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Fort Osage January 8th. 1811.

My dear Sir,

I do most Sincerely and ardently hope that this may find you perfectly Recovered from the severe illness which your esteemed favours of the 11th. of November describe to be So truly painful and distressing- When a Man is fairly laid on his beam's ends (no matter how he came there) it is not the part of good fellowship to Roast him with trite witticisms or to make market for Sarcastic inuendos and censorious morality at the expence of the unfortunate wight who lies, as it were, at his mercy- for I lay it down "as an indisputable fact" that pain is - pain- and whatever occasions it, still it is pain and demands our commiseration.-

Lorr met with a terrible accident on his way home- about 16 Miles from here his Gun burst in his head and wounded him very badly. But he got home, and delivered every thing (but himself) safe and sound on the 10th. of December-

In looking over the account you sent me, I find the following errors and omissions, which I attribute altogether to your Sicknes, which prevents your attending very particularly to business- I find a note at the foot of the account, which tells me indeed that have merely sent a Mem^o. of my Account. The errors are
Ten Dollars in the Tobacco say 12 Uts. instead 10 C^{ts}. plb..
Fifty cents for drayage of Tobacco.
Nine Dollars & half for Burns the Taylor's Bill.
Four Dollars omitted which I paid Jo. Morin. These are all against me- I may be mistaken, as to Burns Bill, but I am under the Impression that it was to have been paid by you.

These things happening to occur to me at this moment, I deemed it proper to mention them to you; leaving them however for future adjustment. I wrote you by Mr. Zadock Woods on the 8th. of November last, advising you of Sundry Dfts. that I had drawn on you amounting to \$139.13 - The p^{rt}: 1 in favor of James H. Audrain or Order for \$16.13, I have since cancelled

and Stopped, So that you need not expect it ever to appear.- I hope you will not fail to cause to be procured and Sent up to me by the first Boat in the Spring, the Articles I requested per Letter of 9th. October; and by all means Two Barrels of good Flour, unless you Send me the Flour. I apprehend I Shall be put to hard Shifts for ^Bread, which is pretty ~~near~~ near the case already, I assure you.

Being to take a pretty ^Serious jaunt next Spring thro' the Indian Country; I Shall want a good Pocket compass, and will thank you to Send me one by Mr. Hunt, also a pair of plain ^Strong Gold Ear Rings of this Size for my own use. You must know that my Eyes are growing very weak, and I am advised to wear Gold Rings in my Ears to prevent their growing worse. I don't ~~know~~ pretend to know why in the name of all that's pretty I Should wear Gold Ear Rings because I have weak Eyes, unless it is, that Suppuration about the ears is useful- However, this is none of my business, if Gold Rings will cure weak eyes I am willing to try their effect, or Iron ones either- In Haste,

Yours ever and truly

G. C. Sibley.

Mr. John G. Comegys

Saint Louis.

Pr. Mr. Hunt.