

Boon County, Mo. Nov. 20. 1839.

Dear Col.

In compliance with my promise, I take my seat to address you a few lines. I have but little in the way of news to give you. I have not been to Callaway since I saw you. Your father has been over once since you left; so has Branson Allen; your friends there are all in usual good health.

Your partner & friend, Mr Reed staid with me on last Saturday & Sunday nights; he left early Monday morning for Fulton to meet the County Court, which was to commence on that day. By him I learned your wife, children, family & friends were all in common health, & every thing moving on very well at home. Jas. & John Ward have purchased Am. G. Moores stock of goods! & are going to take them to Millerburg, having purchased the towns property of the Messrs Hughes in that City!

May Mat, Late, Nolley do have gone largely into the Dog speculation. Yesterday the May was at my house weighing mine, some of my neighbors hop. Yesterday Miss Harriette Wilcox paid the great debt of nature, we all have to meet; & will be buried to day at her mothers.

I saw Mat Arnolds yesterday; - all well at his house. By the time you return, May R. & myself will endeavour to have some little of the needful, to assist in the way of expenditures. This will find you at Harrisburg, I presume in the midst of your important deliberations upon the great subjects that involve the dearest interests of this people. Much of course depends upon what N. York has done. I tremble at the result. Unless she speaks out decisively for the Whig - Your chance is tolerably certain of success, I think Mr Clay out not to be the candidate. You know he is decidedly my choice against the world for President, yet he ought not to run the coming race.

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