

Saint Louis, August 20th 1875.

My dear Brother,

My last to you was written from Brownsville Tex. I think I have since written to Henry from here, informing you all of my arrival here, prospects &c.

Nothing has occurred here since then, of importance enough to justify my writing you (until last night) interesting to any of you my voyage up the river is still a doubtful matter as to where and when I shall go, and somewhat doubtful whether I shall go this fall or not having rec'd. no instructions yet on the subject from Gen. Mason and in addition to that our Indian Affairs generally are yet in a very unsettled state, and a very strong probability of their remaining so for some yet.

Several of the most powerful Indian Nations of the upper Mississippi threaten a continuance of their hostility towards the U.S. and we are informed (I hope truly) that Gen. Jackson is preparing - forced to carry on very active and energetic war in the Indian Country. - Altho' the Indians in my agency are peaceable and well disposed, yet I have some doubts as to the expediency of my going among them without a considerable military force to protect my establishment from the predatory war parties of the hostile tribes that will in all probability as heretofore infect the river where I shall be obliged to pass, and that part of the Osage Country where I propose to locate myself. - that for a time I cannot be spared me this fall. - It seems very probable therefore that I shall not move from here till next Spring, or if I do go this fall, it will be merely to make a temporary visit - either of those arrangements you will allow perfectly, with such my convenience better than if I were to move up this fall. - for you must know my dear Father, Brothers and Sisters, and all others interested, that I was married yesterday evening at 7 P.M. to Miss Mary Smith Easton, the eldest daughter of the Hon. Rufus Easton of this place. - I may confidently ask all your congratulations on this event. - I have had the singular good fortune to obtain a young Lady to be my friend and companion the life, who I am very confident will not deceive my hopes of happiness. - Her amiable Disposition

mental acquirements, and personal accomplishments, and most excellent
bringing up; eminently qualify her for the task she has with pleasure &
great undertakes, to make me happy. Such are the qualifications of my
Wife — She will be fifteen in January next — about the size and appearance
of Ann Eliza, whom I saw her last, but somewhat handsomer. Her fortune I
know nothing about, I never enquired — her father is reckoned very wealthy
he has seven children, and every prospect of having as many more. —
I anticipated the question from you all in one breath — "Do you intend
to take this charming Wife with you among the Indians?" and I answer you
all, yes — She has long ago expressed her perfect willingness to live any where with me,
and until I can withdraw from the Indian Service, she will willingly share
with me the privations of a forest life — I mean to have a very com-
fortable establishment, and make no doubt we shall pass the time quite
happily in the "howling wilderness".

I shall write you again, soon if you,
soon. At present I am in excellent health, and as you may suppose
in pretty good spirits. Mr. Sand Alden is still in this vicinity — he will be
here in a few days I believe for Watchmakers.

Give my love to all the family,
and kiss all your little ones for me, and then tell Margaret to give them
each a hearty smack for my Mary, and another for me.
Write me soon — I am quite disappointed from not hearing
from you since my return to this country.

Yr. affectionate
G. C. Hibler.

W. Sand. Hibler.

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