
PRINCETON, KY., *December 17, 1851.*

SIR: I reached home a few days since, and would have written to you immediately on my arrival, but for the reason that I expected to visit Washington immediately and report to you in *proper person*; but I have been prevented from so doing, in part by the situation of my family, and partly on account of the uncertainty of a conveyance, on account of the low water and extreme cold weather, which is reported to have cut off travel by the river.

I was detained, by the loss of my baggage, (owing to the *wilful* negligence of the agent,) in Central America for a month, which prevented my being in Washington with the original treaties and my

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report in time for the meeting of Congress. I will explain all to you
when I visit your city, which will be in January.

Respectfully,

G. W. BARBOUR.

Hon. LUKE LEA,
Commissioner, &c.
