

To the Mayor & Council
of the City of Chicago

Gentlemen, Mr Hunt
and Company desire the privilege of Exhibiting
in your City the ensuing week Mr Wilkies,
Pasadena of The Overland Rout to California,
I am told that your Charter gives you the
right to tax such exhibitions. I therefore, in
behalf of said Company, make an applica-
tion for the ~~same~~ privilege of said exhibition

It has been stated by one of your former members
that the whole matter is optional with your
Body, also that in some instances when you
have been satisfied that the exhibition is one
of great public utility, that you have waived
all tax - You will then, suffer me to say
that ours is one which can not be sub-
-passed in this respect, by any one ever ex-
-hibited in the Country, as the sequel will
prove - We should be glad to hear the
result immediately, as we have not yet
secured a Hall for exhibition, but wish
to do so to night

Very Respectfully Yours

D. Whitney