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Miss Alice

Whippiana Agency
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Dear Cousin,

This is to advise you (if you are in the World to come) that I am still on Earth; I have began to believe that you think me dead, as you have stoped writing to me; but perhaps you see the same shadow of an excuse for not writing, that I have, which is the want of something to write about; poor excuse; such things must not be! We ought by all means inform one another, and how we are getting along, and if such information only takes up three lines on a sheet of paper, it is always a letter, and certainly gives one more satisfaction than no letter at all.

It is so long since I have heard of you, that I have not the least idea what you are doing or how you are getting along, and perhaps you are in the same fix, in regard to my affairs. Well, I am still Interpreter, and that is all; but do not intend to remain so much longer, as I have just received my money which was allotted to me at Washington last Spring 1850, I am looking about for a place, one that will suit me, for a farm, and when I have found out, I shall just settle down and smoke farming my business.

In regard to Traders Claims against the Mississippi and Pillager Indians, they have all been allowed and paid over

as they were made at Washington in time of the
Treaty, and by this affair I have made \$1000, out of the
principle Traders concerned, the way it turned out was
this. Mr. Whiting, Chief Clerk of the Sec^y of Interior was sent
here as a Special Agent to examine the Claims in Open
Council of all the Chiefs, at the same time that old
Hannyspenney was at Sapspoint. Well Mr. Whiting was
here a great while before the Indians collected and the
longer he staid the more alarmed the Traders got about
their Claims and they got so badly scared that they were
like drowning men, they would catch at a straw, and
they did, they knew that I was with Whiting most all
the time, and all the information he got from the
Indians had to pass through me. They got an Idea that
I could help their cause a great deal, so Beauclerk drew up
a note of \$1000, and got the principle Claimants to
sign it and gave it to me, Every thing has gone off better
than they expected, and they are all freely willing to pay
me what they agreed. Although I had nothing to do in helping
them, to my knowledge, only that I expressed my opinion
to Mr. Whiting on some points when he required it
but I do not know if it had any weight or not.

I have not heard anything about the Lake Claims
I think that Old Hannyspenney has knocked them
end ways. I will now close this epistle, by
adding my respects and love to all Friends and
Relations, and requesting you to write to me as soon
as convenient, and hoping that you will make it
convenient soon, I have not seen the Females for nearly six
weeks, and do not know how they are, but I presume they
are all well, at least I hope so.

From Your Affectionate Cousin
E. A. Warren.