

Dear Mother  
Weston 2nd November 1844

I left St Louis on the 23rd Oct for  
Liberty with our stock of goods but when we arrived  
we found that the market was so low that we  
could not get our goods at the price we  
wished for. We went about 20 miles higher up the Missouri River  
to we came directly out to the plain and arrived there  
on the 30th October and by this time we have our  
goods all sold and have been selling some already  
I received your letter (Oct 8<sup>th</sup>) just as I was leaving  
St Louis and I have been hurrying with all my might  
to get off sooner and I am now ready to start and  
expect a boat at this evening and then I am off  
and it may be so that before this gets to you  
I will be there. I merely wish to inform you of  
my departure for those parts so that if I am unwar-  
rably detained on the way that you may know I am coming  
I think I can get there by the 20 or 25<sup>th</sup> of the present  
month - I shall <sup>am</sup> soon to come. I think this was you requested  
by <sup>Lyonsburg</sup> you may look out for me about the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Make your arrangements so that we both may become  
one soon after my arrival for I expect much  
pleasure indeed during my stay with you all and  
I shall remain in Va. until 15 January, thereby  
having plenty time to see all and enjoy the country  
and of old Allegheny once more

