Frederick Nov 24th 1837

Dear Sir

I very much regret the disappointment your delay in notifying me (a) of the time of the departure of the expedition to Africa has occasioned. After 8 o'clock this morning I received the President's letter informing me the vessel would positively sail tomorrow & that my emigrants should come down by the 11 o'clock cars. They were both at my house yesterday, lodged at their brothers, last night. Upon the receipt of Mr Latrobe's letter, I hurried with all possible speed through Mary & town, to find them, but in vain, & could get no tidings of them. They in all probability had gone somewhere in the country to spend the day. If possible I will send them down to night by the mail stage. Attached to this letter is one from Mr Charles Coleman, for Jacob Graves esq., which I would have delivered to you "in propria personae" could I have got the boys off this morning, having felt a desire to see them embarked.

Very Respectfully

C. Pitcher

P.S. 4 o'clock P.M. no tidings of the boys, my impression is, they are gone. The departure of the expedition should be in some one mail coach at 5 P.M. Yours &c C.P. Turn over

(a) ~~to the time~~

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