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St. Louis. March 2-38

~~Monthly Report of Recruits examined at Saint~~
~~Louis Mo. if~~

Sir

Yrs of 13th Mt. has just been
rec^d - I am no less mortified than
yourself at the circumstances therein
referred to relative to the ^{note} ~~transferred~~
note of ~~the~~ ^{the} Whiting. ^{note} ⁱⁿ The non pay^t
thereof ~~at maturity~~ ^{at maturity} ought not to be
attributed to any ^{inability} ~~negligence~~ ^{or} ~~negligence~~
situation ^{in my} but wholly to the peculiar circum-
stances of the case -

Without any knowledge or intimation
of the notes being transferred. I had made
my arrangements to meet them at ~~matu-~~
rity. & had early in June 1837. placed in
the hands of Judge McPherson. who was
then starting for the Bay. the amt of the
note then due. to cancel the same &
bring it to me. with as many other
of my notes ^{as he} chose to take in his
settlement with Mr Whiting - During
the Judges absence. I rec^d your letter from
Buffalo N.Y. dated June 22 1837. advising
of your having left the rec^d & deposited
the ~~SD~~ ^{SD} note ^{for interest} in the Bank ^{of Missouri} at Green Bay. & so
Presumably ^{without doubt} the Judge would have cancelled

the note. & not knowing where to
address you - ^{you not having suggested} I deferred writing
till the Judge's return late in July. as
unnecessary. & uncertain of reaching you.

The Judge returned here late in July
bringing back the money. being unable
as ^{an official} to leave any thing more of the said note
than what Mr. Whaley had transferred
it to you. I felt you had gone to the
East. I was not a little surprised to learn
from Mr. as per your letter that the note
was in the Bank at the Bay. even when
he was there. with the cash to cancel
it - I immediately wrote you on the
subject. ^{regarding the subject} appraising you of these circumstances.
Asking you further advice.

Since which I have heard nothing
from you till the receipt of your
letter of the 13th Feb^y ult. ^{this day}. I had been
held myself in readiness to cancel the
demand at maturity. It would have
been done had Mr. W. informed the Judge that
^{whether the} note was. when he was at the
Bay with my money ^{in his hands} to pay it - I have
been in readiness ever since & am
now. I shall so advise Dr. Felt
simultaneously with this.

I hope your confidence in my
ability & willingness to promptly to cancel

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all ^{past} demands against me will not
remain long weakened or moving -
except my best ~~interests~~ for the
forgone property. I believe me. Respectfully
Yrs ob Servt
W B.

