**ARKANSAS BEFORE STATEHOOD: LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER 20, 1829**

**Questions:**

1. Whittington wrote many letters to his brother and he repeatedly encouraged his brother to join him in Arkansas. He also does it in this letter by promising his brother to help him find a job. What job is that? What does this type of job tell us about new developments in Arkansas Territory?
2. What does it mean that a new newspaper that is planned to be established in Little Rock will be “a whole-hog Jackson newspaper”? Look up the phrase “whole hog” in a dictionary. Who is the Jackson that Whittington mentions? Jackson is a common name so pay attention to the date when Whittington wrote this letter. This will help you find the right Jackson.
3. What do we learn about Arkansas’ political system from Whittington’s letter? Research who was “a new Governor” that Whittington mentions.
4. What do we learn about the society in Arkansas Territory from this letter (e.g., new additions, women, diseases, etc.)?
5. What do we learn about communication between Arkansas Territory and other parts of the United States from this letter? Why do you think Whittington keeps complaining that his brother does not write him enough letters? Could Whittington call or email his brother when the brother did not write him a letter?