- Mg. very pleast.- returned home this Mg.-people very busy harvesting Wheat; which is generally good; Some a little Rusted- Many of the Corn Crops look wretchedly, overgrown with grass, there are Some however that are very promising- Both the Missouri & the Mississippi are now falling slowly, they both contend. To Rise 'till last Night.-

Tuesday 25th- Mg. fair & Sultry, T. 76 at 6 O'Clk: 86 at 12- Commenced outing Wheat today- appears to be very good, the day extremely Sultry- The warmest day this Season- But a fine fresh breeze came along with Sunset, and Soon afterwards a heavy fall of rain with thunder and lightning-

Wednesday 26th- Mg. hazy & fresh- T. 70 at 6- Rain last Night- No Mail yesterday or the day before. T. 80 at Noon- Heavy Showers at 11 ½- another & another very heavy fall of Rain in the evening- The Rivers are falling Slowly- The Missouri is now this evening, probably 12 inches lower than on last Friday-

Thursday 27th- Mg. very Wet & Rainy- T. 68 at 6- It Rained nearly all the last Night; frequently very hard. The day turned out fair & pleast. went to town after dinner- Recd. A letter from Mr. A. Gamble, advising me to desist from opposing Jo: Wells for State Senator, on the ground that Such opposition on my part, will ensure 3 Votes for Benton &c.- I am Sure Mr. G. is Mistaken-

Linden-Wood Friday June 28th, 1844- The Mg. fair and pleast.- T. 64 at 6- a very fine fair day, finished cutting wheat- very good- Wrote a long letter to Mr. A. Gamble in answer to his Recd. yesterday- River falling.

Saturday 29th- Mg. fair & Sultry- T. 70 S. R: the day fair & pleast. Rather warm at Night- Went to town in the evening- The Missouri is falling pretty fast- The Mississippi at a Stand.

Sunday 30th- Morning hazy and very Sultry- T. 77 at 6- 82 at 9- A Slight Shower abt daylight this Mg.- attended Ch: in the forenoon- attendance only So So.- Heavy Rain after 2 O'Clk: in Showers till Night- The Missouri is Still falling.- By the Malls last night & today; we are informed that the celebrated Mormon prophet Joe Smith, and his Brother Hiram, were killed in the Jail House in Carthage, Illinois, by a Mob, on last Thursday- And the St. Boats from N. Orleans, Report that the flood of Waters had already inundated nearly all the plantations between the Arkansas & Natchez, and nearly Ruined them all; and that much damage was done to many of the River towns; and Some apprehension was felt for the plantations along the River below Natchez; & even for N. Orleans- The Whole of the flood had not got below the Arkansas at the latest accounts.

Linden-Wood Monday 1st July, 1844- Morning dark and Sultry- T: 70 at 6 O'Clk:- Raining Steadily at 7- Stopped at 7 ½- Clear at 2 P:M: I went to town today-

Miss Rosseter Started for Rochester, in company with Mr. J. S. Watson- they mean to o
by Pittsburgh, Erie, &c.- Miss R: expects to be gone 'till Sometime in Septemr.- A Warm
day.-

Tuesday 2nd- The Mg. dark & foggy & Wet- T. 72 at 6- heavy Showers this Mg.-
Cloudy nearly all day- Went to town again to day- a very Warm Sultry day throughout-
T. 80 at 3-73 at 4 between 3 & 4 O'Clk: an exceedingly hard Rain Storm, with Wind,
Thunder, and Lightning- The Missouri Still falling-

Wednesday 3^d- T. 72 at 6- dark, close & Rainy.- The day Rather pleast. Settled
all my postage accts. With Mr. Fawsett. Up to & including this ay for Letters, and to the
end of the year for Newspapers- Mr. Clough's little daughter died this morning-

Thursday 4th- Mg. fair & bright & pleast. T. 69 at 6 O'Clk:- the day was right
warm , but fair & bright- The German Troop with Some others, dined at the Cave Spring'
after an address at the Catholic Church by Verhagen the Jesuit priest- I Staid at home-
wrote a letter to Lloyd Dorsey of Dardenne on the Subject of our Senatorial election- Mr.
Clough's Daughter was buried to day, in the Graveyard near town. In the evening a
prayer Meeting at our Ch:, but poorly attended as I hear- The Missouri Still falling.-

Linden-Wood Friday 5th July, 1844- The morning fair & bright- T. 72 at 6
O'Clk:- 91 at noon- 88 at 3- the day hot throughout- at Night went in to Ch: Mr. Watson
of Dardenne preached- but few attended- The Methodist quarterly meeting is also holding
at this time-

Saturday 6th- The Mg. Cloudy- T. 78 at 6.- close & Sultry- T. 88 at noon- The day
very close and Sultry & clear- Yesterday & today I Staid at home writing.-

Sunday 7th- Mg. Rainy early- T. 70 at 6.- The day turned out pleast.- We had communion in our Ch” to day- The attendance was pretty good- Mr. Geyer passed up to Jefferson city; Stopping part of the day at L. W: He intends to Stop at Warrenton, Danville, & Fulton on his way up, and deliver political Speeches-

Monday 8th- Mg. cloudy & pleast. T. 70 at 6- At 10 ½ left home for Warrenton- dined at Mr. Pitman’s- Got to Kenner’s (30 Ms. From St. Ch:) at Sunset & Stayed all Night- the day excessively warm- I found myself very much fatigued.

Tuesday 9th- Arrived at Warrenton (12 Miles) at 10 ½ O’Clk: very few people at Warrenton- after dinner Mr. Geyer delivd an address of 2 hours to about 35 people- A fine Rain- the day exceedingly Sultry- Warrenton an uncomfortable place-

Wednesday 10th- Passed the day at Warrenton among political friends; who Strongly uphold me as the Whig Candidate, & Say the Whigs of Warren will generally Support me-

Thursday, July 11th- After dinner I left Warrenton to visit the Settlmnts. In Marthasville- Pinckneyville & Loutre Island. Rode 10 Miles to Mrs. Mc Kinney’s & Stayed all Night- The day was very warm and fair.-

Friday 12th- Went to Marthasville this Morning- Spent the day & Night at Mr. Harvey Griswold’s- Mr. G. is a Whig, and appears to have committed himself to Mr. Wells, one of my Loco opponents; tho’ he told me he is “not pledged”.-

Saturday 13th- My principal object in coming down here, was to attend a political meeting near Owings’ Store to day- I went to the place appointed with Mr. Griswold & Several others, and got through pretty early- found Wells, Shelton, Allen & other candidates and about 60 people assembled.

I addressed the people for nearly two hours, as did Shelton and Wells- after the meeting broke up, near Sunset, I Returned to Warrenton, in company with many others, & Stayed all night at Mr. Carter's, a comfortable House- the day Hot-

Sunday 14th- Another very hot day- Late in the evening, I left Warrenton, and Rode down to Kenner's on my way home.

Monday 15th- A fair hot day- Did not get home 'till near Night- Spent Several hours at different places on the way down.- I perceive that Several of our best Whigs & my best personal friends in St. Charles Co. are So far committed to Wells, as to oblige them at least to vote for him.-

Linden-Wood Tuesday 16th July, 1844- The Mg. fair- T. 76 at 7- 84 at Noon- Very hot day.-

Wednesday 17th A cloudy Mg. T. 72 at 6- Rain in the evening- the day hot and oppressive-

Thursday 18th- Mg. fair & Sultry T. 76 at 6- 92 Noon. I am pretty busily employed about politicians connected with our State Senatorial election-

Friday 19th- Mg. fair T. 75 at 6- Another day Such as yesterday.- Thos. L. Anderson arrd. After Noon- He is our on his tour thro' his District as Whig electoral candidate & expects to address a Meeting at Cottleville tomorrow; and on Tuesday at Warrenton.- Mr. Drake of Cincinnati has been at L. Wood Since Tuesday & will Stay here 'till next Monday-

Saturday 20th- A hot unpleast. day- I attended the Cottleville meeting with Mr. Anderson- about 100 of the people were assembled- Messrs. Anderson & Green, the opposing Electoral candidates, each delivd. Speeches of an hour and half, after which

Wells, Shelton, McDearmon & Coalter addressed the crowd- I left the place before the Speakers ceased- having no intention to make any Speech myself- and with Mr. Anderson, accepted Mr. Pitman's invitation to Spend the night and tomorrow at his house- There is much mean trickery already in operation I find, touching my election & some of it will probably effect its mischief to some extent.

Stockland, (D. K. Pitman's) Sunday 21st July, 1844.

There being no preaching to day in this vicinity, I Remained all he day in doors- the day was fair and warm-

Monday 22d- a fair hot day- Mr. Anderson & I left Mr. Pitman's Soon after Bkft:- dined at Kenner's, and got to Warrenton an hour before Night- Stopped at Wright's where we found Mr. green, Mr. A's apponent.

Tuesday 23d- A heavy Rain last Night & cloudy this morning- Sultry.- About Noon a considerable number of people had assembled- Messrs. Shelton, Wells, Allen & Mc Clure also present- The electoral candidates having decided to defer their addresses 'till after dinner, and there being time for one address before that hour, the people assembled in the Ct. House and I addressed them for about two hours, as the Whig Candidate for the Senate for the Dist. Composed of St. Charles and Warren Counties-

After dinner Messrs. Anderson & Green each Spoke to the people two hours- then Wells- Shelton- McClure and Allen made their addresses & the people dispersed.

Wednesday 24th- Hot day- Rain about Noon- I am assured by many of a general firm Whig Support in this County; and am bound to believe it will be So.

In the evening I Rode 6 Miles to Mrs. Taylor's and Stayed there all Night- I fell unwell-

Thursday 25th July, 1844- Another very hot day- I Rode about 16 Miles to day to attend a meeting at a “Dutch Grocery” near the upper End Femme Osage Bottom- the Meeting was quite a large one more than half Germans- Altho’ much heated and fatigued I Spoke an hour to the Crowd- All the other candidates were there & all Spoke I believe- I Staid all Night at Mr. Carter’s, who lives about 2 Miles from Kenner’s.

Friday 26th- A very Sultry unpleast. Mg.- feeling quite indisposed, I Stopt at Kenner’s, and lay by there all day- There is a meeting appointed for tomorrow at Hycory grove, which I have been invited to attend.

Saturday 27th- Mg. hazy & Sultry- Went up to Hycory grove (1 ½ M. from Kenner’s) about 11 O’Clk: there was a pretty large meeting- No other Candidate but myself was there. (There is also a Meeting to day at Flint Hill abt. 8 Miles from H. grove) I addressed the people for two hours and more, chiefly vindicating myself agt. Certain false charges that Mr. Wells & his co-adjutors have insidiously circulated to my prejudice- all of which I fully answered & disproved, & late in the evening I left these people favorably impressed, as I believe; and Rode over to Flint Hill; but could not get there ‘till after night fall- The Meeting of course had dispersed. I went a Mile out of the Village to Mr. Ball’s & Staid all Night.

Sunday 28th July, 1844. A very hot day- I Rode home (21 Ms.) as Soon as I conveniently could- found Mrs. S. quite indisposed, tho’ getting much better than She has been Several days past.-

Monday 29th- Another hot day- There is to be a meeting at Portage de Sioux tomorrow; and as I wish to attend it, I went down to Mr. Watson’s & Staid there all Night.

Tuesday 30th- Attended the meeting at Portage- all the candidates, except Shelton were there- The meeting was not large- a heavy Rain & Wind Storm interrupted the proceedings- The voters here are nearly all I believe promised to Wells; and I am now entirely convinced, that the most of the Whigs of the County will vote for him; and that M. Shelton must inevitably be elected- Went back to Mr. Watson's (I dined at Mr. Dick's and slept there-

Wednesday 31st- A pleast. day, tho' warm. Returned home before dinner- The impression is So general among the Whigs, I find, that I came too late into the field, & that I cannot be elected, & that to avoid the election of Shelton a Benton-man, they ought to Support Wells, who altho' an Ultra democrat promised to Vote agt. Benton, that I have no doubt they will not make a vigorous effort to elect Wells- I am told by Whigs that they would not now Support Clay agt. Wells.-

Linden-Wood Thursday 1st August, 1844.- A pleast. day- yesterday evening we had another very heavy Storm of Wind and Rain.-

Friday 2nd- We have very hot weather yet and a prospect of much sickness.

Saturday 3rd - Another warm day- I Spent the day in town- In the evening there was a meeting at the Ct. House; at which I made my last political Speech for the present occasion- I am now Convinced from all I S4ee & hear that I Shall have but a very slim Support from the Whigs- The Hards talk Some of voting for me to prevent the election of Wells- but I prefer to be left entirely in the hands of my friends- if they think fit to Sacrifice me for an Ultra Loco-foco; let them do it; and let them take the Responsibility of the defeat, if a defeat awaits them; as I believe it does.- These appears to b very great excitement everywhere; and I hope it may all Result in good to the Whig cause-

Sunday 4th- A pleasant day- No preaching in town to day- feeling Rather unwell, I did not go out- from all accounts, there is already much sickness Round about, and several very Serious cases.-

Linden-Wood Monday 5th August, 1844.- The day cloudy and cool 'till near Night- I Spent the day in town- The election has commenced- the people are in, in great numbers; and are voting as fast as possible. There is much maneuvering, cheating, &c. or in other words, much electioneering going on.-

Tuesday 6th~~Tuesday 6th~~- The Mg. fair & pleast. 70 at 1 O'Clk: to day the election closed in this county. It closed yesterday in Warren & St. Louis Counties- No Results are certainly known as yet (at Sundown) from either-I Remained at home all day- and did not Vote at all- Under the mixed influence of Soft Locofocoism & Soft Whigism; the Whig party has been completely thrown into chaos; and I fear is well night Ruined in St. Charles County- Not a Single election has been conducted or carried, on Whig principles- The Hard tWhigs (few indeed in number) and the Hard Locos, have acted upon the leading principles of the Whig & democratic parties Respectively- The Softs, Whigs & Locos, have become So mixed and identified, that it is impossible to know their distinct views- I have no doubt but many Whigs, of Rather weak faith, will be entirely alienated; tho' not a single Soft Loco will be converted to the Whigs- because the Whigs have gone over tho the Softs, and not the Softs to the Whigs- I hope & trust that Wells has been defeated- A bery pleast. day.-

Linden-Wood, Wednesday 7th August, 1844- The Mg. fair & cool. T. 66 at 6. 80 at Noon- A very pleast. day. Nothing definite known yet as to any of the Elections-

Thursday 8th- A pleast.fiar Mg. T. 74 at 6 ½- 87 Noon the day proved very Sultry & oppressive-

Friday 9th- Mg. Hazy & Sultry- T. 80 at 6- the day very warm 'till near Night, when it turned cool & pleast.

Saturday 10th- Mg. fair & pleasant- T. 66 at 6 O'Clk: a very pleasant day throughout- Settled with Wilhelm Bruns (called Wm. Brown) a German, for Splitting Rails and Cutting Cord Wood, last Winter & Spring (\$26 in all) and paid him \$6 ¼ in full, and filed his Acct. and Receipt.-

Sunday 11th- The Mg. fair & pleast.- T. 66 at 6 O'Clk: Mr. Munson, our Pastor, being Still absent, I did not atten at Ch: to day, but Staid at home all day- Mr. Gilbreath did preach however, in place of Mr. Munson.- Another pleasant day-

Monday 12th- Mg. cool & a little hazy- T. 66 at 6 O'Clk:- I spent the day in town, & a pleast. day it proved to be- I learn that P. H. Shelton, the hard Loco candidate, has been elected Senator for St. Charles & Warren by a plurality of 49 Votes- thus defeating Wells the Soft Loco, in Spite of all the efforts of our misguided Whig Clique to elect the latter.- I am by no means Soory for this Result- I t is just what I expected and predicted- more of it anon- (See Page 125) [check page 145 of transcripts]

Linden-Wood Tuesday 13th August 1844- The morning Hazy & cool- T. 65 at 5 ½ O'Clk:- 61 at Noon- Mrs. Sibley & Medora & Hopkins went to St. Louis this Mg. in the Stage- quite warm at and about Noon- We have cool Nights & mornings now, with warm Sultry days (from 11 to 5).-

Wednesday 14th- Mg. fair- T. 72 at 6- 86 at Noon- The day very warm- Rain
Seems to be needed now- There is a good deal of Sickness thro' the Country, & a number
of deaths-

Thursday 15th- Mg. fair & airy- T. 74 at 6 ½- 86 at 2 P. M. today I wrote to my
Si9ster Eliza Gilpin, Phila- The day dry & hot.-

Friday 16th- Mg. fair & Sultry- T. 74 at 6- 88 at 1 P.M. 80 at 5 P. M. Clouds over
Northd. I wrote to dr. Rt. H. Sibley of Alexandria, Louisiana, to day and Sent him abt. a
dozen newspapers.-

Saturday 17th- Mg. fair & airy- 73 at 6 ½- 82 at Noon- Slight Shower at 3 ½, &
Some high wind- cool & pleasant at Sun Set- T. 75 at 6 ½ P. M.

Sunday 18th- Mg. fair & pleast.- T: 72 at 8 O'Clk: - a very hot day- attend3ed Ch:
Mg. & eveng. Mr. Munson preached- pretty good attendance considering there was other
preaching in town all day at the Ct. House.

Mrs.Sibley & party Retd. Home this Mg. early in the Wapello- Mrs. McGunnege
& Mrs. A. Gamble & children came with her-

MONDAY 19TH – Mg. hazy & sultry- T. 76 at 6- 89 at 10- 92 at 1 ½- this has
been the hottest day this Summer I believe- at 3 P: M: the Mer: Stood at 93 in a fair
exposure in the Shade- at St. Louis the Mer. Was up to 96.-

Linden-Wood Tuesday August 20th, 1844- The Mg. hazy & hot- T. 75 at 6- 85 at
2 P. M.- Light Shower at 4. after which, a little cooler- Still sultry.-

Wednesday 21st- Mg. a little cloudy- T. 73 at 6 O'Clk: 88 Noon- Another hot day-
Some appearance of Rain near Night.

Thursday 22nd- Mg. fair & Sultry & dry- T. 77 at 6 O'Clk: - 90 at 10- 87 at 1 ½, clouding up westward- Cool enough at bed time.

Friday 23^d- The Mg. fair & Cool- T. 60 at 7 O'Clk:- there was a gust & Some Rain yesterday about Noon, not enough to lay the dst. We hear of seeral persons being Sick in the Neighbourhood, I feel a little indisposed to day myself- in fact I have not felt otherwise for Several days past- This day cool & pleast.

Saturday 24th- Mg. cool & fair – T. 72 at 9 O'Clk: I did not get up 'till 9 this Mg.- the day cool & pleasant. I Recd. a letter this Mg. from Mrs. H. D. Gilpin of Phila. dated 11th August in Realtion to S. H. Sibley's appt. as a Cadet, and the necessity of his being at West pt by the 1t. of Sept.; and whilst I was urging Hopkins to be ready to Start on Monday Mg. next, I Recd. a letter form the War Dept. of the 14th. Inst. advising me that as it is now too late for Hopkins to reach W. Pt. by the 1t Sept. & as he cannot be admitted after that date; he must hold over 'till the next June, and then (from the 1t to the 20th) Report himself to the Supt. at W. Point and that he will then be admitted as a Cadet &c.- This last Letter in Reply to one theat I addressed to the Sec. of War, dated on the 1t Inst, making inquiry, &c.-

Linden-Wood Sunday August 25th, 1844- The Mg. cool & fair- I kept in bed 'till after 8 this Mg. feeling unwell- attended Ch: at 11. thin attendance- Mer: 74 at 3 P. M.

Monday 26th- Mg. fair & cool- Mer: 59 at 7 O'Clk:- 68 at 4 P.M. visited town to day – Wrote to Mrs. Gilpin- A Pleasant day-

Tuesday 27th- Another Cool, fair Mg.- T. 60 at 6 ½ O'Clk:- 68 at 2 P.M. Dniel Griffith, one of the Judges of our County Court, died at his Residence yesterday evening,

after an illness that commenced on Tuesday last- His Son Caleb died on the evening of the 26th August, last year. We are Suffering a drouth at present-

Wednesday 28th- Mg. fair- T. 52 at 6- 72 at noon- Mrs. Mc Gunnegle & children went home to St. Louis this Morning- & immediately after Mrs. Gamble came to L. W. from Mr. Pitman's with two of her Children & Servt. Girl- (Ann & Jo:)- Jo: very Sickly.

Thursday 29th- Mg. fair & Cool- T. 56 at 6 ½- 72 Noon. Cloudy. A pleasant day- very dry Some appearance of Rain.

Friday 30th- Mg. cloudy- T. 66 at 6 ½- some Rain last Night, with Some heavy thunder- Mr drake Removed his family to St. Louis to day- they have been at L. W. since abt. the 1st of May- raining at Noon- Mer: 72 at 2- Several fine Showers to day, which were much needed.

Saturday 31st- The Mg. fair & Sultry- T. 76 at 6 ½- 88 at 2 P. M. Mr. A: Gamble came up from St. Louis in the Stage, to take down his Wife and children, on Monday next- the day very hot & oppressive- The Sickness Rather increases in this vicinity-

Linden-Wood Sunday 1st September 1844. The Mg. fair & Sultry- T. 80 at 7- 91 at 12- I did not attend Ch: to day- indisposition & the oppressive heat of the day prevented it.-

Monday 2nd Mg. fair & airy- T: 72 at 6 ½- Mr. Gamble & family went home this Mg. in the Stage: Mary lee went with them on a Visit. I went to town to Settle taxes for 1842 under the "abominable Law".

Tuesday 3rd- Mg. fair & cool – T. 62 at 6- 77 at Noon- the day fair and pleasant- The drouth appears settled.

Wednesday 4th- The Mg. fair & cool- T. 60 at S. Rise- 71 S. Set. The day fair and pleast. – T. abt. 82 at Noon-

Thursday 5th- Mg. fair & Cool- T. 61 at S. R.- 82 at 12- Another fair pleast. day- Much Sickness Still in the vicinity-

Friday 6th- Mg. fair & pleast. T. 64 at 6 O'Clk:- 82 at 4 P. M. Paid Mr. Munson \$25 on Acct.- Pd. Mr. Vaill, Tract Agt. \$5 to assist in the employment of a colporteur for St. Charles County.- A Pleast. day.-

Saturday 7th - Mg. cloudy; a light Shower at S. R.- T. 70 at 6- T. 65 at Noon, cloudy & dark- pd. F. W. Frisbel \$1,20 for Stove pipe.

Sunday 8th Mg. cloudy & cool - T. 60 at 6 O'Clk:- attended Ch: in the morning- attendance pretty good- a Pleast. day-

Monday 9th – Mg. Cool & foggy- T. 54 at 6- 70 at S. Set- a pleasant day- The weather is now very pleast. the days are temperate and the Nights quite cool- Still very dry-

Linden-Wood Wednesday September 11th, 1844 The Morning cloudy, a very light Shower. T: 63 at 6 O'Clk:- 86 at Noon & 1 P. M. My Sister Helwens, Mrs. Kimball, arrd this evening at L. W. from Kentucky- Cloudy and Sultry in the evening-

Thuraday 12th- Mg. hazy & cool – T. 55 at 6 O'Clk: Mr. Joseph Fawsett Post Master St. Charles, died last Night, aged abt. 74- The day proved pretty warm- tho' pleast. in the Shade-

Friday 13th – Mg. Misty- T. 64 at 6- 83 Noon- 78 at 5 P. M. the day fair & calm and dry and Sultry.-

Saturday 14th- Mg. fair & Sultry- T. 70 at 6- 86 at 5 P.M. another very hot dry day- The grass in the uplands begins to fade and dry up, in consequence of the drouth.-

Sunday 15th- The Mg. Hazy- T. 68 at 7- 84 at Noon- the day oppressively warm- I did not attend Ch: to day- a son of Mr. woodruff, abt. 15 yrs. old, died last Night & was interred to day.- Mr. Gallaher occupied our Church this evening with the funeral Service, Sermon, & c. of young Woodruff.- the Physicians Report that there is much Sickness about, and many deaths.- The Dardenne Church (Presbyterian) had been favoured during the last week, with a considerable Revival, the immediate fruits, apparently, of a protracted meeting that commenced about the 8th inst: at which Dr. Potts and Several other Ministers officiated- About 20 persons were united with the Ch: and about 30 others very Seriously affected by the Solemn Religious exercises- so I am infirmed-

Linden-Wood Monday 16th September 1844- The Mg. fair & Sultry- T: 66 at 6- 82 Noon- another Dry, hot Day- 79 at Sun Set. To day paid Roger Towers \$8.70 (having pd. Him \$10 Some time ago) being in full for Repairing Buggy &c. his Rect. For the Same filed.-

Tuesday 17th- Mg. fair & Sultry- T. 69 at 7- 84 Noon.

Wednesday 18th- Mg. fair & Sultry. T. 65 at 6- 86 Noon- 80 S. Set- another hot dry day- Rain very much desired-

Thursday 19th – Another fair Sultry Morning- T. 72 at 7 O'Clk: Cattle & Hogs are dying off in the Neighbourhoods, with Something like the Murrain- The Hogs eat the dead carcasses of the Cattle.- T: 87 Noon-79 at Sun Set.- Missouri River getting very low-

Friday 20th- Mg. fair & airy. T: 70 at 7- 87 at Noon- windy, Southd. Wrote to Mrs. Eliza Gilpin, to be Sent by Mrs. Kimball on Monday next. T. 81 S: Set.

Saturday 21st- Mg. fair & airy. T. 48 at 6 ½- a pretty violent gust of Wind from the Northd. with dark clouds & a very little Rain, hardly enough to lay the dust, occurred last Night after 8 O'Clk; which very much cooled the air almost instantly- this morning we find good Rousing fires quite agreeable, and necessary for Comfort- T. 60 at Noon. 54 at Sun Set. – fires pleast. all day – gathd. Quinces-

Sunday 22nd-Mg. fair and cool- T. 47 at Sun Rise pretty large White Frost in the low grounds- non on the hill- T. 62 at Noon- Rev. Mr. Gray, from Mississippi, preached in our Ch: to day Morning and evening good attendance- Mr. Gray gave us two excellent Sermons- a fair pleast. day- T. 60 at Sun Set-

Linden-Wood Monday 23rd September, 1844. The Mg. fair & pleast. – T. 47 at 6 O'clk:

Note- there was a very light Frost on or about the 28th Ult. In the low grounds near St. Charles and elsewhere.----- Mrs. Helena Kimball left Linden-Wood this Morning for St. Louis in the Stage- from St. Louis expects to accompany Capt. Kimball to Philadelphia &c. by way of the Northern Lakes. T: 62 at S. S.- pleast. day-

Tuesday 24th- Mg. Hazy & Raw- T. 52 at 6 O'Clk:- 60 Noon- 56 Sun Set. Miss Rosseter Retd. home from Rochester this evening. She left L. Wood on this trip on the 1st day of June- a very Raw unpleasant day.-

Wednesday 25th- Mg. dark & Wet- T: 50 at Seven O'Clk: a Smart Rain last Night- a dark chilly day- T. 43 at S. R: - 55 Noon- 54 S: Set. The day Somewhat cloudy and Raw- Much sickness about yet.-

Friday 27th- Mg. cloudy and dk: T: 48 at 7- 50 Noon- Rainy day-

Saturday 28th- Mg. fair & pleast. – T. 45 at 6 ½ O'Clk:- fine day till Noon, then Showry, Some Hail with Rain.- T. 48 at noon & at S. S.

Sunday 29th- A fair frosty morning- a fine pleast. day- attended Ch: in the Mg. thin attendance- T. from 42 to 54 to day-

Monday 30th- Mg. fair & airy- T. 45 at S. Rise- The weather has Set in to day, very much like the Indian Summer. The Mer: has ranged from 45 to 66 to day.- Wrote to Rev. Wm. Mc Lain, Sec: Am: Col: Society- finished putting up Winter apples- Putting in Wheat &c.-

Linden-Wood Tuesday 1st October 1844. The morning fair and pleasant: Mer: 50 at 6 ½ O'Clk:- Miss Rosseter opened her 2d Session of the Linden-Wood School to day, as appointed- T. 70 at Noon- 65 at Sun Set.- A very pleasant day.

Wednesday 2nd- Mg. cloudy. T: 58 at S: R: - 80 Noon- 74 S. S. the day turned out quite pleasant.

Thursday 3rd- Mg. fair, pleas. & Smoky- T. 48 S. R: - 70 Noon- 63 S: S: a brisk North wind all day- Medora Easton Sick, taking Medicine-

Friday 4th- Mg. fair- T. 45 S. R. – 67 Noon- 61 Sun Set.- As yet the frost has injured nothing on the Hill at L. W.- Dahlias- Oker- Palms Christi- Gourds- Grapes & c. arte Still green, fresh and growing- down in the low grounds many things are killed' tho' there has been no very hard frost yet- The earth here is very very dry more than a foot down. For Some days past Geese & Brant have been occasionally passing from North to South- Wild Pigeons are abundant- Acorns, Hazlenuts- Hycory Nuts, &c. are also very

abundant- We get plenty of fine Fish from Dardenne. The day turned out a very pleasant one- Missouri River low.

Saturday 5th- Mg. fair, but very Smoky- T. 44 at 7 O'Clk:- 66 at Noon. The day very pleasant- I am indisposed to day, and indeed have been for nearly a Week past- chilly, Headache- sore Throat- Dizziness-

Sunday 6th- Another mild pleasant day- Feeling quite unwell, I did not Rise from bed 'till after noon- of course I did not attend Ch:- I learn that the attendance at our Ch: was but thin- It is announced that we are to have communion next Sunday in our Ch:-

Linden-Wood Monday 7th October 1844- A fair pleast. Morning- lay in bed 'till 9 O'Clk:- Mercury then was at 58- it was up to 68 during the day- Our Cisterns have at length given out, and we have to Resort to the Branch & the River for water for common purposes- The Well does Still furnish a Supply for cooking & drinking-

Tuesday 8th- the Mg. Smoky & fair- Kept in bed 'till 11-T: then at 70. My experience has taught me that it is best for me to ly by and take to Nursing at once, whenever I feel much indisposed, or Rather, when I feel pretty Strong Symptoms of disorder in my System , form old, over fatigue, indigestion, or any other cause- Acting upon this plan, without Resort to Medicine, merely Remaining quietly in bed ' till near Noon; and abstaining from much exercise of body; I have always found effectual, to avoid almost entirely the usual fall diseases of this climate- and I am now benefiting by this practice- Many of the forest Trees are fast Shedding off their leaves, and the Whole forests, fields &c. are Rapidly assuming their beautiful Autumn hues- The Mer: not above 75 to day- a Pleast. day

Wednesday 9th- Another fair Smoky Mg. – T. 55 at 7 O'Clk: the drouth continues; is very extensively felt, as the papers assert, and Seems to have produced very Serious inconveniences in Some parts of the country- The pasturage is failing pretty generally; and a Scarcity of Water for Stock, is much apprehended- T. 77 at noon- The day pleast.- Just at Night was Some appearance towards the West, of a change in the weather.-

Linden-Wood Thursday 10th October 1844- The Mg. Blustering- drk & cloudy- at 7 O'Clk: the Mer: Stood at 56- During the Night we had quite a gust of Wind & Rain, with much Thunder. T. 54 at Noon- frequent Showers of Rain in course of the day.-

Friday 11th- Mg. fair & frosty- T: 37 at 6 O'Clk:- large White frost nearly to the top of the hill at L.W.- but the Dahlias, Gourds, Palma Christi are yet unhurt by it- Mr. Munson is trying to get up a protracted Meeting this week in our Ch: which he commenced yesterday alone- The prevailing sickness in the vicinity and the bad weather yesterday, prevented all but very few from attending; other causes also prevented many, no doubt- There seems to be a perfect deadness in our church at present as Relates to religious feeling.- The Revd. Mr. Robertson of Fulton, lectured to a thin congregation in our Church this Mg. at 11 O'Clk: Rev. Dr. Goodrich is here also, and is expected to preach tonight- He and Mr. R: are expected to Stay at St. Charles 'till Monday or Tuesday- they are on their way to St. Louis to attend the meeting of Synod on next Thursday the 17th inst.- T: 60 at 2 P: M:- Dr. Goodrich did preach last Night to a few.- I did not go, feeling Rather aguish-

Saturday 12th- Mg. Hazy- T. 45 at 6 ½ O'Clk:- 57 at Noon- I attended preaching this Mg. at our Ch: the attendance but thin. Mr. Roberson reached a good sermon-

Meeting for prayer at 2 ½ O'Clk:. And preaching again at Night by Dr. Goodrich, I did not go in at Night, and I understand there were but few out.- The day cloudy and Raw-

Linden-Wood Sunday 13th October 1844- Thermometer- Ranged from 45 to 60 to day.- Weather- threatening Rain nearly all day.- There was Communion in our Church to day, & Service all day and at Night- attendance very good- I did not go out at all- in fact I lay in bed 'till Noon- Mr. Bartlett of N. Yk: arrd. At L. W. to day-

Monday 14th- Mg. dk: & wet. T: Ranged from 40 to 55, - the day unpleast. The Rev: John A. Fielding, Prest. of St. Charles College, died this morning at his Residence in St. Charles- Mr. F. Hs has been ill off & on for Some Weeks, and for Many years was afflicted with the Gravel his death leaves a vacancy that cannot easily be filled again.-

Tuesday 15th- Mg. cloudy, wet & boisterous.- T: 45 at 7 O'Clk:- the day truned out Raw, and unpleasant.-

Wednesday 16th- Another Raw, dk. & ugly day- T: up to abt. 42 only- I Spent the day in St. Charles- Yesterday the Remains of Mr. Fielding were followed to the grave by a very large concourse of people- The Masonic fraternity attended as Such in the procession; the St. Charles College is Suspended for the present in consequence of the death of Prest. F. and will not again be commenced before next Spring if then. Mr. F. was 57 years old when he died.

Thursday 17th- Mg. Dk: & cold- T. 39 at Sun Rise- Another dark ugly day- Spent it in Town, as on yesterday, attending to business of Mr. Lindsay's estate, in the Circuit Court, which is now in Session, & has been Since Monday last.-

Good Friday October 18th, 1844- The Mg. Rainy & cold- T. 40 at 7 O'Clk: much Rain has fallen, Since 11 O'Clk: last Night, and it continues to Rain this morning.- a Wet windy day. Mer: not above 44. Cleared off colder after 9 P.M.

Saturday 19th- Mg. fair & bright- T. 32 S. R: Ice in tubs near the cisterns $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick- Heavy killing frost- a fine pleasant day-

Sunday 20th- Mg. fair & pleast.- T. 35 at 7- a pleast. day- There was no preaching to day in our Church- I Stay's at home.

Monday 21^t- Mg. fair, mild & pleast.- T. 45 at 7 O'Clk: 65 at Noon. Another very fine pleasant day- working in the Garden

Tuesday 22nd- Mg. fair & pleast.- T. 50 at 7 O'Clk: 70 at Noon. Another very fine pleasant day- working in the Garden.

Wednesday 23^d The Mg. Hazy & Windy- T: 58 at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'Clk: 70 at Noon, fair but Windy- the day very Windy & Rather cloudy- T. above 60 at S. Set. At 8 O'Clk: P. M. a Marriage took place at L. W.; agreeably to appointment, in the presence of a large number of Relatives, friends & neighbours- Mr. Abner Bartlett, Mcht: of N. Yk: was married to Miss Medora S. Easton youngest daughter of the late Rufus Easton of St. Charles. The Rev: Mr. Munson officiated- the company did not Separate 'till after midnight- The evening was unusually mild and pleasant. Medora is now in her ---- year; and from the age of 3 years, has lived with her Sister (my wife) and myself- Mr. Bartlett is now about ----- years of age, is a Native of New Bedford, Mss: of very Respectable parentage, & promising prospects- May they be happy, is my earnest prayer.

Linden- Wood Thursday 24th October, 1844- Mg. fair & Windy- T. 65 at S. R:-
Before Sunrise this morning Mr. Bartlett & his Bride left L. Wood for Boonville on board
the S: B. L. F. Linn.- T: 78 at Noon, Strong South Wind all day, & all day cloudy.-

Note- On Thursday evening last, the 17th, Lt. A. J. Smith of the U. S. Army, was married
by Rev. Mr. Griswold, to Miss Ann Simpson; daughter of Dr. Rt. Simpson of St. Louis
and cousin 1t degree, to Mrs. Sibley- This marriage took place at the Residence of Dr.
Simpson in the City of St. Louis, in presence of a large company of Relatives & friends.

Friday 25th- Mg. fair & windy- T. 40 7 O'Clk:- Wind from Northward. T. 54 at
Noon- 50 at Sun Set.- The day fair, mild, calm and pleasant.-

Saturday 26th- Mg. dk: & Wet- T. 43 at 7- heavy Rain last night, drizzling all the
morning.- and nearly all the day-

Sunday 27th- Mg. fair & cold. T. 42 at 7- 50 at Noon- I did not go out to Ch: to
day- The day fair and pleasant.

Monday 28th- Mg. fair & cold. T. 35 at 7 O'Clk:- 46 at Noon. The day fair, but
Raw, windy and chilly- colder towards Sunset.-

Tuesday 29th- Mg. fair & calm- T. 28 at 7 O'Clk: 43 at Noon. The day fair and
pleasant-

Wednesday 30th- Mg. fair & frosty. T. 30 at 7. - 50 at Noon. Wrote to Capt. Lee,
Ft. Pike, enclosing his accounts to 1t Septem. Last- the day was fair and pleasat.-
Missouri getting low.-

Thursday 31st- Mg. fair & Windy- T. 34 at Sunrise- 56 at Noon- South Wind- the
day partially cloudy after Noon- A light Snow fell abt. 9 P.M.: barely whitening the
ground, but it quickly disappeared-

Linden-Wood Friday 1st November 1844. The Morning Wet and dark- Heavy Rain last Night with lightning & thunder Northwd. And Some snow.- T. 50 at 7-61 Noon- 60 S. Set.- To day I took up, paid, and destroyed my Note to Wm. Foushee of 23d Jany. Last for \$98 (See page 4)- which completes the payment for the negro man Washington (\$375) purchased form Mr. Foushee on the 23d January last.- the day fair & pleast.

(See page 4)- which completes the payment for the negro man Washington (\$375) purchased form Mr. Foushee on the 23d January last.- the day fair & pleast.

Saturday 2d- Mg. dk: with fog & Smoke- T: 42 at 7- 56 at Noon Swans & geese passing Southwardly- forest trees nearly all leafless- the day windy, but otherwise pleasant.-

Sunday 3d- The Mg. fair but windy- T: 45 at 7- 50 at Noon. A windy day , but otherwise fair and pleasant.- The day fair and very windy- Attended Ch: quite a large congregation, as there was no preaching In St. Charles except at the Pres. Church- After the Morning Service Mr. Munson Retained the Members of our Ch: and announced to them his wish to give up his Pastoral charge over them, and that he had made a written application to the Presbytery to that effect- At the instance of the Elders, a paper was presented for Signature to the Members present, expressing the assent of the Signers to Mr. Munson's Release, and their Sense of his piety and faithfulness.- It was only Signed by the following persons- S. S. Watson- J. A. Dick- Mr. Johns- Miss Barnes- Mrs. Thompson- Miss Rosseter- Mrs. Sibley- Mrs. Watson- F. C. Sibley- Mrs. Dick- Owing to Some misunderstanding as to the intention and purport of the paper, several members present, Refused to Sign it. Mr. Munson Says he believes it his duty to Seek Some other

field, convinced that his labours here cannot benefit the Ch: or the cause of the Redeemer.-

Linden-Wood Monday 4th November 1844- The Mg. fair, calm & pleast.- T. 37 at 7- abt. 60 at Noon- The Presidantial Election is held to day in Missouri- I attended duly at the polls in St. Charles, and had my Vote Recorded for the Seven [Clay & Frelinghuysen was crossed out] Electoral Candidates.- There was not So general a turn out of Voters to day, as there was at the election of State officers in August- More than 100 who voted then were absent to day- The election passed off very quietly & orderly in St. Charles township- Whig Maj: about 40.-

Tuesday 5th- Mg. fair, calm & pleast. T. 42 at 7- 62 Noon- 80 S. S. another very fine Indian Summer day.-

Wednesday 6th- Mg. fair & pleast. T. 43 at 7- 64 Noon- 60 S: Set. Our Wedding party who departed hence for Boonville on the morning of the 24th Ult. (see page 106) Returned to L. W. this evening all well- and will proceed tomorrow to Palmyra. Via St. Louis, So they Say.-

Thursday 7th- Another bright Mg. – T. 47 at 7- 65 Noon- 60 S:S: Mrs. Sibley, Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett & Mrs. Tracy left L. W: for St. Louis in the Stage, this Mg. at 9 O'Clk;- Mrs. Tracy is going home to St. Louis, the other three are bound for Palmyra on a visit for a Week or two.- The day contend. Fair & pleast.

Friday 8th- Mg. fair, calm & pleast. T. 42 at 7- 65 at Noon- 62 S: Set. Another fined day- digging potatoes, the crop very indifferent- potatoes good, but Small, and not many of them- Geese flying to the Southward-

Saturday 9th- The Mg. fair but windy- T: 50 at 7 O'Clk:- 72 at 1 P. M: 70 at S. Set. Altho quite a South breeze has been blowing all day, it has been fair & pleast.- Some Signs of Rain just before Sun down.-

Linden-Wood Sunday November 10th, 1844- The Mg. fair, calm & pleast.- T: 64 at 7 O'Clk:- 75 at Noon- 70 at Sun Set- another fined day- Mr: Munson being absent (up at the Dardenne Ch: attending a Special meeting of the Presbytery for the instalmt. Of Mr. Watson as pastor of that Ch:) there was no other Service in our Ch: to day than the Sunday School- Mr. Gallaher preached at the Court House (as I was informed, for I Remained at home all day.)-

Monday 11th Mg. dk: & cloudy- T: 45 at 7- 47 Noon- 44 Sun Set. The day cloudy, dark, Raw and airy.- threatening Rain all the day-

Tuesday 12th- Mg. wintry & Windy- T: 34 at 7 and Snowing briskly- T: 32 at Noon, Still Stormy, tho' not Snowing- what Snow did fall, has nearly all disappeared already- Dr. Potts & Capt. Holcomb of St. Louis called & staid all night. They are from the Presbytery that has been sitting Since Thursday last at the Dardenne Church-

Wednesday 13th- Mg. fair & calm. T. 21 at S. R. -38 Noon the day pleasant tho' pretty cold- Dr. Potts & Capt. H: left for St. Louis immediately after breakfast- T: 30 at Sun Set.

Thursday 14th- Mg. fair & pleast. - T. 27 S. R. - 47 Noon- 45 S. S.- the day fair and pleasant, & growing more moderate.

Friday 15th- Mg. fair & pleast. - T. 32 S. R. - 56 Noon- 48 S. Set. Another very fine, fair & pleasant day-

Saturday 16- Mg. fair & bright- T. 37 at S. Rise- 60 at Noon- 57 S: Set the day has been uncommonly fine and pleasant- It is yet Smoky, indication the continuation of Indian Summer- the weather is very favourable for outdoor work, traveling &c.-

Linden-Wood Sunday November 17th 1844. The Mg. wet, cloudy & windy Rain last Night- T: 36 at 7 wind from the North. T: 36 Noon- 32 S. Set- Raw, windy, ugly day, cloudy most of the time. Attended Ch: good attendance, no other preaching in town- Rev: Mr. Munson has been, at his request, Released y the Presbytery of St. Louis from his Pastoral connection with our church, He preached to us to day, his farewell Sermon, and expects very soon to enter upon the duties of Agent for the New Albany Theological Seminar; His family will occupy the Parsonage 'till next Spring, if they desire it, and Mr. Munson will preach occasionally for us when in St. Charles, till we obtain a Minister in his place-

Monday 18th- Mg. cloudy & Rainy T. 32 at S. R- 42 Noon, fair & pleast. T. 38 at Sun Set- the day Since 9 O'Clk: fair, mild & pleasant.

Tuesday 19th- Mg. fair & frosty- T. 30 at S. R. - 46 Noon- and a little cloudy- 44 S: Set. And fair- A very fine pleasant day

Wednesday 20th- The Mg. fair & frosty- T. 30 at S. R- 65 Noon- 50 S: S: Another fine mild Indian Summer day.-

Thursday 21st- Mg. fair & pleast.- T. 38 at S. R. 52 Noon- 42 S. Set and clouding over- the day mild, fair and pleasant.-

Friday 22nd- Mg. cloudy & Raw- T: 35 S. R: - 45 Noon- 42 S: Set. The day somewhat cloudy & dark, but Still mild & pleast.-

Saturday 23rd – Mg. fair & airy. T. 36 at S. Rise- 36 Noon- 34 S: S: Snowing at Noon but Soon ceased and cleared off- The wind Shifted and now comes from the North- Geese flying Southward to day-

Linden-Wood Sunday November 24th, 1844. The Mg. fair, but a little hazy- T: 18 at S. R:- 26 at Noon, freezing all day. No preachin in St. Charles to day- Sunday School, as usual, at our church, and also prayer meeting- Mrs. Sibley & Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett Returned home to day from Palmyra, St. Louis &c. after an absence of 17 days-

Monday 25th- Mg. cloudy & calm T: 22 at S. R- 27 Noon. 22 S. Set. The County Court of St. Charles commenced the Regular Sessions to day- I wrote to Rev. S. Scovel to day in answer to a letter that I Received from him on Saturday, about certain bequests to the Board of Domestic Missions by the Will of Thos. Lindsay- The day has been cold and unpleasant throughout.

Tuesday 26th- Mg. cloudy, dk: T. 45 at S. R. wind from Soutd. T. 52 at Noon- cloudy and Windy- 42 at S. Set, cloudy & windy and Smoky-

Wednesday 27th Mg. cloudy & dk: & lowering- T: 28 at Sun Rise 33 at Noon- 34 at Sun Set and Raining; dark & cloudy- a cold Raw gloomy unpleasant day-

Thursday 28th- Mg. dk: & cloudy & Smoky- T: 33 S. S: after Noon Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett left L. W. for N. Yk: via St. Louis where they will embark for Pittsburgh.- the day dk: & unpleas- cleared off after Night.

Friday 29th Mg. fair & frosty- T. 30 S. R- smoky- 39 Noon, cloudy. 42 S. Set. – Still Dk: Smoky and Cloudy- south wind-

Saturday 30th- Mg. dk: cloudy & smoky- T. 45 at Sun Rise- 50 at Noon- drizzling Rain- 49 at Sun Set. Still hazy and Smoky- a dark, Still, Hazy, Smoky day- we need Rain for our Cisterns &c-

Linden-Wood Sunday December 1st, 1844. The Mg. cloudy & calm T: 32 S: R: ab 45 Noon-42 S. Set, fair after 2 P. M: a little Rain last Night-

The Rev: Mr. Baker, of Mississippi, preached in our church Mg. eveng. & at Night, to large congregations- Mr. B. is an eminent Revival Preacher of the O. S. Presbyterian Church.

Mondy 2d- Mg. fair & frosty- very heavy Wh: frost- T. 27 a S. Rise- a fine pleast. day. T. Ranging from 38 to 44. In the evening at 3 L'Clk: Revd. Mr. Baker addressed "Mothers" on their influence, Responsibilities, duties, &c. at our Ch: there was a good attendance; and the meeting was exceedingly interesting- After candle light Mr. B. preached in our Ch: to a large assemblage-

Tuesday 3rd- Mg. Cloudy & Cold- T. 34 at S: R: 44 Noon- 46 S. S: Rev: Mr. Baker addressed a number of the professed followers of Jesus Christ of diff. Denominations, assembled at our Church, this evening at 3 O'Clk: the address was very interesting to all who had the privilege of hearing it, and I trust in the lord it may prove a great blessing to us all, and be the means of arousing Christians to a more devotional Sense of their important duties as Such. Mr: B: also preached at Night, & there was good attendance and good attention ; and there seems to be Some Seriousness. If Mr. . Baker's health permits (he is now quite indisposed) he purposes to Stay in St. Charles and preach of Nights till Friday morning- The day & Night proved cloudy & dark. ,& Somewhat windy-

Linden-wood Wednesday 4th December, 1844. The morning cloudy & very dark. T. 48 at S: R: - 52 Noon. Cloudy- 50 S. Set- a dk: cloudy day- Mr. Baker preached again to night in our Church to a large Number- The people of St. Charles are evidently, to a great extent, much interested in the Sermons and Lectures of Mr. Baker; and indeed he possesses extraordinary powers of eloquence, combined with a through knowledge of the Scriptures and of the human character; and has the rare tact, So to Speak, of applying the power of the one to the weakness of the other- Several persons have been awakened by his preaching here, and Some of them are “almost persuaded to be Christians:- We had a little rain last Night- We are very much in want of Rain to fill our cisterns which are now entirely empty, and the well is nearly So.-

Thursday 5th- Mg. dk: & cloudy. T. 42 at S: R:- 44 Noon: Cloudy. 43 Sun Set and Still cloudy. Mr. Baker preached again o night in our Church, to a full house, and I humbly trust, with considerable effect- Several persons are evidently much awakened. Mr. b: took leave of us all very affectionately, his engagements oblige him to Return to St. Louis tomorrow else he would Stay longer among us- It was Suggested by him that we Should invite Dr. Potts to come p an continue our Meetings; and I presume our elders will act upon this Suggestion Mr. baker’s visit to St. Charles will doubtless be long remembered by the people here.

Linden-Wood, Friday 6th December 1844- The morning wet & dark; T: 38 at S. R: drizzling Ran – 39 at Noon and Still raining lightly- At Sun Set the T. 38 and Still Raining- we have had a drizzling Ran all the day, dark and chilly-

Saturday 7th- Mg. cloudy & dk: a little Snow fell last night. T: 29 at S. R. – 31 Noon. Cloudy- 31 at Sun Set & Still cloudy- the wind which has been from Southwd.

Nearly all the day, is now changing round to the North- the day windy and chilly, and unpleasant.

Sunday 8th- M. fair & frosty- T. 14 at S. R- 28 at Noon. Dr. Potts officiated to day and at Night in our Church- the attendance was unusually large, and unusually Solemn. At 10 and at 3, we had Prayer Meetings at the Church- Dr. Potts came up on Saturday evening & preached at Night, tho' but few persons then attended, not knowing o any extent, his arrival- this day was very cold, but not otherwise unpleasant.

Monday 9th- Mg. fair & frosty. T. 14 at S. R: 26 Noon- fair- the day air and cold- In the afternoon there was a prayer Meeting, pretty well attended, at Mr. Parks's- Dr: Potts officiating- and at Night Dr. P. preached to a numerous assemblage-

The County Ct. is now again in Session, and will probably continue thro' the Week- this is an adjourned Session from Friday the 29th Ulto.- There appears to have accumulated much business in this Court; and neither of the three Justices is very competent to dispatch it.-

Linden-Wood Tuesday December 10th, 1844- The morning fair and frosty T: 15 at Sun Rise- 39 at Noon, bright & pleast. Prayer Meeting at the Church at 3 P.M: good attendance and considerable feeling manifested.- At Night Dr. Potts preached to a pretty numerous congregation- at the close of the services, Some ten or twelve persons came forward to ask the prayers of the Church, and the advice of Dr: Potts, for their conversion- There was much Solemnity in the meeting- the day proved fair and pleasant.

Wednesday 11th- Mg. fair & bright- T. 27 at S. Rise- 45 at Noon- the day fair and pleasant throughout- In the evening at 3 O'Clk: there was a meeting of professing Christians, and Some others, at our Church, for prayer and enquiry- there was very good

attendance and very solemn attention- The Meeting was conducted by Dr. Potts, who also preached to a large assemblage after Night.-

Thursday 12th- Mg. fair but Hazy- T. 35 at S. R: 42 Noon, fair- another fine day- Prayer Meeting at 3 P. M: at the Church and preaching at Night by Dr. Potts- The attendance Still good, and the attention Solemn- a decided Religious feeling now exists in the community here, and we may not doubt the presence of God's Spirit- O may that blessed influence pervade and fill every heart, and constrain many to surrender themselves to the blessed Redeemer-

Linden-Wood Friday 13th December 1844- The Mg. fair & windy- T. 34 at S. R: - 33 at noon, 2wind very high from the Northwd. T. 34 at Sun Set cloudy and windy – a very Rough , Raw dk: windy unpleasant day- Having caught a very violent cold (day before yesterday by sitting in my office without fire) the Sort of weather we have had to day is particularly uncomfortable to me- A winter Storm from the North Seems approaching- At Night we had a meeting for prayer at the Church, the attendance was pretty good- Dr: Potts was to have gone home to day in the Stage but could not get in, it being over crowded, nor could he get over the River in a private conveyance, (the ferry boat having been Run fast on a bar by the wind,) So that we had the continued benefit of his presence at our meeting to night. Dr: Potts gave us a lecture of an hour or more, from th e31t to 39th Verses (inclusive) of the 8th Chapter of Romans- those who were present on this occasion, manifested by their earnest attention, considerable interest in the Subject presented in the Lecture.- It was the intention of Dr. Potts, had he gone to St. Louis to day, to Send up Mr. Templeton, of the 4th Pres. Ch.:, or Some other minister, to officiate for us on the next Sabbath, and probably longer- His detention however as above Stated;

will probably prevent this, even Should he get home tomorrow- But we will hope for the best, unworthy as we are of Such favours.-

Linden-Wood Saturday 14th December, 1844- The morning cloudy dk: and calm- T. 32 at S. R:- 38 at Noon and clearing off- 38 at Sun Set- Hazy- The day calm and pleasant, tho' not much Sun-Shine.- Prayer Meeting at our Church this afternoon, and well attended.-

Sunday 15th- Mg. Cloudy & cold- T. 22 from S. R. to S. Set. About an inch of Snow fell in course of the day- Quite a large Congregation attended this Mg. at our Ch: at the usual hour for Religious Service, with no other expectation, Scarcely, than to attend a prayer Meeting, which had been appointed- But just as we were engaged in the first prayer, the Revd. Mr. Templeton of Kentucky arrived among us; having come up from St. Louis Since day light this Morning, at the earnest Request of Dr: Potts- and altho' much fatigued, and entire Stranger in the County (only a few days from Kentucky) and labouring under all the disadvantages of Such circumstances of hurry &c. Mr. T. preached to the congregation this morning, and again after Night, very acceptably, and has declared his intention to stay here and preach as often and as long as he can be useful- He appointed a meeting for prayer tomorrow evening, and preaching at Night. Mr. Templeton is a younger brother of Mr. Templeton of the 4th Presbyterian church of St. Louis, and appears to be a pretty forcible preacher of the Gospel, and very Zealous-

Linden-Wood Monday 16th December 1844- The Mg. Cloudy & Raw- T: 10 at Sun Rise; and the whole day very cold. Ice Running in the Missouri at St. Ch:- I Spent the day and 'till bed time, in town, on various business- In the evening, at 3 O'Clk: we had a prayer Meeting at the Church; a few only attended. At night Mr. Templeton

preached a very impressive Sermon to a pretty good congregation; Not So large as formerly- but whether the Severity of the Weather or the declining interest, kept the people away, is doubtful- I Rather Suppose both causes operated- it was thought advisable to continue the meetings; and with that appointments for prayer meetings at 3 P. M. tomorrow and preaching at Night, were given out.

Tuesday 17th- Mg. fair & calm- T. 9 at S. R:- 22 abt. Noon, and the Same at 3 P.M: a fair day- Again we had a Prayer Meeting at the Church, this evening at 3 O'Clk: at which there were Some 20 persons; Mr. Templeton officiating chiefly- The meeting was not only solemn, and the proceedings instructive, but it was evidently prouctive of Some increase of Christian feeling and edification.- After Night a pretty large number assembled at the Church to hear Mr. Templeton preach- The attention was unusually Solemn I thought- The Sermon was certainly a good one, and was presented with much ability and force- A Prayer Meeting tomorrow evening and preaching at Night, were appointed-

Linden-Wood Wednesday 18th December 1844. The Mg. Hazy & calm- T. 25 at Sun Rise- 40 at Noon- the day Hazy & calm. We had a meeting for prayer at the Church at 3 P:M:- attendance pretty good- Mr. Templeton was with us; and he preached again after Night- The Congregation not So large as formerly, owing to the Methodist quarterly meeting, which commenced to Night in St. Charles- and it is proper to Say, that many of the Country Members & others are detained at home attending to their Hog killing, and for other causes of a domestic nature.-

A vigorous effort is making in our church, to obtain the Services, for a year at least, of the Rev: Daniel Baker, (See p: 113) and in this we are cordially joined by all the

Presbyterians of the other Churches, and by many of the principal citizens of St. Charles and the vicinity- The present prospect is, that our efforts will be successful.-

Thursday 19th- Mg. fair & frosty- T. 26 at S. R.- 40 Noon, fair and calm and pleasant.- Had 14 Hogs killed to day, all in fine order, tho' Small: averaging about 175 lbs: each. The day was fair and pleasant- Our Prayer Meeting was held at the Church this evening at 3 O'Clk: the attendance was pretty good. Mr. Templeton gave us a Lecture- At Night the church was again opened for divine Service; and Mr. Templeton preached a most powerful Sermon from Luke 19th Chapter and 10th Verse- "For the Son of Man is come to Seek & Save that which was lost"-

Linden-Wood Friday 20th December 1844- The Mg. fair and calm & frosty- T: 21 at S: R:- 34 at Noon, fair and calm. 40 at Sun Set- fair and calm, and pleasant- Mr. Templeton preached at Night in our Church, the attendance pretty good, considering that the Methodist meeting is Still going on at their Church in town, with what effect I have not heard; but can truly and fervently express the hope that the effect may be to produce the conviction and conversion of Sinners to the Saviour. Mr. Smith officiates in that Ch:

Saturday 21st- Mg. fair & calm tho' a little hazy. T. 42 S. R. 52 at 10- 60 at Noon- about 50 at Sun Set- growing colder. Mr. Templeton again reached in the Pres. Ch: to night. the attendance pretty good- The day a pleasant one- The County Cout that has been Sitting Since the 25th of Novemr. (interrupted by frequent and long adjournments) adjourned to day 'till the Regular term in course-

Sunday 22nd- The day mild and pleasant, tho' colder than yesterday- Mr. Templeton preached in our Ch: Mg. evening and at Night- attendance Right good- Nine persons united with our church – day on confession Viz:- Mrs. Ewing (widow) Mr. &

Mrs. Alderson- Mr. Alexr. Garvin- Misses Mary Lee- Jane Gargin- Jane Rosseter- Adelaide & Jemima Adams- There were others who it is Supposed intend to unite, at “Some more convenient Season.”-

Linden-Wood Monday 23rd December 1844- The Mg. fair and frosty- T. 30 at S. R.- 40 at Noon- 36 at S. S. a very fair pleasant day- Mr. Templeton Spent the day at L. W.- and at Night preached at our Church: there were not many present- The exercises at the Methodist Church Still continue, and appear to be interesting, and attract many there- The Series of meetings that commenced in our Church on the 1st. Inst: was brought to close to night- Mr. Templeton expects to Return to St. Louis tomorrow, and from thence, in a few days to Louisiana- His visit to our Ch: had been entirely acceptable to us all, and I believe to the Community at Large, So far as it has become known; and he is a Man, who possesses very Rare facilities of making acquaintances wherever he goes- and I think he has not failed to effect Some good here.-

Tuesday 24th- Mg. fair but Hazy or Smoky- T. 36 at S. Rise- Wind from the South- T. 50 at Noon- 50 at Sun Set.- Hazy and calm all day- The Methodist meeting Still continues-

Wednesday 25th- Christmas- Mg. Windy & Smoky and dark- T: 48 at S. Rise 50 at 9- between 50 and 60 ‘till Sunset & after- brisk South wind all day- otherwise the day was very pleasant. Miss Rosseter, Mrs. S. & I Spent the day at Mr. Alderson’s in the Prairie, where we found other company (Mrs. Watson & Sr. Thompson & family)- Prayer Meeting at our Ch: at Night- very good attendance-

Linden-Wood Thursday 26th 1844- Mg. fair & Windy- wind from the North T: 28 at S. Rise- 36 Noon- 34 S. Set. The day fair and tolerably pleasant.- Note- for Several

days last week the crossing at the St. Charles ferry was interrupted (entirely for two days) by Ice in the Missouri River. It is now entirely clear of ice however, and a Rise of 5 or 6 feet has taken place.

Friday 27th- The Mg. fair, frosty & calm- T. 19 at sun Rise- 36 at Noon. Rev. Mr. Watson of Dardenne (on his way home from St. Louis) preached last Night in our Church; but we did not know it at L. W. 'till this morning- t. 32 at Sun Set- a very pleasant day- Mr: Gallaher commenced preaching in the Ct. House to night- it is understood that he intends to preach a Series of Sermons, closing on Sunday Night next- Mr. Gallaher is certainly a powerful preacher; but I am, unfortunately, So fully convinced of his utter unworthiness, nay meanness, as a Man, that in Spite of all I can do, my mind is impervious to his preaching- consequently I do not think it fit for me to attend any of his meetings.-

Saturday 28th- Mg. fair & Windy- T. 35 at S. R- 47 at Noon, fair and very pleasant.- 45 at SunSet.- Another very Mild pleasant day-

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Sunday 29th- Mg. fair & Smoky & Windy- T. 34 at Sun Rise- 55 at Noon, and abt. the Same at Sun Set- very windy all the day- No preaching in our Ch: to day- I Staid a home all day.-

Linden- Wood Monday 30th December 1844- The Mg. fair & Smoky- very windy all last Night- T: 36 at Sun Rise-53 at Noon, fair & pleast. – 50 at Sun Set- another very fine day- it Still continues Smoky, vry much like Indian Summer- There Seems to be much need of Rain hereabout, at this time-

Tuesday 31st- Mg. fair calm & Smoky- T. 36 at Sun Rise- 60 at Noon the day very pleasant- T. 55 at Sunset.-

Note: Several years ago I paced the following Patents for bounty land, in the hands of Jos. G. Easton, hen living in Palmyra, MO:

Joab Roberts- April, 1819-

John Bonner April, 1819- Both Recorded by Judge Slocum of Natchitoches

Louisiana his Book A. the patents call for 160 acres each, in Missouri.

Geo. C. Sibley.

The above patents were given to Mary E. Sibley by my father Dr. John Sibley, in 1828; but as they were never transferred in any other form than by merely handing them, verbally to Mrs. S. are supposed to belong yet legally, to the Estate of John Sibley- They are of but little value however to anyone I apprehend. G. C. S.

Memo.- Rufus Easton leased of the Trustees of St. Charles 4 lots in Block 4 of the outlots- 152 Acres- So Says a memo. Found among his papers.

G.C.S.

In Bundles No. 2 of R. Easton's Papers, find the Deed of John Shrader & Wife to R. Easton &c. which Deed I loaned to Mr. E. under his promise to Return it to me; which he omitted to do- the Deed belongs of Right to the title papers of my Ft. Osage location &c.

Also in Same Bundle N^o. 2, find a letter of mine to R. Easton dated 23d. Mar. 1823-

In Bundle N^o. 4 of R. Easton's papers, find a Patent for 640 Acres of land, &c. issued to William Brown- This Patent is my property, as it Relates to my Sny Ebare location in LaFayette County, Mo.

Geo. C. Sibley-

Case of extensive Chronic Ulcer Supervening on an Abscess between the layers of the Muscles of the Abdomen.

By Dr. D. Camden De Leon- Md. D.- U.S. Army-

The Subject of Chronic Ulcers is one that does not elicit Much interest from the Medical practitioner in general on account of their tedious nature, and their tendency to assume a Specific or Constitutional character.- The Subjoined case is transmitted for publication; as I conceive it to be one of Some interest from its extent and duration.--

In November 1843 I was consulted in the case of Mrs. _____ who was Suffering from an extensive chronic indolent Ulcer; concerning the origin of which She gave the following accing.- For Some time previous to her accouchment, which took place in October, 1842, She felt occasionally a dull pain in the lower part of the abdomen on the left Side- Her accouchment was attended with no difficulty (She being the mother of Several children)- A few days after the event, She was attacked with Severe pain in the lower part of the abdomen in the left Side; which was continual, and only Relieved by large opiates; there was no external inflammation, but evidently an aboess forming between the layers of the Muscles - Fomentation, Poultices &o. and the usual Resolvents were used- An Abscess however formed, and was lanced in December, and the usual treatment adopted- The Ulcer nevertheless continued to Spread, burrowing under the muscles of the abdomen, and attended with considerable discharge; it was freely and Repeatedly incised, and caustics. astringents, and various topical means used to heal it.- Sarsparilla alternatives and tonics were used as constitutional Remedies; but it continued all Summer discharging, increasing in Size, and burrowing under the abdominal muscles . Its extent was So great, and the discharge So profuse and debilitating , that the patient was unable to walk, and had to be lifted from place to place- The appearance and condition of the patient when I first Saw the case, which was more than a year after it commencement, was as follows.

The patient was extensively emaciated & debilitated, from the excessive discharge- the muscles were loose, and as it were, dissected up by the matter formed between the layers; the Ulcer extended from about three inches above the Anterior Superior Spinous process of the ilium of the left ~ . diagonally to the Symphysis pubis; with callous and inverted edges. The Surface exposed was irregular in Shape, about Seven or eight inches long, and three wide in Some places, & less in others, until it became a mere fissure- The edge towards the umbilicus was the whole length Separated. and formed a loose flap, which moved to and fro, with the movement of the patient; leaving between the abdominal muscles for Several inches a large Secreting Surface- The edge toward the anterior inferior Spino\18 process of the ilium, was in a Sloughing condition- The general appearance of the granulations was indolent, Smooth and glossy- The discharge was excessive, and Soaked through all the dressings Several times in the

course of the day- various Sinuses had formed at the upper & lower portions of the ulcer, Which opened externally by Several holes.----- It is not my intention to give a minute account of the treatment in this case; but only the outline with a few pathological considerations- Looking upon the case when I first Saw it as a Specific Ulcer, and the length of time that had Supervened Since the Commencement of the disease making it constitutional, and the debilitated condition of the patient Rendering the vital force

unable to contend with the distressing cause; I thought the indication evidently was to brace up the System by tonics and to endeavor by that means to Suspend the Hyper-Secretion of pus.- I therefore commenced the treatment, with large doses of the iodide of potassium in Hoptea; giving from five to ten grains four times daily.-- Altho' this vaunted Specific has become almost hackneyed, by the indiscriminate use of it, and the endeavor to prove it a panacea; Still the effects of it in this case, are interesting; and prove it a valuable alterative tonic- From a Short time after commencing its use, the -patient began to Regain her appetite and Strength: the hyper-Secretion of pus was reduced, and in a Short time She was enabled to walk a considerable distance without pain or fatigue.- The external treatment was as follows- Pledgets of linen applied on each Side of the Ulcer longitudinally, So as to act as compress, which were Retained by long Strips of adhesive plaster, extending around the body, and overlapping each other; So as to cover in the Ulcer entirely- So many caustics & incisions had been tried, that as an application to the Surface of the Ulcer, under the compresses, I used at first merely a weak creosote wash, and the aromatic wine; Sprinkling over the Surface, Rubarb, calamine, and other Slightly Stimulating applications; and covering with oiled Silk, I waited until the constitutional Symptoms were Relieved before Stimulating Severely-

The general health not only improved, but the patient continued to increase in weight, under the use of this alterative tonic-- To prove whether the local treatment was productive of discharge, I Several times Stopped the administration of the iodide of potassium for a week or more, continuing the other treatment. The invariable Result was, a loss of appetite, and a return of the excessive discharge; So much So, that the patient herself noticed the constant effect of the cessation of the medicine, & Requested its Re-administration- I also Suspended the use of the hydreodate of potash, and used other alterative tonics; Sarsaparilla, Quinine, & blue mass in combination arsenic &o. but nothing Seemed to act upon the Secretion of pus, and the general health of the patient as well as the preparations of Iodine- under all other treatment, the discharge would Return in excess, and these would Suspend it in a day or two.- When the general health was in Some degree Restored, and the patient able to walk about, which was in a few weeks, I commenced the application of caustics to the Ulcer- Nitrat: Argent: Solid: and Sulph: Cupri: and astringent washes. Lugols Solution- tinot: iodine- alum- carb .

cal. ppt. calamine, aoeet . zinct. et inTM genus- alternating the use when they began to lose their effect; Still the ulcer would not heal- the discharge Stopped, but Remained indolent, without any effort to cicatrise" Lethalis arundo hoist(?) lateri."-

In this Stage I alternated the treatment between iodid ferri in large doses & iodid potassii, and applied externally, pure creosote daily, over the surface of the Ulcer & under the loose edges- The patient did not find this application as painful as the Solid Nitrat-argenti, and it Seemed to act more energetically- Under its use the Ulcer assumed a more healthy action, and after Some time it was discontinued, and Coopers Nitric acid lotion, Strong Solution of Chloride of lime &c. used- All constitutional treatment was now discontinued as the general health was Restored- A combination which I have found very Serviceable in this and Several other indolent ulcers is this- R Ungt . Plois zi , oarb. oalc. ppt. Zi . creosote gtt .
rv to gth XXV; ft. ungt. to be applied daily on lint.- The astringent application however that proved most valuable in this case, and the effects of which were of most undoubted benefit , was the tinct. diasp. virgin: undiluted; applied daily by means of wet compresses, and the Ulcer also being washed with it- The preparations used was the Strong acetous tincture. I had never tried in a Similar case before; but from the great benefit I had derived from its use in inflammation of mucous membranes , was induced to use it- The Ulcer commenced to improve rapidly, and by its continued use healed entirely. - The Sinuses also commenced to fill up, and by painting the indurated Surface frequently with a Saturated tincture of iodine the whole contiguous Surface assumed a healthy action, and the induration was gradually absorbed . I directed the patient however, to wear the adhesive Straps as a Support for Some time; as there had been necessarily a great loss of Muscle, and the Skin was very delicate over the Surface of the old Ulcer - The loose flaps which by the pressure and Simulation threw out granulations and adhered & healed up Required Support, to prevent any chance of their disruption again.-

There are Several points of interest connected with this case. 1st .- The Slow progress of the formation of the abscess in a healthy tho' delicate Woman, as long as pressure was kept up by the distention of the abdominal muscles , and the Rapid formation of pus as Soon as the accouchment took place, almost immediately after; altho' its deep Seated Situation Rendered at first, the diagnosis doubtful; is worthy of note, as it tends to Show the great effect that pressure has in Retarding the formation of pus.- 2nd_ The effects of the preparations of Iodine in decreasing abdominal Secretions , & increasing healthy ones- The Secretion of Milk in this case, was abundant during the use of these preparations, for more than five months almost continually; and the Secretion of pus was Reduced from the commencement of their use, & gradually Stopped entirely. I think this fact would tend to prove the opinion of Dr. Zimmerman of Berlin "that pus before it can be reabsorbed, undergoes certain changes, which Render it more fitted as well for absorption~ for further

elimination, ~ the excretory organs, and that pus corpuscles! Molecular fibrian ~ directly eliminated through the kidneys . " The known effect of Iodine on these organs may well tend to the conclusion that its action

in Retarding the formation of pus, may be by the febrinous elimination thro' these excretories- The constant Secretion of Milk, and the progressive fattening of the patient, who gained flesh under its use, would evince that its action was not on the glands and absorbents, in a healthy state , .further than Slightly Stimulating their action; and that it has Some Specific effect on abnormal Secretions- Our knowledge however of the absorption of pus is So little , that until we have further Researches, the action of absorbents will continue to be uncertain- That the effects of preparations of Iodine are of an alterative tonic character and increase the development of the adipose tissue, and healthy Secretion, I am induced to believe, from an extensive use of them; and that their action in Reducing glandular enlargements is to be attributed to these effects, and elimination thro' the kidneys, more than to any Specific actions on the glandular System, I think may be deduced from the preceding Remarks. - 3rd- The effects of pressure and Stimulation in producing adhesion, instead of absorption, between the loose muscles, that had become a perfect Secreting Surface from the length of time it had been discharging- My object in the pressure was more for the purpose of producing a gradual absorption or Sloughing of the detached Surface, than from any hope that adhesion would form- Excision of the loose flap was not justifiable from the State of the patient's general health, and on account of the extensive open Surface that would have been left exposed Incisions thro' various parts had been made without effect, and it was only thro' gradual absorptions that I could hope to get Rid of that hindrance to healthy granulations: Thus it was with Surprise that I Saw extensive adhesions, fanning on those loose abdominal muscles, and finally the whole unite .- I will now conclude these Remarks, having been into a more discursive article than I intended , from a conviction that even the humblest votary in pathological investigations, Should have for his Motto "Neque Si nimium erigere- Nec Subjaoere Serviliter"-

The Subject of the foregoing case, was my Niece Eliza Lee, wife of Capt. Francis Lee of the u. s. Army- The cure effected at Ft. Pike, below N. Orleans , and completed in 1844- Dr. De Leion deserves great credit for his Successful treatment of the case- He is quite a young man, not over five and twenty- G. C. s.