

Fort Minnabago January 6th 1835

Dear Major

I am sitting in the shade of the
Settler of this fort and before me is the Palladium of
in which is announced your marriage with your
adored Ellen and I of course must consider it
as the final consummation of your earthly happiness -
- It would be folly for me to offer you on this
occasion my good wishes, for you must be aware
that you have long since been master of them - I
shall reserve all the pretty little civil things which the
occasion might call for, until I shall have the pleasure
of breathing them in your own ear - - Dear Jim
you are married! - got a wife! - married! - how strangely
the sound falls upon my ear - you have left the
path of "Single Bluffness" - I feel Jim as if I had
lost my friend - What kind of a fellow are you
going to be - a cold hearted, calculating, being? or shall
I find you ~~here~~ after the same warm generous
merciful hearted youth which I have always known
you - I promise myself the pleasure of visiting Van-
Ostrie this winter - and Jim I shall watch close
and should I find that you are really happy and
if it should have the prospect of lasting, I may be
induced to follow your example -

Although a stranger to her personally - yet I am fully
persuaded you will allow me the pleasure of presenting
my compliments to your lady and to congratulate her on
the very excellent choice she has made of a husband -

I am here after some meat & porc for my babes in the
woods - and have but little time to write you - at a more
"convenient season" I wish to write you fully on several topics

interesting to us both - You promised me when I left you
to write me from St Louis on the subject of contracts for the
Savannah Boundaries - but I am disposed to throw the matter
of charity over your non performance in consequence of
the intoxicating draughts of pleasure you must have been
taking during your stay there - but inasmuch as
you have assumed the garb of a business man let
me remind you that it ~~is~~ will be very con-
siderable for you to fulfil your promises to me for
once in your life, by addressing me a note at Palma
on the receipt of this - I shall close my winter cam-
paign (much to my satisfaction) in 20 days after having
crossed one of my hands in a Lake and freezing the
fist of another - there however are carnal attendants
on our profession - If your Mother should be with
you at Vandalia will you be pleased to tender her
my compliments and by the by - if your Sister in Law
(the one that plays the Violin or Sewing) is there, tell me
something - in my favor - that I may stammer on
the "Vantage" ground should I have the pleasure of seeing
her either there or in St. Louis -

Yours Eternally

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