

on the road to Westport very pleasant skirted on each side with Villa woods corn fields & cottages but it is a very hilly country we met a great many ox & horse teams coming down to Kansas from various parts of the country to be loaded with articles in which the merchants of Kansas do a great trade we halted our horses at Westport & then proceeded on our journey through very fine strips of timber we are now in the territory belonging to the Shawnee tribe we reached the Methodist Mission belonging to the Shawnee it is managed by a person of the name of Johnson a very pious, reverend & respectable looking Gentle Man of pro slavery principles but very much respected by the Shawnees & every there is every reason to believe that he has been very useful in promoting their education at that time it was in contemplation of making it the seat of Government for the Territory he informed me that he had offered the use of his extensive premises to the Governor, Reader for that purpose & he thought he the Governor seemed inclined to his offer ~~perfect~~ appears that Mr Johnson was correct in his ideas on the subject for in a few weeks it was the seat of territorial Government onward we proceeded to the baptist Mission of the Shawnees which was a much smaller establishment we did not however see the Minister who we understood to be an abolitionist & we had some conversation with