

Benton. Montana
June 8. 1881

Dear Father,

This afternoon I hope to get away from here, & in a few days reach McLeod. It has been very difficult to get the necessary outfit, & I have been unable to obtain iron bound carts as I had hoped, but have had instead to buy light waggons. My outfit is now completed consists of two light waggons, 1 cart, 1 buckboard. 7 Horses. 3 men, besides McConwell & myself. An English gentleman named Garnett I have agreed to give a passage to McLeod. He goes there to join his brothers & perhaps settle. Cochran's party is expected here about the 20th. We will probably be away from McLeod when they pass north. The weather here is fine, not excessively warm & always cool at night. Clear generally with bright sunshine & frosting of lightning about the horizon after dark. They expect soon to have what they call the Spring or summer rains which may render travel difficult, & I hope we may be able to reach McLeod before they set in.

I received several letters, from Sam,
Walter & Anna when I just got here, but
the following are doubtless waiting me at
M'Leod. It may be some time before you
hear from me again as the mail from
M'Leod is I think only occasional, & I may
not catch the first. My son changed the
mail route lately, so that letters go from M'Leod
to Walsh, thence to a new U.S. post at Assinibois
& from there to Benton. I shall be very glad to
get out of this place & off on the prairies.

With love to all

Your affectionate son
George

George
Walsh