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Dear Wife

We arrived [arrived] here safe in 29 days with no other horse but my owne; [own] but we were very much fitigued [fatigued] in crossing over the mountains as they were much worse than I expected. I had to travel very slow Wm [William] Porter has not return^d [returned] home yet. I should hav wrote you before this but I had a wish to see some part of the Country before I wrote; what little I have seen of it I like right well; & the maners & customs of the people I like better; I found my brothers & famerly [family] all well & my old aunts also: I hope you will not want for any thing while I am absent as it is the first time I ever was so long from your sweet Arms; but it will not be in my power to start home In too or three weeks as Wm [William] McKatining [? or McPattinng] contemplates starting at that time; we had good company for 3 hundred miles of the worst of the way; tell bon [?] to by some oats against I return; corn is 12 1/2¢ pr bushel wheat at [?] 37 1/2 Lucy ann & George is very much pleased here; and all our relations wish them to stay with them; Lucy ann wishes to be remembered to her School mates; kiss all the children for me;

George Bruce