

its proper destination. The days I lived with sincere pleasure
were as a memento of yours and kind husband; in making
mention of the one which I suppose he had given me whilst here,
it was to ascertain whether or not the merchants who sold it
were not mistaken: my impression was that it had been paid for.
We are all very well, my poor unfortunate Henry, leans rapidly,

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Dear Aunt

I write to you agreeable to promise
as well as from a resolution and
sense of duty. I arrived at home with
accidents and am now quartered for the
winter. My trip homeward ~~throughout~~ so
pleasant as it might have been owing to
the unfavourable state of the weather was
nevertheless highly interesting and edifying.
I remained two days at Cincinnati, which
though quite a large and handsome place is eq
as it respects appearance and very little less so.
The latter part of my journey was or my way
from James Louis to Fulton was by far the most un-
pleasant and disagreeable part of my whole trip
It having turned exceedingly cold the roads being
very rough and the stage travelling all night
In consequence suffered a good deal.
I have nothing new or interesting to write. What
is ~~the state of my feelings~~ a communication
in relation to the state of my feelings
I have become already very tired of Missouri
and am longing for spring. Thus I may bid

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and was very thankful for the book. The last two years have
been to me the longest portion of my life; may you never fulfil in its
outline) the deep anguish of each moment of that time, I have lived through
all, and how, heaven only knows; few found my lonely hours, and to fewer still
could I make known my misery; no one has heard me complain, I have
learned to bear, and that is to, "conquer our fate." Prudent me most affec-
tionately to every member of your family and believe me ever yours with
Sincerely affection
L. Ruffel

Mrs Sarah L. Ruffel