
WHEELING, *October 19, 1850.*

DEAR SIR: I have duly received your instructions, with accompanying commission, copies, and documents, mailed on the 17th instant. I have been setting my house in order, so as to sail per steamer of 28th inst. for Chagres, on the route to California; but meeting our good friend Gov. Crittenden, and Col. Todd, (of the boundary commission,) last evening, on their way to Kentucky, I learned that it would be impossible for Mr. Barbour to join me at New York by the 28th, and have therefore postponed my departure from here to the 28th, and from New York to the 11th proximo. I have a great desire that Dr. Wozencraft and my son, both now at New Orleans, should join Mr. Barbour and myself at New York, and all go out together. I have heard from them at New Orleans, and if I sailed on the 28th they would have arranged to join us at Chagres. By waiting till the 11th November, I hope we shall all be prepared to make a fair start from New York. When our instructions were prepared it was supposed Dr. Wozencraft would join us in California, as he will do so probably at New York. I shall assume, unless instructed to the contrary, that it is the wish of the department that he should be allowed salary, mileage, &c., equally with Mr. Barbour and myself.

In the enclosed letter from your office to me, in reference to my commission as Indian agent, there is an error in the date, which I suppose occurred in copying, and for its correction herewith return it. My commission was delivered to me on the 1st instant, the day I handed in my bond, and not on the 10th.

If anything further by way of instructions should occur to you, letters will reach me here, up to the 28th, and afterwards, to the sailing of the steamer, at New York, care of Messrs. Wilbur & Scott.

I am, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

R. McKEE.

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