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Treaty Ground, mouth Horse Creek, On the Platte, Indian Territory  
near Ft. Laramie September 8, 1851.

I avail myself of the mail which belongs to the Military posts on this route to send you a sketch of the commencement of business which has brought us here. The only departure of the mail, and the many other demands on my time, prevent me from bringing up my whole correspondence. If the mail should be delayed a few days--which sometimes occurs here as well as in the States-- I may be able to give you an uninterrupted account from the time of my arrival at Laramie. A novice in this wild country, surrounded by the excitement of transpiring scenes, has scarcely the time to put all he observes on paper.

DEPARTURE FROM FORT LARAMIE.

On the morning of the 4th about 10 o'clock we broke up our encampment on the Laramie, about a mile above and went into the Fort. Here repairs were to be made, provisions to be laid in, and other attentions to be given to the probable necessities of an encampment of some ten, and probably fifteen or more days. In this country, where every thing must be obtained at the depots of military stations and the few trading posts, it requires some forethought and consideration to select what is really necessary.

In this expedition, Col. Mitchell has been put to perplexing and annoying vexations by the delay of the trains which are bringing up the provisions and presents for the Indians. When we arrived at Kansas, we expected that the wagons, twenty-seven in number, were at least six or seven days in advance of us but much to our disappointment they were not even started, nor all loaded. As