owing to the season of the year, I was prevented from reaching the
mines ~~till~~ before the spring storms set in, & was consequently out of
employment for some months, still I felt bound to fulfil my
word. A portion of this journal only would prove of interest be
yond the mere occasion & its relation to the particular ob
jects of the Indian treaties. As to the rest the view of Indian
manners &c – Geography, mining & so on I shall have the
means of extending & correcting those notes very materially &
have already added much in my memoranda, I would it finally
prove of any account, you shall dispose of them as you please
& I will put them in proper shape. Some notoriety would ob
tain at any rate from the publication of the journal by Con
ress – But upon this matter I must have written a dozen
times. You must recollect that living a soul & a bible
tents or under the broad canopy itself, the means & appliances
of writing are none of the best, that I cannot take things round
with me when travelling on my own account & even when
in my camp, dare not have them by me but must leave
them at some trading post where I can only get at them
occasionally. I cannot afford a mule as yet, & if I move
have either to pack what I need, or watch some chance of
getting my things carried for me. These Indian adventurers have
lost me nearly a months work out of the good season & consider
ation which the more induces me to remain on this river. I
had before made, not any great amount it is true but at the
close of the first month about a hundred dollars beyond my
expenses & outfit. This has been somewhat diminished but
I shall work up again. The mines are not here what
they have been, & a half ounce a day in higher wages

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