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Owen----- George C. Sibley

Ft: Osage Wednesday 27th: July 1825.

My D.O: I left St. Charles on Monday the 27th: Ulto: accompanied by Mr. Brown & Mr. Gamble, all of us on Horseback- Never did I feel less able to encounter the fatigues and exposure of Such a journey, as when I left St. Charles. The Bilious fever Seemed actually be Staring & grinning at me face to face; my Stomach & bowels were excessively disordered; and my mind not a little affected by those Symptoms; Superadded to the Melancholy duty of parting with Wife and friends- Everything combined to render my departure from St. Charles, by far the most painful and distressing of the kind that I ever endured- I Summoned all my firmness & philosophy to my aid; and I dare Say seemed to those who know me not, quite as happy & unconcerned as tho' I had only Set out for an evening's excursion- I need not Say to you, my friend, who know me So well, how much I can Suffer, & how little Seem to Suffer; you have often wondered at and admired, what you once called the Stoicism of my nature, but which you afterwards termed firmness and Phylosophy – We Stopped for the Night at a Widow Bailey's twenty miles from St. Charles, and fared pretty well- In the morning I felt very much better, and altho' the Weather was very hot, and we were obliged to travel frequently after night fall to avoid the Green flies which infest the Great Prairies; I continued to get better every day 'till I reached this place; and am now, as I believe, as little likely to get the Billious fever, as any person I know of- We were Six days traveling from St. Charles to Franklin a distance of 150 Miles- Here we Staid till the 5th: July, having business and a Special invitation to dine with the Citizens on the 4th.- On the 9th I got home here- on the 11th: Col: Reeves arrived, accompanied by Mr. Thos. Mather of Illinois, who it Seems is appointed a Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the non acceptance of Col: Menard- The Waggons and Horsemen all arrived the

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