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Description: G.W. Pierce to brother, Cincinnati

Cincinnati April 6–1829

Dear Brother,

I left St Louis on the 21 of March and in Six days arrived at Louisville Ky. There I spent a few days with a young gentleman to whom I had letters, a Son of John Rowan's and arrived here last evening in good health. I feel as if I had no ordinary cause for gratitude to the kind providence that has preserved me unharmed thro all the difficulties of a long journey, performed too, thro a section of our country by no means remarkable for the healthfulness of its climate or for the mild character of its population. Wherever I have been I have met kind and polite civilities from gentlemen whose acquaintance any young man in the nation might be proud to claim. I say it not in boast, but yet I do say, that when I return to my native state I shall hold that there is not in it a single individual in it

^who knows so much of the Western country as myself. Nor is this knowledge of a character to be sleightly estimated. Nothing can be more true, than that the man who desires to rise in political life should know the character of his countrymen. If I was a clergyman, a mechanic, or a merchant I would remain on this side of the mountains, so I would if I was a farmer. But the profession of a lawyer in most of the western states is raneked ranked in point of respectability below all of these. Neither is it so lucrative

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as amoung us. In I St Louis, ^ their C. C. P. or their court answering to our Common Pleas, the docket at the present term contains only 60 actions, and to attend to these there are 16 Lawyers – But upon all these subjects we will converse when we meet.

I shale return by way of Pittsburgh and Buffalo, and truy to much drain bountime in the early haut of deay. It It Louis I received at letter from you which was nig mally directed to Louisville, and which Reavan had the growing to faward to me. The controusy between telans and the Map. Teducalists an ites much in teast in this kant of the country. The general Spinion here is, I mean hines the publication of Plenwis letter, that the deaders of the federal Party Hand convicted From the few A. E. Paper that have met my up, I thould suppose that a different of inion princiled aring your, the for my our hart I do not be how Plumer's testimony is to be got our. I long to talk with bown of an Lidualists afon this bulget, and com the measures they intered to take to reserve their names and the names of their father from this repeach. Most hough an how disappointed in the cabinety through they been to rejoice that A. E. gus unrefulated, It is believed here that blay with he in the house of Pal. must engul, and that he will be the browniest can. ridate in the West for the next her identeal caucal. I shall leave here in when days - give my love to all my picion, an Kip the little boys for nee. I long to be little fols way buce. I hope he has meanly finished cutting his teeth, and able to talk like a young langer. I am as ever your Brother and I am Lew W. Pince

I shall return by way of Pittsburgh and Buffalo, and try to reach Maine sometime in the early part of May. At St Louis, I recieved at letter from you which was originally directed to Louisville, and which Rowan had the goodness to forward to me.

The controversy between Adams and the Mass. Federalists exites much interest in this part of the country. The general opinion here is, I mean since the publication of Plumer's letter, that the decades of the Federal Party stand convicted[?]. From the few N. E. Papers that have met my eye, I should suppose that a different opinion prevailed amoung your, tho' for my own part I do not see how Plumer's testimony is to be got over. I long to talk with some of our Federalists upon this subject, and learn the measures they intend to take to rescue their names and the names of thier fathers from this reproach.

Most poeple are less disappointed in the cabinet, through they seem to rejoise that N. E. goes unrepresented. It is believed here that Clay will be in the house of Rep. next congress, and that he will be the prominent candidate in the West for the next presidential canvass.

I shall leave more here in a few days - give my love to all my friends, and kiss the little boy for me. I long to see little Joe's face. I hope he has nearly

finished cutting his teeth, and ^ able to talk like a young I am as ever your Brother and friend lawyer.

Geo. W. Peirce