Fort Smith, Ark.
January 17th 1851

My dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from Captain J. H. Strain who informs me that his claim for services in the Santa Fé Expedition has been audited through you, and my object in writing you is to request that you will perform a similar service for me; if it is not presuming too far upon our old friendship to ask it — You are aware that I served in that expedition as Lieutenant, and that I was liberated at the same time that the main command was. — I need not assure you that your attention to this matter will confer an obligation which I shall be happy to reciprocate, as well as well as to pay all necessary charges.

I am still in the Quarter Master's Dept. and am doing well. My kindest regards to all old friends and believe me as ever

Yours Truly
Lea Munson

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