

CORRESPONDENCE.

FORT LIMHI,

SALMON RIVER, Territory of Oregon, }
Dec. 4, 1855. }

EDITOR OF DESERET NEWS:

Dear Sir:—On the 20th of May last, our camp, being then on the north bank of Bear river, was organized by President T. S. Smith as follows:—

Francillo Durfy, captain.	George W. Hill
MEMBERS.	Gilbert Belnap
Wm. Burgess, jr., lieut.	William Burch
B. F. Cummings, sergt.	John Gallihu
Ezra J. Barnard	J. W. Browning
Thomas Butterfield	David H. Stephens
Wm. L. Brundage	Bauldwin H. Watts
Nathaniel Leavitt	Joseph Parry
P. G. Taylor	Ira Ames, jr.
Israel S. Clark	Abraham Zundel
Charles Dolton	Charles McGary
George R. Grant	William H. Batchelor
Isaac Shepherd	Everet Lish

D. Moore, historian.

We continued our journey to Snake river, passing over the Portneuf river on Mr. McArthur's bridge, for which he taxed us eleven dollars; we arrived at Snake river on the 29th of May.

On the 30th, began to repair the ferry boat. The camp was detained three days before we got our wagons and stock over. Before us lay a dreary and almost trackless waste of barren sage plains; continued our journey up Snake river about 60 miles, traveling sometimes nearly a north-east course, then turned to the left of Salmon River Pass, traveling nearly a west course some 55 miles, over rocks, sage brush and sand, making our road without even the aid of an Indian trail. We then traveled nearly a north-west course through the Pass and over the divide, to the upper valley of Salmon river some 60 miles. Here President Smith called a halt, and, selecting five of the camp, proceeded about 30 miles further down Salmon river.

June 15, President Smith made a selection of land for farming and a site for a fort, and on the 18th we moved our wagons to our present location. The valley is small; the soil on the river is rich, and the table lands afford good pasturage for stock. Timber is abundant on the river and in the mountains. We soon had a blacksmith shop up, coal burnt, a plow made, and a corral for our stock.

We continued our labor until about the 10th of August, having in that time built our fort wall and gates, seven houses and the blacksmith shop, besides breaking and planting several acres of land, and making a large amount of fence.

On the 13th and 14th of August, twelve of the company, under Capt. Durfy, were sent to Utah for more supplies, and two with the mail to return as soon as possible.

On the 15th our fort was honored by a visit from a party of government troops and a topographical engineer from the settlements in Oregon. They were in search of some Indians who had murdered a company of emigrants in 1854. They could scarcely believe that so much labor could have been done in so short a time.

On the 17th of November, Capt. Durfey and company arrived at the fort with twelve wagons laden with supplies of wheat, corn, and other seeds, several hundred pounds of flour, and five families.

A large amount of hay has been cut, the field enlarged, much more ground broke, and some fifteen acres sowed to wheat, besides several more houses built in the fort.

Respectfully, your brother in the gospel of truth,

D. MOORE,

Clerk of the Mission.