1836 — 4th

Capt Alley, on the 1st Sept, stood the steamer Sarah Key for Natchez, & was in Natchez the evening of the 2nd Sept under the hill & the next day after received my Guarantee, on the 3rd had an advertisement put in the daily papers and on the 5th made my receipts, on the 6th received prospect good, on the 7th Sev receipts, on the 8th Sev receipts, prospect still good, will send them on tomorrow if a Boat offers for N. Orleans, under the charge of Messrs Wells & Lowry, orderly Sergts, with a letter to our Agents to forward them on the first opportunity. I have not heard from our Agents yet and have spent some 3 or 4 hundred dollars, in the in the service and have not received one cent yet, and if I do not receive some soon, our friends will become squeezed for I have provisions, coast & tackle and other necessary articles, which I will have to purchase tomorrow.

Paying on the Levee $8.00 Sh. Boys $3. — $11.00
Printing $6. Posting 32, Inn $48. — $54.00
1836 Expenses 5th — $65.00

Natchez 10th Sept. Sir as I informed you that I should send what men we have in what I have to day in this week report on the 7th I was busy all day in getting the men ready but no Boat offered until 12 or 1 o'clock when the Mr. Thompson came down and I got them off at $3.00 per head and gave my Orderly orders how to proceed and on the 10th made four receipts, on the 11th one, on the 12th none, on the 13th made one, on the 14th 2 on the 15th two