

this is possible I do not wish you to take the trouble to come here to utter your last speech and dying confessions at present. The moment I find there is any certainty of their going I will write you.

My plan is to go out there and carry with me what property I can spare after leaving a support for my wife, and do what I can with it. It will perhaps not much more than get me there, and after finding what can be done in the fur trade, or other buisness, write to friends, whom I shall prepare before hand, to send me the means of doing buisness, of these friends I mean you to be one, Leond. another, and a third here. More I can have if wanted but would rather confine myself to these, and what money I can make for myself or those in whom I have an interest

N J W

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Cambridge Oct 5th 1831

Bro. Jacob (Howell Furnace N. J.)

Yours of the 22nd ulto is at hand. Many women are going, but for my own part I would not carry one in the first expedition they will of course ride, the route is practicable for horses. I will make riding provision for your wife I fear no difficulty on the route for any one, but some for the first year after getting there. Would it not be better to defer marrying until your wife can get out there by means of the second expedition? The amt. of salary which you will receive is not worth the trouble of asking about. If the expedition is successfull you will reap a rich harvest from the buisness of the country if otherwise you will loose your time, the salary which Kelley refers to will be paid you for services as an appendage to an army and the duties of your place will not admit of general practice because your corps will be moveable. I will pay over the \$20 for your acc.

The expedition does propose to leave this the 1st Jany. but most of such appointments are delayed beyond the time set, all you have to do is to close your accounts as fast as you can, and I will inform you as soon as I know myself the time when it is necessary to start from your place to meet us. All the preparation I will make for you. Surgical instruments clothing &c we will purchase on the route in the cities through which we pass, and if requisite and with your leave draw on Leond for what is necessary for your fixtures. The route will take in Boston, N York, Philad. Balto. Cincinlati St Louis, thence in a right line acrost to the Rocky Mountains overland to near Santa Fee where there is a pass in the mountains thence a N. W. course to meet Lewis river down which we go to the Columbia river, the place of our destination distance from St Louis about 2000 miles. The h[e]st manner you can invest your property except what is requi-