

Whitesburg Feb 2^d 1864

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In obedience to instructions from Genl. Smith, I have the honor ~~that~~ to state that All is quiet at this point of the Penn. River.

There has been some skirmishing, which only operated to stop working on our boats, for about an hour. No damage has been done to our men, & I presume none has been done to the Rebels.

We have constructed two boats, which, if properly "pitched" or "tared", would carry easily, twelve to fifteen men each.

We have succeeded in securing & destroying a fine large "Dug out", belonging to the Rebels.

There is a ferry boat on the river below. It crosses at no particular point, but whenever opportunity offers. I have had men concealed on the bank to secure the boat, two nights. It did not cross the first night, & I have not yet had a report from the parties I sent out last night.

The boat is some five miles below here.

We have thrown up little rifle pits on this side, which are of no consequence except the appearance of covering our

crops at this place.

I send by the beaver today for two days more rations.

The guards report to me, that they have reason to believe, that reinforcements came to the Rebels opposite, night before last.

I mention this to show that, perhaps, an expedition had in such degree proved successful.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

J. E. Pomtlotte Lt
of the Minn. Candy. Expedition

McKenay reported Captured on the other side of the river and Arnold if they should get him should be safely guarded

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