

Prairie du Chien 22 Dec 1838

Dear Cousin

My last was from this by your good Charles, who I doubt not is with you several days ago, and I trust in as fine health as when we parted here - I am delighted to think he is safe at home enjoying, while he is - parts to the family circle, a happiness known only to parents and children, who are (as he is) what they ought to be

The idea of what you enjoy, daily remind me of my forlorn situation, with a long, fatiguing, cold journey of 1200 miles before me yet, ere I am permitted to participate in the blessings of the family fireside, but I will be there I trust in the middle of next month at latest, and receive

in wife, and affectionate little ones, the reward of my privations - I did most anxiously desire to see you at St Louis, but my letters from Michigan, and other reasons, make it necessary for me to pass by Detroit, and am now on the eve of my departure via Milwaukee, & Chicago, in company with Mr Franchere, my old Columbia River friend

I have been detained here full a week longer than I expected, but every thing is settled with Western Outfit, to the present time, and I have closed with Mr William A. Aitken who has for 4 years had charge of our Fond du Lac trade, whose retirement from our Lake Superior business, with that of 2 others I was willing to part with, can hardly fail to improve the complexion of matters in that region - So if I have been long from home, I have I hope done some good in the time toward the welfare of the Company

Annexed is my acc with you for disbursements on Charles's acc, balance due me \$289.25, which I shall debit



Charles P. Cheuteau's travelling expences from New York, till he left  
 Prairie du Chien for St. Louis 10 December 1838 — City —

From New York to Lewiston on the Niagara River	26.00
" Buffalo to Detroit	9.75
at do	4.75
From Detroit to Mackinac	12.00
at do Board \$5. Washing \$5.00	6.50
From Mackinac to Saut St. Marie	5.00
at do do	9.00
Wages, Provisions and Magazines of the man who carried his trunk from La Pointe to St. Peters	74.50
Share of expences from St. Peters to Prairie du Chien	25.00
Boards, Washing & Mending at do do	5.00
	<u>\$ 177.50</u>

Recharges on Lake Superior or at La Pointe, or St. Peters, for Board  
 or Lodging.

A/c at La Pointe. ———— Viz. ————	
2 Calico Shirts \$3. 1 pr. Satinet Pantaloons 67.	10.00
1 Ivory Comb 31¢ 1 n Buck Skin Gloves \$1.50	1.81
1 pr. Oxhide Boots \$2.75 1 pr. Wistons 50¢	3.25
Washing from 7 September to 29 <sup>th</sup> October 1838	5.37
1 Black leather Waist Belt	.88
	<u>\$ 21.31</u>

A/c at St. Peters. ———— Viz. ————	
1 pair Satinet Pantalons	6.00
1 Red flannel Shirt	2.00
2 pr. Blanket Socks	1.25
	<u>\$ 9.25</u>

over

Ac<sup>t</sup> at Prairie du Chien ———— Vig. ————

1 Fur Cap \$4. 1 pr Fur Gloves \$2.25 1 pr. Mitts \$1.25	6.50
2 Worsted Shirts \$3.50 2 prs Drawers \$3. 1 Merino Cravat \$2.	8.50
1 pr. Carpet over shoes \$3. 2 prs Moccasins \$1.	4.00
1 Blue Blanket & trimmings \$12. Making Coat \$4.	16.00
	<u>\$ 35.00</u>

Pierre Chouteau Jun<sup>r</sup>: Esq<sup>r</sup> in ac<sup>t</sup> with Ramsay Crooks

for disbursements on ac<sup>t</sup> of his son

1838			
July	28.	To cash furnished him at N. York to buy presents for sister &c	\$ 20.00
Aug <sup>t</sup>	4	" " " " " " " " at diff <sup>t</sup> times	9.00
	5.	" " paid his Board at Washington Hotel	2.25
		" " " expences of his trip from N.Y. to Boston & back	17.25
	9	" " furnished him for expences to falls of Niagara Buffalo &c	25.00
Sept <sup>r</sup>	4	" " for 1 pr. Boots at Saut Ste Marie	3.75
Oct <sup>r</sup>	29	" " " his ac <sup>t</sup> in store at La Pointe as he acct <sup>d</sup>	21.31
		" " " Blanket Socks " "	.88
Nov <sup>r</sup>	28	" " " his ac <sup>t</sup> at St Peters per ac <sup>t</sup>	9.25
Decemb <sup>r</sup>	10	" " " " " " Prairie du Chien "	35.00
		" " furnished him for his travelling expences from Prairie du Chien to St Louis	70.00
		" Amb <sup>t</sup> of Travelling expences from New York to Prairie du Chien as per ac <sup>t</sup>	177.56
			<u>389.25</u>

Deduct. receiv<sup>d</sup> from American Fur Company in New York  
and charged your private account 100.00  
due T. Crooks. Dollars 289.25

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Ramsay Crooks



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