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Bents Fort on the Arkansas River

A folded letter written by E. W. Pomeroy on July 30th to his wife Maria at Lexington, Missouri. Pomeroy's party was traveling with the Col. Kearny and the "Army of the West" on the way to Santa Fe. His group were camped eight miles east of Bents Fort on the Arkansas River. This letter is one of three known to have been carried by military express to Fort Leavenworth where it entered the mails postmarked Fort Leavenworth, Missouri on September 2, with manuscript "5" cent due rate.



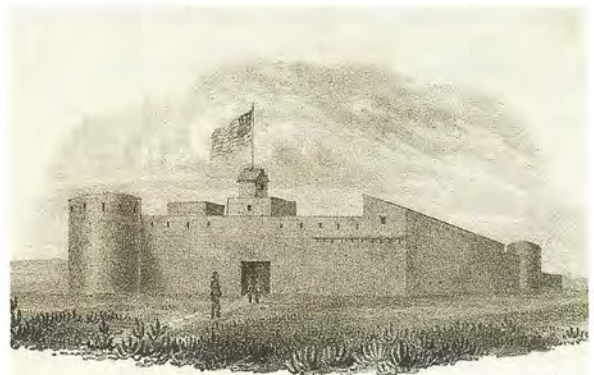
**Letter to Mrs. Maria Pomeroy, Care Robert Aull Esq. Lexington, Missouri
Fort Leavenworth, Missouri ~ September 2, 1846 ~ Paid 5**

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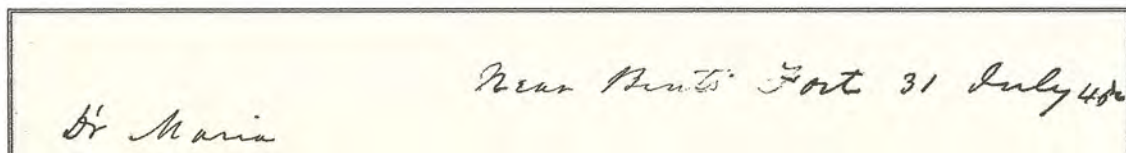
Dear Maria

Col. Kearny arrived two days since with all the Army. Joseph Hamelin is only a few miles behind us and Rich say is without letters for us. James spent the night at the Fort and has not yet returned. Col. Owens has come in and reports James to be enjoying himself with the ladies (if they may so be called). The mail is about to close. The news from Santa Fe is that they place will probably surrender without a fight, nothing however is known upon which much reliance can be placed.

Truly your affectionate,
E. W. Pomeroy



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