

Fort Smith Ark. Dec 1st 1858

Mr C. M. Smith:

Dear Sir:



You see I have been quite a traveller since I last wrote you. After two weeks trip I reached this place last night. I would greatly prefer living in your city if I were not afraid of my cough. Nor do I see how I am to sustain myself at Law here. The place however is growing rapidly "thru" say.

It cost me nearly all the money I brought with me to get here so that I shall need what I spent in my travels in Ill. last Spring. I hope Mr Lincoln will be able to make his collections soon.

You will please forward it as soon as he pays it over.

Remember me to him and to my friends in the store and believe me

Yours

Obliged & obedt Servt
Wm. F. Black

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