

citizen that the mother of little Martin had recently offered two thousand dollars for his recovery. She will soon be made happy by his restoration without ransom or reward.

*August 14.* We marched at eight o'clock twenty miles to our former Camp Rendezvous, from whence the regiment started on the 21st of June. Our horses are exceedingly worn, though somewhat aided today by the corn we gave them at the North Fork. The season is unfortunately late for grazing. It is only in timber that tolerable grass is found. Extraordinary heat today. The breeze comes against the face and hands with an unpleasant heat, so that one turns from it as from the keen blasts of winter. Water scarce and in pools. Our men present a sorry figure, but one that looks like service. Many of them literally half naked. Sick list reduced to nineteen.

*August 15.* Marched at half past seven o'clock. An officer was sent in advance to purchase corn. The command marched fourteen miles and encamped three miles from the west bank of the Arkansas. Col. Dodge and staff, together with the Indians, crossed the river late in the evening, and reached Fort Gibson.

*August 16.* Fort Gibson. Major Mason and three companies ordered this side of the river. Capt. Sumner and three companies directed to remain in camp on the west side of the Arkansas.

*August 24.* Col. Kearney's command arrived yesterday. Great number of sick men and worn down horses. Officers belonging to it are Capt. Trenor, Lt. Swords (sick), Lt. Van Derveer (sick), Lt. Eastman (sick), Lts. Bowman, Ury and Kingsbury, Sergt. Halet (very sick). Runners have been sent to the chiefs of the Osages, Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, &c., for the purpose of assembling them in council with the Indians who have accompanied us. Our friends from the prairie are in good health and are apparently contented. Little Martin is still with Col. Dodge, and the Negro we brought from the Toyash village has been delivered to his master.

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### NAVIGATING THE CEDAR RIVER

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The steamer Black Hawk is doing a fine business on the Cedar between Vinton and the Rapids. She usually performs the downward trip in four and a half hours, distance sixty miles.—*Dubuque Express and Herald*, March 29, 1859. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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