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Dr Sir,

I hope your wife _ me for not attending sooner to your wishes in reference to the vouchers. I did not wish to send by mail as there are so many persons passing but I happen not to know whom. I have not able to find any memoranda by which to bring any thing to mind, all are destroyed. I have no doubt that I paid Bacca for our board at Santa Fe, but not a special recollection of the fact nor the amount. I paid for stationary more I think than \$5. Dollars but can say with certainty that much. I have certified the amount with a junior _ a fact to which upon your statement of the particulars leaving no doubt as to the correctness. I regret that my memory does not enable me to vouch for all that you paid by me for provisions _. I hope that you may not sustain any material loss for want of specific vouchers.

I thank you for your congratulations in reference to my escape from the _ rectors default. Perhaps the prospect of ruin has been good for me. My mind has been _, & my spirit was not broken but softened. I do not find as much elation at the escape I should have _ had it happened some years sooner, "What ever is is right." Is true _.

I had the pleasure of Mrs Sibley's company last evening under my humble roof. It was a pleasant evening, but had you been with us it would have been more so.

Your Friend

Jos. C. Brown.

Jos. C. Brown Nov 1st 1831

Enclosing voucher for \$104.