

P.S. Don't forget to let
us know whether you
you will come & work
for us or not as soon as
you received this

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Pioneer Pa
May 8 1868

Dear Friend "Lm"

Your kind letter
came yesterday. Glad
to hear you arrived safe
at your Brothers. We are
all about as you left
us only without a girl
& don't want one like the
one we had when you
were here. She left with
Egna the next morning
after you did. Egna came
to the conclusion it
was best for him & the
rest to go back & keep
things along as well as
he could. We went back
very well contented

Well we have made our last run for a while finished up yesterday & now we are going to put in a 60 Bbl still & one of the old ones & considerable more repairs. You say you have about concluded to come back & work for us. If you will say you will come back and work for us this season we will pay you \$35.00 for month's eat^{be} & sleep you. If you conclude to come let us know in your next letter & we will not hire anyone only by the day until you get ready to come back. We calculate to get ready to start up

again by the first of June. & if you do not find a woman that will come with you come alone as soon as you get your visit made out and let us abuse you awhile.

About the road to where Mr Post lives I think you will be obliged to go to St Louis. then you take the Northern Ind. R.R. 14 miles to Bridgston & you are within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of Mr. Post. do not fail to go there by any means. I have received one letter from Ezra since he got home, all well, Sarah Bush & the rest join me with kind regards to you. Your Brother R. L. Whitford



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