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White Pigeon. July 10
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My Dear Wife:

Henry is here with me. We left home yesterday in the Jersey Wagon, about 9 o'clock; & had a most delightful road and journey the whole way. Except one muddy place in crossing Crocker Creek and a few grubs in the newly laid out part of the road, never was there a better path for a Carriage. In passing thro' English - Pretty - Mongoguinon praries the view is most extensive, and the frequent extensive fields of grain in some of which the reapers had already commenced the harvest gave a richness and mellowness to the scenery truly gratifying. Henry was delighted and often wished for the presence of his mother and Mrs Russell and the whole family to complete his pleasure by participation. When we arrived at Mongoguinon Adeline was from home. Mr Gale a kind neighbor to her, however, supplied her place in shewing us every kindness. I hope to return to Adeline's this day.

(Turn over)

My errand in coming was to get some grain
(wheat) ground for bread to sustain the family—
you may look grave at the thought of carrying
24 miles to mill. But you may be assured
that I am in the way of having mill things both
for food and boards much nearer home. For
proof of this I will tell you that by the help of
Dudley and Henry last week I discovered a most
excellent mill—situated on Prairie River north
east of us about $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile and. The lot on which
this is situated I have entered, and hope to get some
one to erect a mill thereon soon.

Col. Hugh when I left home was perfectly
home; and altho' he seemed at first a little home
sick yet as he saw more of the country he in-
creases in his expressions of admiration of the
country.

Mr. Critchfield had not yet arrived. nor was it
- nor is it time he should. These 6 days: for his ox-
-team is necessarily very slow.

The Ploughing goes on slowly. Richardson &
Family are in the house: and altho Mrs R is now

quite recovered yet the noise and quarrels
of a number Children is rather annoying -
The Col. is building a small store house by itself
(6 feet square) which may answer hereafter as
a smoke house. This is to be a depot the Key of which
Henry is to keep. I hope to see this finished when I
get home tomorrow noon. We then intend to erect
one of the side bed Rooms of which I spoke to
you as attached to the House. It will be 16 by
12. of course large enough to accommodate
myself & the two boys and the Col: & Priscilla
& Eliza. I have tried to get a cooking
in this town but there is none
some however are expected soon when I shall
renew my application till which time we must
cook out of doors.

Pray write often to me & tell me how
I am! C.'s Pamphlet comes in. I seem to
forget as well as forgive my enemies: and
indeed I would be very glad to forget that
they & all their mean actions ~~had~~ ^{had}
ever existed.

Henry desires to be most affectionately remem-
bered to Mrs M. & Sarah. and to Mary & the ladies.
As for myself you know I am always yours P. Chase

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