

St. Louis

Decemr. 10th 1797

Dear Sir

Urged by duty and a good opportunity I am induced to trouble you with a second letter, respecting business.

I wrote you sometime since that I was disposing of my goods for lead which was destined for you; though the quantity I was unable to mention; I have now to inform you that I have nearly finished my sales, and that I have collected upwards of Thirty Thousand weight, which I was preparing two weeks ago to send to Fort Massach but as yet prevented from putting my intentions in executions by the ice in the Mississippi which began to run about that time, and I fear it will impracticable to send a boat down sooner than some time in February.

However you may rest assured as soon as the navigation will admit I shall send to Massach at the least 30,000 pounds lead subject only to your order.

As I find I shall be obliged to go to Philadelphia by way of Oleans. I shall write Mr. Pike accompanying the lead to forward you the receipt and account of lead received, as soon as possible and shall advise you at the same time to draw in favor of my correspondent in Philada. for the amount.

I will just add that I have been some time informed of the arrival of your provision boats at Kaskaskia, that I shall make it a point to send my lead to Massach. as soon as they go down; and shall advise Mr. Pike as promoting your interests to forward the lead to Cincinnati, should you have an opportunity you may do the same or to the contrary.

And that I remain

Very respectfully

Dear Sir

Your most Ob Serv.

Wm.. Kenner