

My Very Dear Brother

Indiana Territory
11th May 1846

I have just been elected to
the command of our emigration by a tremen-
dous majority, over Mr. Boggs, who
by himself, and his numerous employed
all manner of intrigue, and unfairness to
defeat me, but it would not do, I beat
him. I then to at least 4 to 1, his own com-
munity almost to a man & trying for me.

Our friend C. Bryant was appointed
chairman of our meeting, and Indiana with
great dignity and for ~~us~~, and is also a great
favorite, and highly appreciated by all
who have made his acquaintance.

We have a magnificent company
of over perhaps 1000 persons, of as intelligent
and worthy people as ever went to a new
country. For example my mess consists of Messrs
Bryant, a son of John I. Jacob of Louisville, George
Living of Louisville, and A. W. Martin of Virginia.

I am so annoyed by congratulations &c
that I cannot write any more, and when again
an opportunity will present itself to send back
a letter I cannot conjecture, as I shall now be
commandant begin my long dreary march in the
mornings.

I am afraid Mr. Boggs feelings may
be a little hurt, but he provoked it, and must
take it as it comes, I will take no pains to
appease him. — Will Brown sits by me and
looks like a young game cock as he is, and is
fine health, which will you will please let him
know. He is a very respectable young man
a