

JOURNAL

Brinfield Monday Sept 3rd. 1821

After making the necessary arrangements we commenced our journey and proceeded to
onson to the house of Mr. Brown where the monthly concert of prayer was held. This was rendered particularly interesting at this time by a variety of tender and affecting recollections as well as by the interesting manner in which the Arkansaw Mission and our cause were commended to the Divine protection. A Collection was here taken for this object.

4th. Rev Mr Ely with another Christian friend came this morning to bid us farewell. After joining in prayer and singing an hymn "Guide me Oh, thou Great Jehovah" we gave the parting hand and recommenced our journey and at 5 oclock reached

but he could not or would not keep him out of our room. He had been drinking and playing cards all day and on the Sabbath and seem'd Sabbath and seem'd prepar'd for stupidity. As Brother Ara (?) was attending to the waggon we were somewhat alarm'd but we refer'd the matter to Col. Bowling the Gentleman mention'd above who kindly undertook to stay and keep him away from us and he finally succeeded in carrying him off the ground. We hope he will be to drunk to return during our stay

4. We have gone on very well today. We have cross'd a number of rivers the largest of which are St Francis and Beattie's ferry and the big black river which we forded not without some fears.

5. We have cross'd the little black river and gone about twenty miles today. I have walk'd about half the day. I find that tho' much fatigued I do not feel that lassitude and depression that I do when I ride. as to the single Moravian. Could I find others like minded I would dismiss the horses minding myself to go afoot. It is wonderful to see the

indolence of this people. We tarried last night at a house which had neither doors nor windows, the night was winter in her sharpest mood. We had nothing but a feather bed without a sheet and coverlid laid just between two open doorways. We have staid

in several several houses that had neither windows nor doors. We have ridden 26 miles today besides crossing Current's river in a ferry boat.

7. Rode to Davidsonville the seat of justice For Lawrence Co. Ark. cross'd Ferry at the junction of Spring river and Eleven points and rode eight miles farther to the house of Col. Stewart and concluded to tarry tho it was not night as we could not reach the next house which was ten miles on and a broad river to cross. We had a cold snow storm today and we would favor the horses as much as possible.

8. cross'd the Strawberry river ten miles from Col. Stewart's and took breakfast on the otherside, proceeded by a rough road 16 miles farther to the house of an Irish (?) emigrant by the name of St. Cair they