

Methodist Mission July 28th/55-

Mr Thomas Parrott Dighton

Dear Father. Your favor of the 13th inst. was rec^d. I avail myself of the first opportunity to answer it. For a few days past I have been suffering severely with an attack of the dysentery, but am able to be up this morning. Judge Johnston & myself are rooming together & though he has been unwell, yet his presence has supplied many things during my sickness. I wrote to Ead a few days ago of my having fixed on the City of Leavenworth as a place of location. The next step, of course, & inevitable as things are, to get me a home there. It will cost some money to do so, lot & House about \$400. If you will assist me to build it, so that I may have a chance with others for the business I will make you a conveyance of the property till I can make enough to pay for it. In writing to Ead, I suggested that it would be better to have the lumber sent out, that is flooring, doors, sash & shingles. I can get it here & upon reflection I do not know whether the freight on such a small lot would not make it cost as much as to get it here. The House I propose to make 16 ft by 31 - I can get it

- on a contract - every thing implied - for about
\$300. The great advantage of this would be to
have my house ready in ten days, instead
of waiting 3 months as I should probably
have had, if the lumber spoken of is sent from
home. It will vastly to my advantage by it
established soon & I have no doubt that I
may rely upon your assistance in forwarding
this necessary step. If you think advisable to
send the lumber, please do it at once. Freight
will advance & every day is important here.
Consign it to Fisher & Skinner Commission
Merchants Leavenworth C. P. My prospects of
business are encouraging. On Monday the
6th of August I am to meet Judge Schuster
at Pawnee to make an application for
an injunction to restrain the cutting of
timber on a parcel of land (1280 acres) lying
on Blue river. As other litigation will take
place I look upon it as the best law
suit yet commenced in the Territory.
I am also engaged as Counsel for McQua
confined in Leavenworth on a charge of
murder. I have a prospect of being appointed
Reporter to the Supreme Court, which will
be a good advertisement & that is all.
Before this reaches you I shall go to
Leavenworth & make arrangements to