

must love for his sake and my husband, who was delighted with her, also to every one who have not forgotten, that in the "far West" lives one whom they once knew; the sister Sarah that my Ashland Rose & Arabitis grows finely, and like the laurel wreath of Sage of proud America, looks more luxuriant and fresh; brighter and more splendid as time bears its impress, and bears the increase of years.

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Sam is here to day from much Ireland and reports all well, also at Mrs Collins; our good friend Mrs Thomas has been in bed several days, I saw her yesterday, and heard from her to-day, she is rather better; I was very much gratified to hear of your safe arrival at home, and hope that you will be prepared to repeat your visit when Mrs Russell returns; in the mean time may I ask the favour of sometimes hearing from you? In conclusion believe me truly and with much affection,

Sincerely yours &c
L. Russell

Bluffton 8th June 1846

Dear brother

I should have written to you immediately on my return home but was prevented by indisposition from which I have not yet entirely recovered; I endeavoured to see you again before you left Independence, and feel almost ashamed to acknowledge the true cause, the want of fortitude; I endeavoured to avoid every thing that might disqualify ^{me} for the severe trial that was soon to take place; the fortitude and firmness which I had been able under all circumstances to command, never before was so entirely exhausted; I had believed that "Sufficient is the day, for the evil thereof;" it is so beyond all doubt with all who are "strong in the faith;" an Almighty hand works in a mysterious way, "no chastisement for the time seems good;" yet all things will work together for good to those that believe" I do pray most fervently for more faith, and that every rebellious feeling may ^{be} still in the presence of my God, and I may rest with all humility, confidence and resignation under his divine protection, until in his own time he shall reveal to us his mysterious plans; I remained nearly two weeks after you left, rode out to the encampment about fifteen miles from Independence; stayed several days and made many desirable acquaintances, for whom I formed a strong attachment, and parted with them with indeed sincere regret; a finer looking company never left our borders; I became well acquainted with those noble young men from your state, all of whom Kentucky may well be proud of; it is needless to say how I parted with my husband, enough, it is past

The draft that you kindly presented to me and which I believe you paid for has been charged to me and payment required; if you had any collection balance it, you will please say whether you do or not, as I would not like to have it twice paid for.