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New River. March 30. 1847.

Dear Genl

I sent up on the Elk on last Sunday (day before yesterday) 144 Emigrants - have with me now 6 others, making in all of my party 150 -

I stayed behind to gather up others - but my health has failed, and I am compelled to leave the field with fair prospects of getting more behind -

I regret it very much.

I shall take the 1st boat that comes along, and join my party as soon as possible.

I was attacked with the Cholera Morbus about a week ago - and have had some fevers, with a dysentery, which together has reduced my strength very much -

If my health would permit I would like to come & make a clean sweep of the River Coast & the Lake shores of all the Indians - which I think could be done in a very little time.

~~Believing you have gone down~~  
Believing you have gone down  
to aid Major Hunt with his party  
I send this to New Orleans that you  
may know the extent of our operations.

It's small, it's true, but who has done  
better?

I am Yrs Respectfully.

J. P. Pitchlynn

P.S. I have told the Indians that  
the talk now from the Pilonid  
Man, is that the Indians must  
go - for he has waited upon them  
to go of their own accord, till  
his patience is worn out - now  
he has determined to take them to  
their country any how - This  
kind of talk has done more  
good than all the persuasions  
I have ever been able to make.  
Sustain this, in all your talks  
to the Indians, for I may return

