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## Letter from Charles Wahrendorff to George Sibley, May 17, 1827

Charles Wahrendorff

*St. Louis, Missouri*

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Geo C. Sibley  
P. M.  
Fort Osage

Chas Wahrendorff  
17 May 1827

Saint Louis 17 May 1827

Dear Sir

I received your esteemed fav<sup>r</sup> of 27 ult<sup>o</sup> too late last week, to answer the same by return mail.

From all we can learn, you have little to apprehend from Mr. Haynes, who is a school-pedant, and as I believe, either a rogue or a fool to set up a claim for the mare, Lewis Oldenburg sold you. He came to this place early last winter with a view of establishing a school, and gave some recitations at which he murder'd a few of Shakespeare's heroes, which expedients to raise the wind, did not succeed before our enlightened community. He boarded and roomed at Oldenburg's and it is more than probable kept "a running account" with Oldenburg. An incident which occur'd at Oldenburg's confirms me in this belief. Majors Heron and Green and Lieut Hobsen from the Cantonment put up with Oldenburg during the winter. Mr. Hobsen, being unwell, obtained of Oldenburg the promise of a private room, which when claimed was found lock'd and occupied by Haynes who refused Oldenburg admittance, in consequence of which O. broke open the door and a scuffle between him and Shakespeare's hero ensued. Mr. Hobson separated the combatants, and the rescued hero apologized to Mr. H.- for his refusal upon the ground, that he was under the necessity of boarding with Oldenburg as the only means of getting paid for a horse which he had permitted Oldenburg to sell for him, and that Oldenburg being in his,- Haynes's- debt, permitted himself to take undue advantage of and neglect him.

I have wrote to Mr. Hobson requesting him to certify to Haynes' conversation, and have ascertained through Lieut Kingsbury, that Oldenburg affirms to have been authorized by Haynes to sell the mare and that he has settled with him for the same.

I therefore should advise, you would resist Haynes application for payment, and if proof against him is required, I shall endeavor to procure and forward it.-

I hope you have ere now obtained your stores forwarded to Mr. Samuels, as the boat which took the same to Franklin has long since returned.

The howlitser we have no distant prospect of procuring; Ellis & Sedlie (?) our agents in Pittsburgh wrote us under 3 Inst that it could not be had

Mr. Tracy and the female branch of the house, requests to be presented to Mrs. Sibley and yourself; to which I beg leave to add the wish that your intended Arkansas trip may be an agreeable one, at the conclusion of which we hope to see you in St. Louis.

Very respectfully

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Yr Frd & Obdt Sefvt

Chas Wahrendorff

[The discrepancy of spelling the name "Hobson" or "Hobsen" is original to the typescript I am transcribing.]