

Robert Simerwell to Maria Lyman

In this letter to Mrs. Maria T. Lyman, Robert Simerwell discusses the activities of Isaac McCoy who was tasked to "proceed into the wilderness west of the Missouri State and to learn it fitness or unfitness for an Indian Colony." Simerwell explains that McCoy and his party had deemed the land to be suitable and, therefore, they hoped to start moving Native Indians to that area by the next season.

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When B3 Meleay was last with us he haptized two of fact impressions both of whom profession to have received there , in our family it is three weeks since B? Melay left as for the west and we ful aurselves again left done without the preached gospel as it regards clothing we will be hoppy to receive any kind but especially such as is dutable for youth from 5. to 15 years als and that of a strong and coarse kind tow human for Summer is an excellent wear for bays of you be so good as to send you donation to us you would do well to derect them to Dorr & Jones Detroit or to J. P. Browning Detroit lox marked for barrey Missian M. To I have tucked briefly on some paints you wish to know and would give you a more full aret of aux concerns but time will nat admit for this Leasan of the year much is to be done on the forme and there is but myself and wefe to attend to the concerns of so large a family so that you see I have but little time to write and undeed I can do but that that is indesperiable Now let me comment you and the deliberations of your worthy south to God who cannot ere as suffer me To remain your fluirle Livet Mes Maria & Lyman Robert Simerwell



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