

= be done in the land line. The money
you propose to invest will make you
rich in five years & if we are lucky
perhaps in one third of the time. Bear
in mind that I am sanguine in this
matter & trust your interests as I would
my own. As to land warrants you can
use them to advantage. They will be taken
in pay for land, in the land office, &
if you should not enter much land
yourself, they can command money at a
good advance. When Shoemaker receives
his instructions from the department
- which will be before the land office
is open - I shall know more fully of
all subjects connected therewith.
I have no news for you from the Fort,
not having been there since last
Sunday evening, when I like to have
got shot "running" the guard. In my
next I will unfold what I can gather
of the things you mention. Major Cum-
-berly talks of visiting Washington this
winter, in which case he will take
his family with him. But with the
enormous number of troops wintering at the
post, his absence, I should think would