

Issac McCoy to Robert Simerwell and Bay

In this letter, to Robert Simerwell and Mr. Bay, Issac McCoy relays the news that the Carey Mission will likely cease to function, and that the missionaries at Carey will leave for the Osage Mission "one year from next September." In addition, McCoy addresses the problems that many missionaries soemtimes faced, stating that he is "tired-tired-tired of my wanderings--I am lonesome and homesick."

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Washington, March 29, 1829.

My Dear Brothers, Simerwell & Bay

You will be surprised to discover my letter dated at this place. I have been unavoidably detained at this place until this time. Such has been the bustle of business here, that they have not even yet settled my accounts and paid me my money. This delay is not on account of any difficulty or dissatisfaction in relation to them. I hope I shall be able to leave this about three days hence. Expect to proceed to N. York and to Boston. I intend to leave my pamphlet to the care of others to print and return as soon as possible to my family. Then set off for the west. Leaving my wife to visit her relations in Indiana, I propose visiting Cary and Thomas, then return and take my family to M'pouri. Then Lykins and I to go out into the Indian country again, select the precise place for our establishment, and commence our labours.

Congress has not made any provisions for the removal of Indians this year, but we will select the place for them, and endeavour to have all in readiness by next spring, when I think Congress will authorize their removal. I think the reservation at Carey will be purchased of the Indians next year. And it is not improbable that one year from next September, your selves and all the people of your charge in the family and neighbourhood may leave St. Joseph for the brave river.

We mean to make improvements at Carey will be appointed before I leave this. I will inform you of the time, for either Mr. Lykins or myself will be present. My accounts, & those of Mr. Lykins for compensation, &c. will be sent to you, or rather taken to you by Lykins or me, soon after I return to my family, to be collected at Detroit. The whole amount of both our salaries will be applied to the use of Carey & Thomas the same as formerly. I hope you are going on with your business, the same as though no valuation of improvements were to take place. The above is the outline of plans and prospects - it is with the Lord to succeed or disappoint or he shall deem proper. I am exceedingly anxious to tell you a hundred things I cannot write. I am tired - tired - tired of my wanderings - I am lonesome and home sick. But the Lord calling me, I must obey him. I am confident that I am attending to business necessary to save our mission, from ruin. I am ever with you the

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same as ever. Do not forget your poor brother Isaac because I cannot
be there with you. At Lima I left Mary last July, I have scarcely seen one
beside my ^{own} ~~own~~ family whom I could converse with as a friend. But the Lord
has been with me - helped - helped - helped me this morning, for this morning
and ever the former. May he encourage your heart and strengthen your hands.
Do not be discouraged my good brothers - and you my dear sister Mary. I
see time we shall appear if our faint not. The Lord of Hosts will be with
us - the God of Jacob will be our refuge - Let us hold fast to one another
and love one another - Whole life lasts let us not forsake each other nor the

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to himself
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wives nor the children of each other so far as they may ever be in want of our attentions. Dear little Will Allen I hope he may be to point the Indians to the Lamb of God. I received a letter from Bro. Simmewell not long ago. Love to all - respects to Mr. Tesson. I hope he will continue with us and go with us when the school removes to the west. I shall visit your place as soon as my business will possibly admit. May the religious epiritment in our mission increase. Will not our good Daniel Turner be almost willing to go with us as a missionary to the west. We do indeed prize - my daughter Betty Plummer - ~~and~~ cannot mention all the names of those I love - The Lord Bless them all. Isaac M. Gay