

Letter in possession of Honorable H.E.H. BRERETON

Headquarters

Miami Villages

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My Dear Wife

I had the pleasure of writing you last from Cincinnati, on the 19th. Ultimo. On the 20th. I left Fort Washington and on the 30th. arrived at this place with my convoy in perfect order and very acceptable. This march was by no means disagreeable.

The Army arrived here from Fort Defiance on the 17th. of September, and the Legion is now employed in erecting a Fort which will be strong and regular. A Garrison of three Hundred and fifty will be left, and about the 15th. the remainder of the Army will return to Greenville, and the business of my department being completed in this Quarter for six months, I shall from thence proceed to Fort Washington. This will probably be about the first of Nov. I shall in the meantime embrace every opportunity of writing you.

The intentions of the Indians yet remain a mystery, their long and total silence in respect to us is considered as very extraordinary. I am however convinced that they are awaiting the result of more refined and more corrupt councils than their own, which may terminate in the confusion and disgrace of the Incendiaries concerned.

I am greatly concerned for the Doctor's state of health, and have some apprehension for Febiger, *who would also be an irreparable loss to the whole connection, hope for the best.

I see your curiosity to know how far we are from any place.

I inform you that Recovery is one Hundred miles from Fort Washington, the General Course with 16 Degrees West, that here the Army faced to the Right and marched to Grand Glaize where Fort Defiance now stands, seventy four Miles, General Course North, 10 Degrees East, and from that point the Army marched on the 13th. Ultimo, ascending the Miami river forty eight Miles and a half, General Course, South, 69 Degrees West, and with the last Escort I kept the old Course by Fort Recovery to this place which I reckon fifty four Miles, forming a kind of triangle. So you see, my Dear, we are but 54 Miles from Recovery, then 24 Miles to Greenville, then 76 to Fort Washington, and about 500 to the home.

*The "Doctor" he mentions is General Edward Hand who was surgeon to the British forces before he fought with the Continental Army during the Revolution. "Febiger" is his brother-in-law, Colonel Christian Febiger of Philadelphia.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to hear that my dear little boys are such clever fellows and learn so well. I am in hopes my Butler will grow bold and strong with the change of the Seafon.

God blef you and them,
and preseve you, the
delight of your most
tender

JAMES O'HARA

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to hear that you
are now almost recovered from your illness. I am
will give you all the assistance in my power.

And that you are now
all recovered from the
illness of your mother

Yours affectionately
James O'Hara

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