

Sierra Nevada June 4<sup>th</sup> 1833

Dear Campbell I have now for the first time since we parted an opportunity of giving you a sketch of our proceedings since you left home which I have been very anxious to do but I have now ~~but~~ very poor means of doing as I would wish you are well aware of the incumbrances of men on such matters as this therefore ~~being~~ respect of my duty I hope you will excuse I immediately after our separations last summer I repaired to Salmon river and there made a deposit of all our goods & from thence to the Coluget country and further north in it there a company of whites ever has been before in search of beaver but found them much scarcer than I had any idea of our party in that section consisted of about 60 men we made a very extensive tour and caught only about 20 packs of beaver Mr Vanderburgh overtook us with a party of 112 men on Dearborn river which was a great disadvantage to us altho in all they caught but about 5 packs of fur which we got 20 they remained and camped with us until they arrived at the lower portion of the Missouri where we separated I took up the Gallatin and they the Missouri and soon after we both had a fight with the blackfoot Mr Vanderburgh was killed in a few days after we parted in our fight Bridger was shot in 2 places with arrows we lost our horse our squaw & the gun which you sold Bridger besides our man who was killed and a trapping

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I start for St Louis this morning for the purpose of finding  
out our situation in that place and should matters stand as we expect  
he will mount another equipment in time to send in our fur  
this fall. we have now in our house in all about ninety mus-  
kets and is in 2 parties one of 60 and another of 30 the one of 60  
I have under my <sup>company</sup> in this quarter and fences have much more plenty  
than I have in any part last fall we have done very well ~~we have~~  
~~done very well~~ so far this hunt I put in cache a few days ago  
about 40 packs of good fur I left Subletta & Perry in January  
last on the Galena with the 30 men how they have done I  
don't know I hope well. Should this letter meet with you in St Louis  
I am in hope you will be no more backward in assisting Subletta than you  
have <sup>been</sup> last year even your advice in such a case I recommend him to  
return and should you not be in St Louis I have directed this  
envelope and sent to you whenever you are near to Ireland and  
should I have the satisfaction of hearing of your being in St Louis  
I shall depend much on your being well aware of the  
incapacity of our agents but the nature of our business here  
does not admit of my absence at present nor would it do us  
justice now did perhaps you may see me in St Louis in now next  
for should Subletta mount an outfit we will certainly take in our fur  
this fall I have written to Mr Bull on the subject of an outfit  
you will please see him on the subject and give him your real  
senses as respects the propriety or impropriety of the undertaking  
Mr Campbell then is not our man in the United States which I would rather  
see at present than you I have much to say to you but has a bad  
opportunity and I am afraid you will find but very little satisfaction

in reading this ill composed address but I hope you will be kind  
enough to make an allowance for my embarrassment at present  
what you are well aware of I ask one more request of you  
if you write to me which you certainly must not neglect leave  
nothing untold that may concern me in any way

I have been a few nights ago fired on by Indians two  
balls were shot through my lodge but no further damage  
done except one mule slightly wounded the village is at  
present close by and I intend in a few days to have an  
interview with them after which I shall apprehend but  
little danger however should they continue hostile  
we are able to whip them all the disadvantages will  
be they may annoy the trappers and prevent them from  
scattering in an advantageous manner you may send me  
a volume or two such as you know may suit me

Yours Friend  
H. Fitzpatrick

I do be very particular about any letters or information you  
may send me it would be best to say they are private  
and also Mr Hughes Give my respects to Mr. Lewis family  
and any other person which you think  
I ought not forget if any such there is you will please