

Falls of Niagara Aug. 9. 1817

Dear Sir

I arrived at the fort, at the entrance of the strait yesterday morning at 8., after 48. hours passage from Sacketts Harbour, & came here in the evening. I am just setting out for Buffalo, whence I shall proceed, immediately, in the night attending there, for Detroit. I rejoice, that I have advanced so far on my tour, as to begin to look with well founded hope to its early termination. The part, from Plattsburg to Sacketts Harbour, which was considered, the most discouraging, by the badness of the roads, provid a resting place for me. This is merely to advise you of my progress.

with great respect & sincere  
regard yours

James Monroe