

The last company of emigrants arrived during heavy rains; and I learn that <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>plentiful</sup> going up the river they encountered ~~many~~ showers by which they and their baggage were completely saturated. On arriving at Mr Washington's - the depot - twenty miles from Mourvieu, they found no arrangements made for their lodging. They were compelled to remain wet all that night, and to travel next morning ten or twelve miles in mud and rain to Careyburg - this is enough to kill the most healthy persons in any country. These inconveniences almost every company of emigrants for Careyburg, arriving in June or July, have had to undergo. Besides the exposure of their persons, their furniture is often very much damaged, sometimes entirely ruined? It is easy to conceive how ~~the~~ disheartening these things must be, and how thoroughly it must unfit them for a successful acclimation. To these things, for the most part, must be attributed whatever of mortality there has been at Careyburg.

Could not the Society have a building erected at the depot for the reception of emigrants and their effects - where they may remain until convenient opportunities offer for travelling; that they may not be compelled for the want of a suitable stopping place to press on rain or shine, wet or dry, to their destination? I think

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