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Paoli Ind

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Capt Thomas A Russell
Near Lexington
Wayne County
Kentucky

Dear Brother Paoli Inda Oct 19th 1837

With no other canopy than my tent, and no better seat than Mother Earth, and a chair for a table I have taken up my pen to give you a brief sketch of our journey thus far, and to say something in relation to the business that you promised to manage for me with respect to McCalla the Marshall of Ky. — We have therefore, with scarcely any accident, but a good deal of detention got on thus far, all, including men, women, children, horses, ^{and} dogs in good health and unfagged spirits, and should the weather continue good I have scarcely a doubt that we shall all get out safe, and sound, and in tolerable good time. — As I came through Frankfort I called at the office of the Canal court, and a young man that wrote in Harms office told me he believed that Luke the draftsman executed in the case your memorandum speaks of, had paid to H Combs the money, and he supposed he had paid to Combs — Harms was out of town, and I could not see him, but I put down, and wrote to him if he had not paid over the money, not to do it to Combs, as he had nothing to do in business, but to McCalla or if he had rather to John C. Pittman who was employed, and attended to the business, and immediately by letter to inform you thereof. — Should he not have written to you before the receipt of this, you will please see Combs, and know of him, whether or not he has received the money, and if he has demand it of it, either by exhibiting this letter or the order I gave you to McCalla. — This is the relation precisely by that Combs bears to the case, after first employing Blason. I became somewhat peevish