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Item 279, letter Feb 2, 1839  
from A.E. Blunt to David Greene (opp)

Cassidy's Creek Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839

Bro David Greene, (Key Stone) of an will be a little  
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my dear family - The Jacksons detachment left the Old Nation  
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friend to the Chads - On our way through Tennessee Key &  
Ill. we suffered more for the want of food; in fact in doing  
we were made sick on account of bad water - We arrived  
on the banks of the Mississippi River, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec - Here we  
found Mr. Jones with part of his detachment not yet across  
Mr. Condyhead with the whole of his, & with the 7<sup>th</sup> regiment  
we covered quite a space - On account of the ice we did not  
get across the river until the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan. While we were on the river the  
weather was extremely cold with snow, & we were much more aff-  
ected than we should have been, had we been traveling

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dysenteric discharges, accompanied with much pain. My disease  
being seated high on my bowels soon became alarming.  
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case doubtful, it however broke inwardly & passed off.  
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naked by him for 3 or 4 days while the detachments were receiving  
some supplies. I got into a pleasant family where I received  
every attention which I could expect & in a few days the Dr left  
me leaving medicine with special directions, considering that  
with proper care I should soon be able to get out - but I was sick  
& might not be able to do so. I had however in me & over some  
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the hands of him who was able to heal the sick, to provide for  
the widows & fatherless children, & cause all things to work for  
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of the detachment did not think it safe for me to go on  
for fear of relapse, I concluded to remain so soon as my health  
would permit - My strength improved to such a degree that I  
went out on my way home on the 11th of July as my strength  
would allow resting on the Sabbath & reaching home on  
the 13th at evening finding my family in usual health. The much  
missing the sick - of a father & husband in this one pleasant  
but now a house of contentions & dissensions in the extreme  
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supported by the prayers of Missionaries & Christians of every land - Many  
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Christians. Yet it may have a great bearing on this  
subject - It is true some have suffered by the way for the want  
of clothes, while some have sold their <sup>others</sup> for Whiskey

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to desecrate & conceal the sole influence of the white man  
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should any attempt be made to take the lives of the truly free. The lives  
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scattered bands, comforting the distressed & preaching salvation  
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think I have reasons to believe this will be the case -  
I willia with Mr. Garrison up to the 1st of Oct. since which time  
he has been conducting the employment in labor for his people -

With regard to conduct you will allow us to say - accept our  
sincere thanks with respect of your fellow laborers in the Missionary  
Board, & also the Board Committee for their kind indulgence  
& cheerful attention paid to our calls & troubles which we have

made them since we have been under your directions among  
this people - The recreation past years of our lives have been the  
support we have spent, & we presume ever shall spend should  
our lives be spared - Our attachment to the Church is strong  
& I think we can truly say has been increased during these  
many trials - Their pressing request that we should accom-  
pany them with our family to the west, often affects us to least

When we think of their situation - we find on the one  
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be broken - Should the Committee think best to send lat-  
est like ourselves to the west, others might be found  
who would perhaps be less apprehensive & who for a few years  
would not be subject to the same trials -

There are however inducements presented to our mind  
which urge us to accompany them - We are better acquainted  
with them & they will <sup>us</sup> than they would be with strangers,  
& were they settled as they appeared to be a few years ago  
we would gladly spend the remainder of our days with them  
& do what we could -

& leave the sick, as he was obliged to do, for he had looked for my assistance through the journey & he felt much cut down when we parted. With all the privations in such a town, with my sickness connected, I rejoice that I was permitted to accompany the Shontas this far on their trying journey. & I should have been peculiarly grieved if my health had permitted my continuing with them through. The health of the detachments as far as the Mi River could not be said to be good. In the Foreman, there have been 30 deaths & 15 births. In the Bushheads 25. & Mr Jones has lost upwards of 50, I cannot speak particularly of the others. About 25 miles east of the Mi River lay the Hellenbunds, Mr Hicks & Mr Juy's detachments, here I saw Mr & Mrs Butrick & many others with whom I was acquainted & for whom I could deeply sympathize in their distress. Mr Butrick's health was poor. He looked quite full. Mrs. P. had enjoyed good health. These three detachments amount to about 4000. The weather at this time was warm & the ground so matted with ruin, that the wagons frequently sunk to the axle in mud. - Unless the weather should change they could not travel more than 6 or 7 miles a day. I consider the Shontas have the most trying part of their journey yet to perform. The spring season coming on, with rain, & warm weather will greatly prolong their travel & distress - & we may safely conclude the hindmost detachments will scarcely reach their homes in the west until March or April. Since I reached home I have learned Mr. Ross has purchased a Steam Boat & proposes down the river in order to facilitate their journey if it should <sup>appear</sup> best to change their mode of traveling. I behold with melancholly sensations the trying situation of this people next summer. Without the interposition of Divine Providence, I think we may calculate from 3 to 4000 will fall victims to the ravages of death by their removals - at least I think 2000 have already gone to their graves, & the future we cannot tell - 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet

We ask your prayers that we may be guided in the paths  
of duty, & all our steps directed in that way which shall  
be for the glory of God & the promotion of his cause.  
I have learned nothing from Dr. Butler. I wish to come  
I am in public health, but shall try to visit Mrs. Butler this  
week & render her any assistance which she may need.  
They will make arrangements & suppose to go west this  
Spring - There has been an unexpected change in affairs  
here since I left home. The Board I think will realize  
but little for the support of the Mission Station. Still  
I hope we shall be able to keep out of protected land  
suit, or in any way incur debt upon the Board or  
injure the cause of Missions  
I have bargained away this place for a small sum  
receiving the buildings & a garden spot until next  
Autumn if it should seem best for us to continue here  
as long.

Fellow 15th I feel quite unable to say, & I have been  
under the necessity of writing at intervals -  
your favors of Oct 23<sup>d</sup> & Dec 7<sup>th</sup> were duly received

With kindest regards to all your  
fellow laborers in the Miss<sup>on</sup>  
Room, I am dear Sir  
Yours sincerely  
A. B. Bond

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