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Linden Wood Novem. 29th. 1831.

Dear Sir.

Your fav. of the 25.th (enclosing some vouchers) was yesterday handed me by Mr. C. Reeves - I was Sorry that his haste to return to the Boat deprived us of the pleasure of his company longer than only a few minutes. –

For Some time past, I have been Suspended in my preparations of the Accts. of our late Commis^{rs}., Papers that I had written for to Illinois. S. Louis County, S. Fayette County, Jackson County, and other places, came in Slowly – All have been received now except those that you are to Send to ____

1~~t~~. your Acct. +Certificate for Services — \$ 3 600:00.

2.d your Acct. for incidental +Contingent disbursements, with Oath +c - . - - . - - - - - 530.00

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3d. Your Acct. +Certificate of Property Sold (Horses, Mules, Waggon +.) - - - - . 688.35.

And the Acct. +Rec. of Andrew Carson _____

When I receive the above named, and the Power of Atty.

I believe I Shall be in complete readiness to present our Acct. to the proper Officer at Washington for Settle=

-ment, backed in all respects + at all points, by good and Sufficient Vouchers – As good, = as complete

at any rate, as it is possible to obtain, or can with reason be demanded – I do not wish to leave

home ‘till all is thus complete, and Shall therefore wait for the papers you are yet to Send me, before

I pack up for the journey — on the 5th of October

I wrote to Mr. Hagner to apprise him of the arrangement

we had made, and I therein informed him that “I Shall

“be in Washington in January”, + that “I am very confident

“that the Settlement of our Accounts will be accomplished

“without difficulty” — My expectation has been, to

set out from home on this journey about Christmas. I

cannot leave home Sooner, without much incon=

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inconvenience. indeed, I do not deem it to be at all necessary to be in Washington earlier than about the 15th. or 20th. Of January; as until about that time, all the Offices will be thronged +hurried = and I have no idea of incurring expense for mere idleness , whilst dancing (?) attendance +c. –

As I Shall have Some days of Writing to do, after I receive the residue of your Acct. +Statements; it will be Some relief to me to have those Papers by the 15th. of Dec. at farthest; that I may complete my writing; and employ the last few days before I leave home; in the necessary arrangement of my own affairs - And, as it is probable that I may find it advantageous to embrace the oppy. of Some S: Boat, Some days earlier than the 20th. or 25th. Dec., I desire to be in readiness in good Season. You had better therefore Send me the Money (I am Sorry to be obliged to ask for) at the Same time you Send the papers, Say \$100. —

The Statement you annex to yr. letter, of the Sale of Horses, Mules, Waggons, Goods at Walnut Creek +. amounting to \$688.35 . is correct - as I find on comparison with the Mem^o. in my possession - which Mem^o. I draw from the Statements originally furnished me by Col. Mather and yourself – it is without doubt correct. – A Statement and certificate agreeably to the form Sent you, will be all Sufficient to close this item –

If you can furnish me the power of Atty. immediately, it will be best to do So; as I Shall have to Send it to Col: Mather, for his concurrence = a little extra time would therefore be desirable.

I Shall unite you before I leave home, + whilst I am at Washington –

Yrs. ever +truly

G. c. Sibley.

B. H. Reeves Esqr.