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on the march. We have the promise of shooting all we wish on our return trip. We have plenty to eat & drink though sometimes the water is out of the lake & rather warm. The history of one day is the record of another, & I assure you there is a tiresome sameness about these vast praries

To day we made camp about 9 o'clock having come about 10 Miles-- Our Camp is situated on a neck of land running into a large lake one the most beautiful spots you ever saw Then the beauty of the place is the water is salt & when one is very dry its not quite as pleasant as fresh water, but then there nice spring water near here so we're all 0 K in that line. I have just returned from taking a sea bith in the lake & a rather glorious one it was.

When we "come into our fortune" and desire the livening of "Sea Breses" & Salt Water Baths" I think we'll travel hitherward, (bringing a tent with us of course) for a genteel spread.

I have got my part of the Quartermasters Machine in such good running order that I do not have any very hard work to do, the most of my time is spent in looking around seeing what I can say.

I have no idea when I shall be able to ship this letter so I'll stop for a while & add occasionally until that time comes. I may succeed in giving you whole sheet & may be two of them.

Camp Atkinson July 19th 1863 -- Our Ex. arrived at this camp yesterday & we are resting today as we always do Sunday. the 16th we made Camp [?] at a recrossing of the Chayenne River, the 17th we made Camp Pope jr. & yesterday made this Camp where Capt Fisk & his party Burnett & &c camped one year ago to day. Our route has been westward towards the Missouri River since we left the Chayene River instead of northward towards Devils lake We are now South west of there. There is an encampment of 600 lodges of the Pagans about 60 miles to the westward of here & tomorrow morn bright & early 2200 picked men of our Ex start after them & of course the 6thReg goes

the balla[n]ce of the command stay at this camp to wait our return which will be from 20 to 30 days.

I think we have a sure thing of the Pagans before we get back without a show of any heavy fighting. A messenger half breed came to camp today bringing news of the fall of Vicksburg & the victory of Gen Mead on the Potomac & a St Paul paper of the 6th inst. I have not seen it yet. The messenger was sent through from Fort Abercrombie We expect a mail from the fort tomorrow this too will be brought through by half breeds — Capt Fisks party of this year is behind us on our trail one day back & will without doubt overtake us tomorrow & there may be a chance to send this doc — Myself & everybody else are well Much love & Kiss for Nelly —

Henry

[Address on envelope]

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