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Honour'd Sir Bellepré June 23d 1790

I should ask pardon for not writing before this had any Opportunity of Conveyance presented whereby I might have forwarded a line to you informing you how I got on my Journey &c. This being the first Opportunity that has presented I Chearfully imbrace it. Will give you a particular History of my Journey &c. And to begin Sir, the Weather was so remarkably Open for the Season, the frequent rains &c. it made the travelling excessive bad & heavy Mud & mire Great part of the Way through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York & the Jersies. When I came into the State of Pensylvania the travelling was Intolerable bad, the Land between the Jersies & the Mountains in this State is Generally Good, the Road in which I travelled is by far the largest that I am Acquainted with, in Consequence of the Soil being so exceeding good & the travelling immensely Great, together with the extraordinary Open Moderate Winter the Roads were much cut to pieces for a Very Great part of the Way through this State, that my Waggon Wheels some of them, & some times the whole Roled on the Ground, luckely I never Over Sat, but was Obliged to be holden to Charlottee & Azubah to hold on at the hind end of the Waggon many times to prevent it, so I laboured throug a long & Tedious Journey had no Company from Sudbury Untill I arrived within fourteen or fifteen miles of the Youghiogania River, When to my Great Joy Mr Rice met me, I had the good fortune to have an Opportunity of sending him a line when within about 150 miles of the last mentioned River by a Young man by the name of Allen, who informed me of that he lodged at Your House when on his way to this Country, that the family was well &c. this is the last of my hearing from any of my friends & Acquaintance in Sudbury, Mr Rice & Myself & family proceeded on, crossed the Youghiogana & Wintered in the forks so Called it being an exceeding rich tract of land lying between the Rivers Youghiogania & Monongahale, I was Ninety days before I reached this place, a long a Tedious & Expensive Journey, Caused so by an Uncommon Scarsity together with the Extraordinary Season I pack my Only help, however I was particularly favoured dayly Grew better of the influenzy my family remarkably Healthy, little Polly the Only one who was Very Unwell, this lasted a short time, she recovered grew hearty & remains so as does the rest of the family except Mrs Loring, I hope her Indisposition will not last long it is Caused by her getting to bed with a son, this happened on Tryday Morning last.

To Return to my Old Story, Mr Rice Myself & family Wintered as before mentioned, in the latter end of April we imbarked on Board our Boat which we built while in the forks, and proceeded down the first mentioned River entered the Monogahale & so on untill we Arrived at Pittsburgh, this is a

a Verry pretty compact Town here we tarried Over Night, was friendly entertain, and the next morning reimbarked, entered the Beautiful Ohio River, which in time will be moved by the World. — We then gave ourselves up to a Beautiful inland Navigation floated down the River with pleasure & satisfaction untill a Storm arose, put into Buffelo in Consequence thereof stay three days Waiting for good Weather, & reimbark about Noon, proceed on, untill night near cale on the Virginia Shore, Strike up a fire Cook some Turkey for Supper all hands partake eat Hearty and are refreshed, Convey the Woman & Children On Board our Ship make their Lodging Comfortable, then Our forces Consisting of a Major Miller, Capt. Rice, A Young man who had just come on Board of us Israel & myself, with two Dogs, with our Arms, Ascended the Hill to our Station where we had Just Supped lodged & early the next morning set sail again, Wind all day against us Cattled the next night on the Indian shore, Our Dogs with One of our Men keeps Centinel this Night no disturbance set out early the next morning (by day light) & about 10 o'Clock reach Marietta went on Shore get Breakfast and then set out for this place arrive about Sun set rain like the breaking of a Cloud get our people, Cattle out of our Boat, & with Joy Ascend the pleasant Banks of the Ohio, Lodge at Major Goodales this night, the next day move into the Block House where We still remain — I have been preceding Unfortunate Mr. Rice raised no Corn the last Year, by reason of a very Unusual frost in this Country which happened on the 2 day of October, he not Very late in planting could not get his Corn in to the ground untill 25th June, that which was planted the 9th of the same month came to maturity and was good, he Also left all his Hogs the Ox &c. these Circumstances Obliged us to purchase our provisions in the forks, at a most extraordinary rate — Add to this misfortune I had one of my Great Cows poisened almost killed him sold the pair for about thirty Dollars purchased two Cows & lost the best of them the Other proves not to be with Calf, this is a sore disappointment as such a family as mine could live Chiefly on Milk — if you can possibly dispose of any thing of mine in your hands I wish you to do it & send me some Money by General Putnam, who will Convey you this Letter, the Honr. Judge will leave Rutland with his family in August. I shall be much disappointed if I do not receive a Letter from you, pray that you may write & Convey the Letter in season to the Judge — I have wrote to Mr. Paulden Brown respecting some Matters that he has in his hands for me I wish you to see him, & if possible get some money to the Judge in season had I a good Stock of Cows I think I should be able Very soon to live as well as I could wish for, perhaps you can dispose of the Cattle of Meadow & what House hold furniture I left if so I shall be Glad in

And now Sir, I must Confess that I am delighted with this Country as is also the rest of my family, And will give you an Out Lint for as far as I am able, and in the first place as to Soil, it far exceeds in point of thickness any that I ever saw before the Soil on the Bottoms (which in New England would be called Intervel) is from 15 to 20 & 25 feet deep as loose & Mellow as a Heap of fall Dung producing all Kinds of Grain Grass &c. to a prodigious degree, however it is my firm belief that the Springing Up, Shooting forth & Extraordinary Yield is as much & I think more Owing to the fine Climate which we are

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are favoured with, in this Quarter, as to cold, we Chilly N.Eastwinds we have not much to do with them in this Country, the Wind Generally blows from the West & Northwest, the Climate is exceedingly agreable Healthy &c. I think much more so than in N. England when Warm, there fresh Breezes makes it comfortable, the Cold much Softened from what it is in N. England Indeed Sir, I can not give you a particular Idea of Soil or Climate I wish you could see it, if you could you would at once say that I have not exaggerated,

As to the Savages, the last Week they Killed & Scalped a Young man at Bellevelle, this is a small Settlement on the Virginia Shore about twelve miles below this place, I was at the Settlement a few days before this Accident Happened, was then told by the Inhabitants that they Never had any person Killed in that Settlement, but frequently had the Horses Stolen, this being so they were off at this time, Consequently this man lost his life, was but Intruding — We think however that the Savages will not be likely to [illegible] so much as what they have against the Virginians [illegible] Killing each Other when they are aroused each other — We keep a good look out, one man daily Scouts the Woods from each Block House, being four in Number the rout is from the Hills to some of the Streams that lead into the Ohio, which if the Savages pay us a Visit, they must Necessarily cross &c.

I have mentioned to You respecting the Soil & Climate of this Country I can not Omit mentioning to You respecting a field of Corn belonging to General Harmar, at the Garrison, he planted the last Year a field of Eight or ten Acres with Corn, One Acre of it was [illegible] and the Corn Gathered & measured, and Yielded One Hundred four & half Bushels of Sound Corn, this Corn had two Hoeings only, Mr. Rice and I have 10 or 12 Acres planted with Corn Potatoes &c. if it should prove a fortunate Season hope to raise a Sufficiency for Ourselves & Creatures &c.

Mary, I pray you to give my Love together with all the Familiar to Ezekiel, he may just Insulted me, I shall endeavour to preserve for him Land capable of Something a Good farm, when he is for himself, or when you please to let him come on it will be ready for him, think that he will be in a Very good Situation, much better, than Israel, as probably he will have Something to come on with to begin a New Settlement &c — I now only renew my request respecting my matters in Mr. Brown's hands if possible, I hope to have Some money from One or both of you &c — and am sure that I shall if you can either of you procure some, beg that you would answer me in Season by Judge Putnam — Now Sir may the Best of Heavens Blessings attend you & Yours through Life is the Hearty wish of Yours as in Duty Bound Your Obedt. Humble Servt.

Daniel Loring

P.S. the whole family Joins with me in Duty to you & Mrs. How Compliments to the family, as Also to all friends &c.

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