Colonization Rooms,
Washington City, 1 May 1857

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 30th is received and surprises me not — though it does mortify me — I mean the slant at manner of doing business — "dispatching Mr. Starr with bulletins &c."

I fully appreciate all the difficulties of going to the wharf at Norfolk & of attempting to take down 150 emigrs. with their plunder, in one of those little steam boats & putting them aboard in H. Roads. If you had a "What a time in Dec." — you may imagine just such a time getting them aboard the steamer, & then the time you had putting emigrs. aboard the E. Owen — You have a picture! I need not add more! Only that I am not "set in ways" — if she cannot go to Norfolk — that is enough — & we must come to her —

I enclose you a copy of your letter of 17 Jan. 1857 — I shall try & see you Monday —

Yours truly W. McLain

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