

Fort Harrison 1.57
Augt 13th 1841

Dear Brother

I returned on the 12th July from
a scout of 10 days much fatigued by the
many hardships we have to encounter
in our summer campaigns in this climate
I found your letter written in June, in my
trunk which added much pleasure to my
sorrows. I intended to answer it im-
mediately, but was ordered to leave the
post in a day or two after with my com-
pany to explore the coast & river north
of this place. I returned on the 10th inst.
after a very arduous excursion, but some-
what successful, we were fired upon
by a party of Indians, it was returned
by they fled, we were unable to pursue
their canoes with our large boats.
but destroyed their Village & about
20 acres of corn, Beans pumpkins &c
3 Indians were taken the other day
& a canoe has come in bringing
in all about 200 now at Lampas.
More I think will come in, as we
have succeeded in destroying all of