Letter from Stephen Long to Captain Mason

But I must drop my speculation and go apon my neratice. After planning an answer at to be estublished somewhen ins this is inity, and making on estimate of its exprise, which are enfiel 10 intin days and a considerable part of them nights; I set ant upon an expedition 250 miles up the Meriois Mines, which I have proported, it being precisely three weeks from the day I started to the day of my return. I took bearings & distances along the hiven as far as I asunded it, to getting weith much atten abservations, as the muns under my contract would permit so that Ithink I shall be able to give a party correct shath of the kinn, which has never been given hitherto, according to its Gardin nat bearings _ The bottoms along the mine are generally low and marshy, covered in most places with very good time. ber, consisting of Black & Afre ash, Sugar tree, Maple Sycamore Louist, bottom wood, binch, walnut & thisory .- In some instan is the bottom, which are more elevated, are Prairies _ The main Bluffs are at variable distances from the tive from 0.00 12 miles __ The river abounds in fish of a very your yust ity find of enormous sizes of their kind . __ but fish have been caught weighing from 50 to 100 lbs. _ The Buffalor fish is most normenany, - the Reach, Front, & Sunfish, and flinty. - It is a stuggish stream alcounding in weeds, but the best calentated of any deven new for the purposes of In Parid Marigan tion, - having at all season, a sufficient depth of water, and a hand sundy bottom. a heard sandy bottom. Huning fight upon a lite for the furthers which was the primipal object of may tome - I returned by law from Gomoid Rethuge, inhabited by a Tribe of Peter waternice, and site at the heard of Lake Provide at the St. hind of Lake Peorie , alies the Illenois Lake , to Fort Clarke 23 miles at the part of the same lake . - Bit It. Clork I word the river with a small ditachment of Soldiers with previsions for five days, and returned by land to this place, making abor the sout we came, a distance of 190 miles, from 71. C. to It Lonis. - I lift the Tool with the determination to pursue a due south conne till we should arrive at the Minissippi But on the 6th

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