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Sibley Diary N^o. 5.

Jan. 1, 1826 to March 31, 1826.

Sunday January 1^t. 1826.

Very fine day- fandango at Gov^r. Narbona's in honour of the conquest
of St. Juan d. Uluc. *new* It is Reported that 9 Deaths have occurred in
Town since yesterday Morning-

Monday 2^d.

Another very fine day- the Americans gave a fandango to night, at the
Gov^rs. House, in compliment to the Recent victory &c.

Tuesday 3^d.

another fine day.

Wednesday 4th.

Another fine day- Capt: *Brannin* ~~Bronsin~~ (?) arr^d. from Taus- Went to the
Church at candlelight, to witness the Baptism of an Infant Child of
Manuel ~~Serias~~. *Sera's*

Thursday 5th. Jan^{ry}.

Wrote to Gov^r. Narbona & Sent him a Map &c. - see file, - also Sent him
\$21. to pay for the Hire of his Mules &c. - fine day.

Friday 6th.

Another fine day- the Mail went off at Sunset-

Saturday 7th.

M^S. cool and cloudy- turned out a fine day- The Measles has been in
Town for the last 10 days, & many are down with it-

Mr. Ward & Mr. Floyd arr^d. from the Passo-

Sunday 8th.

M^S. warm & cloudy- fine day.

Monday 9th.

fine day- Wrote to P. Baillio, & Jn^o. S. Davis- great Stir in town
catching Thieves and Housebreakers-

Tuesday 10th. January.

M^S. Warm- Rained & Snowed a little- Capt: Brannin Returned to Taus- I

gave him directions about getting Mules &c.- the day turned out Rather a pleasant one-

Wednesday 11th.

M^G. Warm and cloudy- the day warm and pleasant

Thursday 12th.

M^G. Warm & cloudy- day Warm- A Snow Storm in the Mountains- No Snow fell in the Valley.

Friday 13th.

A most delightful day- The Mail arr^d. at 1 P. M: no news of importance.

Saturday 14th.

Another very pleasant day nothing occurred worth Notice

Sunday 15th. January.

Another very fine day, nothing occurred worth notice-

Monday 16th.

Still another very fine day- a funeral of a Child in afternoon The Measles very bad in town

Tuesday 17th.

It Snowed a very little, late last night- the ground just covered- the morning fair and pleasant and the day- proved a very fine one two burials to day- one of a grown person- the other of an Infant- born prematurely, in consequence of its mother (Senora Baca) having the Measles-

Wednesday 18th.

Morning cloudy & Snowing- Bargained with a Mr. Dempsey of Missouri, for 5 Mules to be delivered immediately at Taus to Capt: Brannin, for which I agree to give him an order for one of the 5 Waggon & Gears now in Missouri, or if the Waggon are Sold, to pay him \$30 a piece for the Mules-

The Mules to be good ones or not to be Received.- Walker & Reynolds come down from Taus this Morning- pleasant day-

Thursday 19th. January

The Morning cloudy & warm. It began to Snow ab^t. 12, & con^d. ab^t.
2 Hours- Snow 4 Inches deep the day moderately cool-

Friday 20th. January.

a fine pleasant day, tho' much colder than usual.

The People continue to die with Measles & fever &c.

Saturday 21st. January.

Very fine pleasant morning- Bo^t. 2 Mules for \$70.- But the Man
Rued & took one back- He left the best, & took \$30 for it- the day
was fine- fair & pleasant

Sunday 22^d.

The Morning cloudy & Snowing- ab^t. 2 Inches of Snow has fallen Since
midnight- there were two burials to day; One in the Morning of a
Grandson of Gov^r. Baca's 6 or 7 years of age- & one in the evening of
a Poor Lad.- the day cold & fine-

It is Said that many persons are ill in Town, & this evil is
augmented by a Quack Doctor who has Recently located himself here,
from Kentucky-

Monday 23^d. January.

A. M^r: Young with whom Benjamin Robinson (one of my Men) went out
Trapping in Nov^r. arrived here Yesterday, and Reports that Robinson
died of Sickness before they had got out of the Settlements-

I am Resolved to Send Six of the Men in to Missouri, and to
Start them about the 10th or 15th. February- and I am providing
Mules for them to Ride & Pack (two for each)- There are abundant
Reasons, and good ones, for this Step- It will save considerable ex-
pense for one thing- and afford better means of proceeding in the
Spring with our Work- Engaged to day writing Letters &c. M^s. cold
and fair- the day cont^d. fair & cold-

Tuesday 24th. January.

This is my dear Wife's birth day- God bless & preserve her; & may
She live to enjoy many more happy years.

The morning cold and fair. Walker & Reynolds, started back to Taus; they took one Mule with them, that I bo^t. from Mr. Switzler- Mr: Young took another for me, a White one that Mr. Stanley bo^t. for me- on Saturday for \$30:-

very fine day, but pretty cold.

Wednesday 25th.

The Morning fair & pleasant the day a very fine one Funeral of an Ind. child- Busy writing all day, and till after midnight

Thursday 26th. January.

Morning fair and pleasant- another very pleasant day nothing occurred worth notice

Friday 27th.

A very fine morning- funeral of Juan Baca's oldest child, a Daughter, at 10 O'Clk:- the child died Night before last of Dysentery after the Measles- the family very much afflicted- The Corpse was very Richly dressed and carried above the heads of the People standing upright the procession was a very long one chiefly composed of the most Respectable Inhabitants, many of whom marched in front of the Body, carrying lighted Tapers and wreaths of Flowers- The Priest was dressed in his Richest Robes and the whole moved with a Solemn pace Several Voices Singing and Several Violins playing- The day was fair & pleasant

Saturday 28th. Jan^y.

A very light Snow last Night Morning cold and cloudy- The day Raw & unpleasant Two funerals to day.

I was indisposed all day- the Mail arr^d. in the evening

Sunday 29th.

The Morning fair and cold- turned out a pleasant day

Monday 30th.

Another very fine day- I engaged 120 yds: coarse Woollen Stuff a 25¢-

50^{lb}. Yarn a 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and 1000^{lb}. clean Wool at 12 ¢ a pound- the Yarn & Stuff to be del^d. immediately, and the Wool in May next-

Tuesday 31^t: January.

The Morning warm & rather cloudy- The day a very fine one- I had head ache all day-

Wednesday 1^t. February 1826.

A delightful morning- I had the headache very bad nearly all night, & Still have it Slightly this Morning- Mr: Baillip arrived from Taus just at night, & with him Mr: Thorp- It is Said that 5 deaths have occurred in Town in the last Twenty four Hours- A very pleasant day.

Thursday 2^d.

Morning cool and fair- a Slight Snow fell last night- This is a festival, nearly all the People were idle, and frequently assembled at the churches- one burial, of a Child, to day.-

the day fair & pleasant, tho' pretty cool-

Friday 3^d: February.

Another very fine morning- and another very fine day.

Saturday 4th.

pleasant morning- fine day.

Sunday 5th.

Another fine day.

Monday 6th.

Still another fine day

Tuesday 7th.

Mr. Baillio Ret^d. to Taus this evening- very fine day- busy writing Letters-

Wednesday 8th.

fine day- busy writing all day.-

Thursday 9th.

a little Snow last Night The day Rather pleasant

Friday 10th. Feb^y.

I have written the following Letters dated the 7th.

1st: On to Col: Reeves & ~~W~~ather to advise them of my two Dfts: of this date, one in fav^r. of E. Stanley at ten days for \$1500, the other for \$200 fav^r. John Switzler at 10 days- And another on Tracy & Wahrendorff for \$100 fav^r. Mrs. Sibley at 8ight- In this L^r. I Request them to put those Gentlemen in Cash to meet my Dfts: and direct their payment-

The Dft: for \$1500, is chiefly for my expenses here- that for \$100 to pay for 3 Mules bought from Switzler for Public Service- The one for \$200 is for my private Acct^t.- The whole of them am^t. to 11800, I charge to my Acct^t. and will account for that Sum-

2^d. Two Letters to the Same, advising them of my having Sold three of our Waggon^s now in Missouri to T: H: Boggs & ^{le}Mr. Dempsey, including the Harness belonging to them, for Nine Mules that I have Rec^d. from them- In case the Waggon^s are Sold before these orders are presented Boggs is to be p^d. \$220 and Dempsey \$90 in full for their Mules, in Cash- These Letters are del^d. open; one to Boggs & the other to Dempsey-

3^d. One Letter to the Same principally on the Same Subject, and advising them to Retain the two Waggon^s N^{os}. 4 and 6- and to bring them out with them in Spring- That Boggs & Dempsey are to Receive the Waggon^s as they find them without any allowance for common Wear and Tear-

4th. Another L^r. to the Same, in Relation our official aff^{rs}. generally- advise them not to bring out any other Men than the Six I Send in - (Brannin- Pyles- Barbee- Walker, Vaugh^{and} and Reynolds) give my opinion that the \$30,000 will be enough, if we use proper economy- That Men enough may be hired here in the Spring on good terms- that the Horses now in Missouri should all be Sold, & that Mules only Sh^d. be brought out in Spring- That I have promised the Men who go in, that they Shall

be Retained in Service till the Road is finished if they desire it-
In this Letter I enclose List of Articles to be brought out to Am^t.
of \$400-

and 5th.- 2 Letters to Col^s. Reeves & Mather, one to each, on the Subject,
chiefly of our Road- These two are private- all the others are official-

6th. Letter to R^t. Hood of Franklin to advise him of my two Bills on
him fav^r. E. Stanley for \$1500, & Jn^o. Switzler for \$100 and that I
have written on the Subject to Col^s: Reeves and Mather-

7th. a L^r. to Tracy & Wahrenderff to Say that I have drawn on them for
\$200 ^{for} Mrs. Sibley &c.- and to enclose them Samples of wool of which
I ask their opinion &c.-

And I have also written the following- Vizt.-

1 to Col: T. H. Benton

2 to J. S. Skinner enclosing him Some Wheat & onion Seeds

1 to W. P. Hunt, enclosing Some Wheat for several Persons in & near S^t.

Louis-

1 to Col: Quarles with Onion Seed-

1 to Gen^l. Smith, with Wheat

1 to Maj^r. Findley with several parcels of Wheat-

1 to Same with Onion Seed-

1 to Col: Thornton with Wheat-

2 to D^r. Simpson with Wheat & Onion Seed-

1 to W: P: Hunt on many Subjects

1 to Arch^d. Gamble on various Subj^{ts}.

2 to Rev. N. Dodge of Harmany, with Wheat & onion Seeds

1 to J. Kingsley with a bundle of Wheat to be distributed-

1 to Same concerning Wheat-

1 to Same concerning Onions & Grape Cuttings &c.

1 to Same about matters & things in general-

1 to Col. Reeves with Wheat

1 to Com^d. Officer Ft. Atkinson with Some Wheat

Packed the following for home

N^o. 1 Bale- 41^{lbs}. Woolen Yarn
2 Indian Bowls, Onions &
1 bundle Wheat heads.
1 B^o. Grape Cuttings for Hardeman
6 yds; Hergon for "rapper
canvas & rope.

N^o. 2 Bale- 1st p^{ce}. 52 3/4 yds. Herga
1 " 18¹/₂ " "
4 yds. for Wrapper
75 yds. in all
canvas & Rope

N^o. 3: 4 Bales 1 p^{ce} Herga 19 yds:
1 " 11¹/₂ yds.
Wrapping D^o. 9¹/₂ yds.

40 yds:

1 Spanish coverlid- 1
1 D^o. Blkt:
1 Box Grape Cuttings &c.
1 " Onions-
1 " Grape Cuttings
1 Bundle G. Cuttings.
8 Bundles of Letters Seeds &c.

Saturday 11th. Feb^y.

fine M^E. Started at 11 O'Clock for Taus- Rode about 35 miles &
halted for the night at a House near the Rio del Norte.

Sunday 12th.

arrived at Taus at SunSet, find the Men nearly Ready- very fine day.

Monday 13th.

fine Morning- finished my private Journal up to & including this day,
the last page is 75- This J^l. and another of 100 pages from the Notes
of my Journey from St. Louis to Ste. Fee, from 22^d. June to 30th.

Nov^F. I enclosed to Mrs. Sibley.

Tuesday 14th. Feb^y.

busily engaged all day and all night writing Letters, and packing up &c.
In addition to the Letters already noted: I have to day written 1 to
Cols: Reeves & Mather, to say that I have Sent them 12 Mules and 2
Horses & list of which, with the Saddles, Bridles, Ropes, bags &c.
I enclose them- also a statement of the state of the Acc^{ts}. of the Men

who go in- I also advised them that I shall not Sell the Waggon N^o. 1
but ^{Retain} Return it; & that I have told Mr. Baillio that if either of the
Waggon, N^o. 4 or N^o. 6 Sh^d. be Sold in Missouri, he Shall have the
Refusal of it at a fair price if not otherwise previously engaged.
1 L^r. E. J. Kingsley on many Subjects -
1 L^r. to W: P: Hunt about Some Seeds enclosed him-

1 to Gen: Smith Same-

I packed the follopack-

- 1 Box con^s. 3 kinds of Grape Cutt^s & 2 Barrels of Wheat-
- 1 Box con^s. 4 Large White Onions-
- 1 Box Cuttings for Mr. Charless
- 1 Bundle D^o. for Mr. Hardeman-

For the better convenience of Packing the Miles, I divided one
of my Bales in two: So that I have 4 Bales to Send instead of 2- I
have also packed 3 Iron bound Kegs full of Penones Say ab^t. 16 Gals.-
on two of the kegs are two Hair Ropes S---? under the Wrappers-

Wednesday 15th:

A violent Snow ~torm which lasted 'till near Night - at 2 P:M: Capt:
Brannin & his Party Started, the Storm Still Raging- they let one
of the Mules get away last night, So that they Started with 11 only-
Mr: Boggs applied for one of the Small Waggon Horses in exchange for a
Mule- I let him take the Horse, on condition that he either furnishes
Capt: Brannin a first rate Packing Mule, or to pay Col: Reeves \$40
for the Horse, which is the price I gave for him at 3^t. Louis-

After Night I wrote again to Col: R: to let him know the ar-
rangement with Boggs- that I had p^d. Capt: Brannin \$8^t on acc^t
Since my Statement was enclosed to him, & that the Mule had got away &c
very cold day-

The following is a List of the Mules & other Public Property taken
by Capt. Brannin &c.

- N^o. 1- Yellow Horse Mule
 - " 2- Yellow Horse Mule
- a match

- N^o. 3- Sorrel Mare M: White mane & tail.
 " 4- Dk: Bay or Wr: mare M: mathh.
 " 5- DK: Bay or Br: Mare M.
 these 5 are all branded with the Letter ~~Q~~ on the left Side of the neck
 " 6. Dk: Sorrel Mare Mule
 these Six bot. from Mr. T: H: Boggs
 " 7- Dk: Brown Horse Mule
 " 8- Mouse Col^d. Stud M: Bot. from J^o: Dempsey
 " 9- Sorrel Horse M.
 " 10- Blk: Mare Mule
 " 11 L^t. Gray Horse M; Switzler
 " # 12 Dk: Br: Horse M:
 " 13D Dk: Roan Horse Sock (or Lock)
 " 14- " Dun Mare
 " 15- " Sorrel Horse for Boggs-
 # this Mule got away & is left:

- 5 Spanish Riding Saddles
 1 Common D^o.
 8 Pack Saddles
 6 Common Bridles
 14 Trail Ropes or Halters
 8 Lash Ropes
 10 Sheep Skins
 1 Chopping AXE
 4 Twill Bags
 6 Woolen Bags.
 Sundry Cooking Utensils.

Capt: Brannin has particular instructions to deliver all the above to Col: Reeves, except two of the Mules that J^o. Walker has charge of, Saddles &c. belonging to them, which Walker is to keep at home near Ft. Osage if he will agree to do it on ~~the~~ fair & Reasonable terms.-
 The following is a List of Private Property belongint to C. C. S. Sent home by this Party Vizt.

- Bales N^{os}. 1-2-3&4
 Kegs " 8-9& 10.
 1 Brown Mare Mule-----\$50.
 1 Yellowish ~~white~~ Mare Mule \$30.
 2 Pack Saddles- 2 Lash Ropes
 2 Hair Rope Halters-
 1 Bearskin Mkd: "Sibley"-

The Bales contain
 41^{lb}. Woollen Yarn a 37¹/₂ -----\$15.37¹/₂
 120 yds. "erga-----20-----24.00
 2 Indian Bowls----- 1.75
 1 Spanish Blanket----- 6.80
 1 D^o. Coverlid----- 10.00
 1 Box Grape Slips &c.-----12.50
 1 D^o. Onions----- 75
 & the dollowing Packages of Letters, Seeds &c. Vizt.- 1 for Mrs. Sibley

con^s. Letters, Seeds, & 2 p. Buff^o. Gloves-

1 for W. P. Hunt cont^s. Letters for Col: Benton- Col: Quarles- Gen.

Clark D^r. Simpson- Maj^r. Graham- Jn^o. C. Sullivan- W: C: Carr- &

others enclosing Wheat & Onion Seed-

~~1 to Gen. Smith of Franklin C con~~

1 to Gen. Smith of Franklin con^s. Wheat- Onions- Onion Seed &c.

1 to Col: B. H. Reeves con^s. Sundry official communications, & Some
Papers of Seeds-

1 to Rob^t. Hood con^s. Sundry Letters to himself & others, from
myself Mr. Stanley and others-

1 to Maj. Findley Con^s. ^{Sundry small Packages of seeds} a Box of Grape Cuttings for Mr. Charles-

2 for Jn^o. Hardeman cont^s. Some Grape Cuttings of 3 kinds-

1 to Jn^o. K. Walker S^t. Louis from Mr. Brown-

1 to J. Kingsley con^s. Sundry Letters con^s. Wheat & Seeds &c. to
many persons, & to himself.

1 Paper con^s. Some Heads of Wheat

2 Packets for Baltimore cont^s. 4 Papers of Wheat & 4 Papers of Onion
Seed, & 2 Letters ab^t. them to Jn^o. S. Skinner-

Also 3 Kegs cont^s. 16 Gals: Penones & 2 long Hair Ropes- these 3
Kegs their Contents Wrappers &c. cost me -----\$17.50

and all the contents of the 4 Bales, the Mules & their equipment
&c. Cash-----\$152.50

The Whole Cost of What I have Sent home when there delivered may be
Set down at \$165 or very nearly.-- I think they are fairly worth
as follows ^v 1zt.

41 lb. Yarn	a 75¢-----	\$30.75
120 yds: Herga	a 50¢-----	60.00
2 Blankets-----		16.00
2 Indian Bowls-----		1.75
2 Mules & their equipment	-----	100.00
		<u>208.50</u>

3 Kegs ~~Onions~~- Penones- Box Slips- Onions &c. are worth \$20. at
least.

Thursday 16th. Feb^y.

fine day- This M^S. I wrote to Cols: Reeves & Mather by Mr. Baillio, to advise them that I have this day drawn on Tracy & Wahrendorff for \$128 for P: Baillio \$70 on acc^t. of Jn^o. S. Davis & \$58 on acc^t. W^m. J. William's Wages that I had arranged with Mr. Baillio to take one of the Waggon, N^o. 4 or N^o. 6, at a fair Price to be Settled here with him, as in Pay^t. for Wheat &c. Next Summer- I Wrote also to Tracy & Wahrendorff advising them of my Dft: &c. and informing them that I have entered into a copartnership with Baillio to carry on the Wool Trade, & think he, Baillio, Starts to day for St. Louis to procure necessary Goods, which he may apply to them for, & they may furnish if they choose, upon my credit, understanding clearly the Situation of my Affairs &c.- Mr. Baillio & I Signed a Mem^o. cont^s. the terms of the New Copartnership, which is to be Styled "Sibley & Baillio"- &c. P^d. Baillio \$55 on acc^t. in Cash- At 11 Mr. B: Started, to overtake the party pretty well equipped for the Journey-

In the evening, a Spaniard found & brought back the Runaway Mule, & I immediately started Thorp off to overtake the Party & deliver the Mule to Capt: Brannin- Thorp Returned ab^t. Midnight & reported that he overtook the party ab^t. 15 Miles on the Road encamped- I directed him to tell Capt: Brannin to deliver the Mule to Col: Reeves, with the others & to explain to him ab^t. it running off & being found &c.

Thorp Says Mr. Baillio Requested him to bring him a Vial of Laudanum that he forgot, & which he may suffer much for the want of.-

Friday 17th.

Thorp Started early this M^S. to take the Laudanum to Mr. Baillio, He Returned ab^t. 11 O'Clk: P: M: & Says that he overtook them ab^t. 25 Miles from the Village going on Pretty well, tho' the Snow is pretty deep & has a hard crust on it, but not quite hard enough to bear the Mules- He Says that Mr. Boggs has got the Sorrell Horse; but has no Mule to give

for him, that Capt: Brannin will Receive; & that in consequence, he expects to pay \$40 to Col: B- at Franklin for the Horse.

On his Return Thorp met 3 or 4 Men on their way to overtake the party- which will be about 22 Men Strong, when they all get together- I count upon their getting to Ft. Osage, abo ut the 25th. of March- I have paid away the following Sums, Since I left St^l. Fee-

Traveling Expe ^{es} . Self & Thorp-----	\$2.25
5 Riding Saddles av ^d . @ \$4.70-----	23.50
8 Pack Saddles 3.12 ¹ / ₂ -----	25.00
8 Lash Ropes complete-----	8.00
14 Trail Ropes-----	14.00
10 Sheep Skins-----	2.50
pd. for an Axe-----	3.00
pd. Tonorio part of his comp ⁿ . for Services-----	3.00
pd. D ^o . for catching Mule-----	1.00
pd. for Bread-----	1.00
Baillio on Acc ^t .-----	55.00
On Subsistence Acc ^t . of the 3 Men for Feb ^y . & Mch:-----	80.00
<i>Seems</i> Lurio on Acc ^t . House Rent-----	25.00
Jn ^o . S. Davis on Acc ^t .-----	70.00
Wm. S. Wms. order on Acc ^t .-----	58.00
Mr. Prate on my own Acc ^t .-----	23.00
	394.34

Rec ^d . from Mr. Stanley at St ^l . Fee -----	\$100.00
Rec ^d . from Pratt order on Stanley-----	200.00
" from Capt: Brannin-----	24.12 ¹ / ₂
" from Jn ^o . S. Davis-----	22.00
Dft: T. & Wahrendorff fav ^r . P. Baillio-----	128.00
Rec ^d . from Mr. T. H. Boggs, as Cash, &c.-----	35.00
" from Stanley by Jn ^o . Walker-----	8.00
" from Stanley by Mr. Brown-----	100.00
Am ^t . pd. out Bro ^t . down-----	\$394.34
Pd/ for a Coverlid-----	10.00
Pd. Mr. Brown-----	135.00
Pd. for a Mule-----	100.00

Tuesday 21^t: Feb^y.

To day I bought a Saddle Mule from Senor KIRSTANA for \$100 Cash- the price is high, but the Mule is very good- I want it to Ride on my Journey down the country, on which I am to Start in a day or two.

Wednesday 22^d.

Settled to day with Davis in full, up to the 1^t. of April. His work Since 1^t. Nov^r. Amt^s. to about \$176 - He has been uncommonly industrious, & has worked early & late, & is as I think fairly entitled to

all he has made, deducting out of it his wages since 31^t. Octo^r. He has attended to his two Horses, & done other Services about the quarters &c. equivalent to the Am^t. of his Subsistence, which has been pd. him up to the 1^t. of April.

Davis is now disch^d. from the Service of the Comm^{ers}., & is p^d. up in full, & owes them about \$40 - which I am to settle for him- I have promised him that if he Sh^d. wish to Return to Missouri with us in July, that he may join the Party then^x as a hand if he chooses-

I have also exchanged my Yager, Powder Horn &c. with Davis for a certain Bay Horse colt that he left at my House (the Same that he got from Rothwell) on condition that I get the Colt on my Return home- It is also understood, that if I want the Yager again, when I am Starting home, I am to have it, & then the bargain is annulled-

If I get the Colt, I am to have a New Snaffle Bridle with him that Davis left at my House, in the care of Betty, as he Says-

The Weather is now Mild & pleasant, & I am in hopes Capt: Brannin & his party are getting on well.

Thursday 23^d. Feb^y. 1826.

Fine pleasant day- I walked over to the Village to meet 2 Men who were Sent to me from the Alcalde to Say, that he is Ready to Settle a Judg^t. Rendered by his predecessor ag^t. a Man who Stole Some Axes, &c., the detention of which pay^t. by this present Alca- Alcalde I had complained of- I Settled it with the Men, that the Alcalde is to pay the Judg^t. \$29, the day after tomorrow, to Mr. Brown- in default of which I will complain to the Gov^r.

I Sent word to the Alcalde that I expect him to investigate the facts in relation to a Man who Stole corn Some time Since, & that Remuneration will be looked for &c.

Friday 24th Feb^y, 1826.

At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 A. M: Started to Ste. Fee, & on my journey to Sonora &

Chihuahua- On the Top of the Mountain Met Williams just Returning from his Trapping expedition, he Says he has had good Success- An hour after dark got to Senor Diego Cisneros's & Staid all night- fine day-

Sat: 25th.

Started after Breakfast, pretty ^{early} ~~wealy~~- Arrived at S^{te}. Fee 2 Hours before Night very much fatigued & quite unwell, went to bed early- fine day

Sunday 26th.

Got up this morning with a pain in my breast- The Gov^r. Sent me over a Letter that had been enclosed to him from Mexico- it is from Mr. Poinsett, dated the 31^t. Dec^r. it acknowledges Rec^t. of my L^r. to him of 12th. Nov^r., and informs me that he has "hitherto failed to induce the President of these States to take any part in the Survey of the proposed Road, until after we Shall have concluded our Treaty of limits- As there has been lately a change in the Administration, I have again Renewed the Negotiation, and will inform you of the Result by the earliest opportunity- Your account of the Route is highly Satisfactory, and will I hope aid me to bring this affair to a favourable conclusion"

I was quite unwell all day, and did not call on the Governor, as I intended.

Monday 27th.

I waited on the Gov^r. this Morning with Mr. Beard for Interpreter, to enquire if he had Received any official intelligence from his Gov^r. in Relation to the Road. He assured me that he had not heard a word, & appeared Surprised when, I told what Mr. Poinsett had written to me.

The Gov^r. expressed an opinion that we Sh^d. hear Something more favorable on the Subject, when he got answers to his communications forwarded on the 6th. of Jan^y., in which he enclosed mine to him, Map & all, of the fifth, &c.

The Party Started for the Lower Country to day at Noon, to Wit-

Mr. Douglass with two Waggon, for Chihuahua & Mr. Floyd, with one Waggon for the Passo- George West went with Douglass- Unless I Receive ^a certain information from Mr. Poinsett by tomorrow's Mail, of the Assent of the Mexican Gov^t. to the completion of the Road, I Shall be obliged to decline my trip down the country- quite unwell to day.

Tuesday 28th. Feb^y.

fine day- Unwell Still- I hear Nothing by the Mail; So I give up my journey below, & Shall Return to Taus, to Stay as Soon as I arrange my affairs here, and get well enough to Ride- at present the pain in my breast would make it impossible for me to travel without great injury-

Wednesday March 1^t. 1826.

A most delightful Spring Morning- I am much better to day- engaged writing all day- Find out that my ^Servant Abram has been carrying on a pretty extensive game of thieving & Roguery here- Thorp has got on the track of Some of his thefts&c. and the more he enquires and examines, the more he discovers; to get to the end of them Seems to be hopeless, & to Recover anything equally So- all that is left for it, is to punish the Villain as he deserves- fine day.

Thursday 2nd

The day is very pleasant- Sent Robinson's Map to The Gov^r., as a present, having no further use for it, & it being not worth taking home- if offered for Sale it w^d. not bring a Dollar here-

Friday ^{morning} 3^d.

Sold a Black Horse to Mr. Ward for \$45- the weather Still fine.

Saturday 4th.

very busy all day writing and arranging my Papers & Acc^{ts}. &c. I am Still unwell

Sunday 5th.

fine day- I wrote to Mr. Poinsett to day in answer to his L^r. to me of 31^t. Dec^r.- See file. ^{Saw} See this L^r. to the Gov^r. & Requested him to

forw^d. it to Mexico by the Mail which departs tomorrow, which the Gov^r. Sent me word he will do- I am more unwell to day than I have been before, Since I came here- I had a pretty high fever last Night, & am by no means clear of it to day- The pain in my breast is also very troublesome Still- very fine day.

Monday 6th. Mch.

I fell much better this M^o. and am determined to Set out today for Taus & to Start all my baggage &c.

Having packed up all my baggage, I put it in charge of Sen^r. Vigil, who has engaged to Transport it up to Taus; at at $\frac{1}{2}$ past Ten I mounted my Mule, and Set out for Taus, accompanied by Thorp- We Reached the Village of S^{te}. Cruz (25 Miles) just at SunSet, & Stopped at the Priest's who Received me with much politeness & kindness, & treated me with the utmost hospitality.

Tuesday 7th. Mch:

I indulged myself in bed, 'till it was pretty late this M^o. - When I arose, found a Servant with Water, Napkin &c. & after I had finished Washing, was Served with a Cup of very fine, Rich chocolate- & in half an hour Breakfast was Ready-

I left the hospitable Priest's at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9, and felt every way the better- The pain in my breast was only Slight, and I had no fever.- I Rode Slowly, but Steadily, about 20 Miles to Sen^r. Lusaro's, and halted for the day at 2 O'Clk: I felt very unwell, & lay down on a Mattress & went to Sleep, for an Hour- when I got up felt worse- directed Thorp to make me Some Coffee of which I drank a little, & felt better- Went early to bed- very fine day, as was yesterday.

Wednesday 8th. Mch.

Arose early, having Slept very well, & find myself much Refreshed- Thorp made me Some chocolate, & afterwards I ate Some Breakfast- Started at 8 O'Clk: the day very fine- arrived at Taus at about 2 O'Clk: feel some-

what fatigued & feverish-

Thursday 9th. March.

I Slept well last night , & am this this morning quite free from the pain in my breast & of fever.

I find that Williams has employed himself Gambling Since his Return from his Hunt, & has not yet joined the Service.

The Horses are doing pretty well, but the Corn goes ^{very} Rapidly- very fine weather-

Friday 10th.

fine day- In the evening Sen^r. Vigil arrived with my baggage all Safe from S^{te}. Fee.

Sat: 11th.

Wrote to Mr. Stanley by Vigil who Set out on his Return to Sante Fee this morning.

A War party of the Pawnees Said to be ab^t. 300 Strong, has been Recently here, a Small detachment of it; ab^t. 30 Men, entered the Valley & drove off in the Night, a number of Mules & Horses- The Pueblas pursued them next day, & found them in the Mountain & killed two & wounded many others, & Recovered all the Mules & Horses- another very fine day

Sunday 12th.

fine day- A Spaniard Returned from the other Side of the Mountains, where he had gone with a Small party of Buffalo Hunters, and Reports that he fell in with about 100 Pawnees who Stripped him & his whole Party, of their Mules, Horses, Meat, Clothes, Arms, &c. & were Seriously inclined to kill them all- He Says that he knew Several of the Principal Men of the Party, having Seen them at F^t. Atkinson once- they knew him also, & Returned him his Gun, but kept every thing else- He understood that another party of about 100 Men were gone down South towards the Settlements of Moro & San Miguel, with the view of driving

off Stock &c.- this Man did not know of the Puebla's having killed any of the Pawnees the other day, & he Supposes that the band he Met must have been ignorant of that affair too, otherwise they would Surely have killed him & all his Party- He means to Start to S^te. Fee tomorrow I Understand, to See The Gov^r. about this affair.-

Sen^r. ^{Luna} Lurio from whom I Rent the house I am in, informs me that he Shall want it very Soon, & that I may occupy his House in the Village- As this will be extremely inconvenient I Sent Therp yesterday, to find another House, & he Reports, that a Sen^r. Romaro who lives at The Rancho, offers to Rent me a large House &c. Situated ab^t. a Mile & half lower down the Creek.

I walked down to look at the Tenement offered, & find that it will answer extremely well, & determine to move to it as Soon as I can.-

I wrote to Mr. Stanley on the 11th. to Say that I wished him direct Mr. Floyd to purchase for me 20 breeding Jennets, & a Horse at the Passo, & to Sent them up to me here, by the middle of May.-

Monday 13th. March.

Another fine day- busy preparing to Move.

Tuesday 14th.

Busy preparing to move- fine day- Had the corn thrashed out-

Wednesday 15th.

Moved to day into the Houses Rented from Sen^r. Romaro-

In the evening Mr. Chambers called, & I took occasion to have the bargain between me & Romaro well explained- it is in Substance as follows- I am to have the use of the buildings, Horse Pen, & Pasture ground belonging to the establishment, uninterrupted as long as I wish it, at the Rate of 110 p. Month-

Friday 17th. March

a Very Windy & Stormy day- Sen^r. Romaro called, & Requests me to Ride to The Ranch tomorrow morning, to arrange Something formal Respecting

the Rent &c. Having no interpreter at hand I could but imperfectly understand his meaning- I promised however, to see him at the Rancho early tomorrow-

Saturday 18th.

After early Breakfast I Rode to the Ranch, ab^t. 4 Miles, accompanied by Thorp- I found Sen^r. Romaro at the Alcalde's, & he gave me to understand, that his object was to have our bargain explained & put in form, before the Aldalde- I Sent for a Mr. Gordon, who lives in this Village, and who Speaks the Spanish Language pretty well, & employed him to interpret for me. After he had conversed Some time with Romaro & the Alcalde he informed me, that it was proposed to have a written contract drawn up by the Alcalde which would probably cost me about \$2- I immediately discovered that the plan was to get a fee out of me for the Alcalde; and I told them at once, that I would Submit to no Such imposition, that I wanted no written instrument from Romaro; having already had the bargain fully explained by Mr. Chambers & that I Should Sign no paper but of my own writing- That there needed no writing at all about the matter, but I was willing to give Mr. Romaro my obligation to pay him \$10 p. Month for the Rent of his Place, as Long as I occupied it without interruption- & to pay at the end of every Month- I wrote & Signed an Article to that effect, gave it to Romaro, & went home. Romaro is a Simple well meaning fellow, I think- But the Aldalde is as thoro' going a Scoundrel, I belive, as I ever came across- the day was cold & windy

Sunday 19th. March

A raw disagreeable day Snow Storm in the Mountains

Monday 20th.

day cold and unpleasant

Tuesday 21^t.

Another cold Stormy day- In the evening it Snowed.

Wednesday 22^d.

Ground covered with Snow but the weather much moderated- Snow nearly all gone before Night.

Thursday 23^d.

fine day-

Friday 24th.

Another very fine day.

Sat; 25th.

fine day- Rode to the Mountains ab^t. 4 Miles-

Sunday March 26th. 1826-

A fine day- Since my Return from S^{ts}. Fee, I have got entirely well again, and am now in as good health as I ever was-

In the Supposition that Capt: Brannin & his Party have by this time Reached F^t. Osage, I am to day indulging myself with thoughts of home- to be Sure my tho^{ts}. are daily there, but now they are attended with the idea of my Wife & friends being employed Reading my Letters &c. & they ^{are} consequently more than usually agreeable.

The Spring is Rapidly advancing- The People Seem to be busily engaged preparing to Pitch their little Crops in all directions I observe them plowing & cleaning off ^{their} ~~this~~ little Patches- Some have already put in their Wheat- They Plow with Oxen & Wooden Plows, & Seem to Succeed pretty well.-

Monday 27th. Mch.

The Morning cloudy, & Rainy- We had April Weather Fo day- Showers and Sunshine- It ^{is} rained as I Suppose, a great deal in the Mountains They were often entirely obscured by dark heavy clouds- Some Thunder-

Tuesday 28th.

M^S. Cloudy & quite cool- ground covered with Snow, & it contin^d. to Snow, lightly, 'till 10 O'Clk: when it cleared off & became windy- the Snow lay but a few Hours in the Valley; but the Mountains are all White-

Wednesday 29th. March

The Morning fair & pleasant. Employed the Men lying Corn for Hominy We are obliged to make Ashes of the Corn Cobs there being no other material convenient, & not half enough of that-

This is a fine warm day, and makes the grass grow very fast- the Horses are very evidently improving already, altho' the Grass is but just beginning to look green-

Busy all day arranging my Accounts &c.

Thursday 30th. March

A very delightful morning- Heavy White frost last night. The day turned out a very pleasant one- Davis came down this evening to see us and to settle some Acc^{ts}. &c. Mr. Brown went up this evening to see Senor Luno ab^t. Rent, Horse Troughs, &c. and to effect a final and complete Settlement with him- which he did, after some little difficulty- Luno charges me \$16 for 3 or 4 Troughs and some forage- this is to be sure a very high charge indeed, but is less by about \$5 than he demanded at first- the \$16 was finally allowed him, which with \$16.50 for Rent of His Houses makes \$32.50 that I have paid him altogether- and Mr. Brown says he expressed himself entirely content and Satisfied-

I occupied his Houses Five Months and a half- So that the Rent including Troughs &c. may be set at \$5.91 p Month.-

The troughs were very materially injured by the Horses & in fact rendered unfit for the uses they were originally intended for- Two of them I had removed to my new quarters, where they are wanted to feed the Horses in- Upon the whole, I have got off better than I expected with Senor Luno.-

Friday 31st. March.

A very fine-- pleasant day-

I arranged and settled up all my Accounts to day and find that my

Whole Expenses Since I arrived here on 30th. October last, amount to
\$1468.20 Viz^t.

For Subsistence-----	\$492.27½
House Rent-----	61.12½
Grain & forage for Horses-----	541.30
Fitting out Party to Mri-----	63.25
Expense getting over to Taus-----	38.50
Ex: moving to & from S ^{te} . fee-----	100.12½
Fire wood S ^{te} . fee-----	23.75
Furniture-----	68.12½
Contingencies-----	60.75
Including Goods paid away-----	18.87½

Herga & Yarn value-----	23.00
Gloves-----	1.50
Blkts & Coverlid-----	20.62½
Casimere Pantaloon-----	10.62½
2 pr Nankeen D ^o . }-----	18.00
2 Shirts & 3 P. Cases }-----	
Sund ^s .-----	5.00
Nuts-----	5.00
Baskets-----	1.75
Grape Cuttings, Onion &c. Seeds-----	13.75
	<u>99.25</u>
Ropes-----	2.00
	<u>161.25</u>
2 Mules & Saddles-----	\$88.00
Herga &c.-----	12.37
	<u>100.37</u>
	<u>201.62</u>