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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, November 25, 1831

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Dr Sir

I fear that the delay on my part in procuring & forwarding you vouchers _ will occasion you a great _ of labour on the eve of your departure for Washington. I assure you that I have used all the dispatch in any _. I have had no little trouble & perplexity in my _ thus far & am not yet _. Mr A. Carson has returned from St Fe. I have not been able to see him & obtain his voucher which is upwards of \$60. I hope yet to see him & his voucher when obtained shall be forwarded up to Washington after your arrival. Among the papers here with enclosed is one purporting to be recent for 5_ from Jo Reynolds. Which I have had for some time & overlooked among my papers. I can now procure no other from Mr Reynolds, he is out in the Spanish country. This item however will will be included in my account of personal disbursements, which I will forward to you now shortly. I have it all prepared with the exception of not having testified to it, which you think out to be done before the highest officer near me. Judge Todd resides some 18 or 20 miles distant. _ I have not had it _ _ to see him. I am therefore compelled to this delay. For the want of his official Cert. the Amt. will be \$530. Can not you leave a blank for this item. Also my certificate of property resold in 1827 is here with sent. I presume sufficiently formal. The one you required of the sale of horses _ in 1825. I feel at some _ how to make it _.

Horses sold at auction in 1825: under the direction of $_$ Reeves & $_$ for \$380.40

_ under the direction of BHR.	143.00
_ by same	80.00
Amt. Recd. Of our _ for horse sold by Mr Sibley	40.00
Of Mr Boggs \$5 Recd of _ of	5.00
Sold by same	
Goods at Walnut Creek by BHR & Hull.	<u>69.95</u>
	\$ 688.35

I can find no memorandum among my papers explaining this matter different from the above exhibit. I will however in my next packet transmit you my Cert. in relation to this matter.

My son Clark has paid us a short visit from KY. Is now returning by steam boat & if possible for him to induce the boat to stop at St. Charles he will hand you this bundle. If not he will either leave it in the P. office or place it in the hands of Mr Gamble of St Louis. I want to be in readiness in the money way by the time you set out for Washington. Please _ say to me the probable time you will be able to set out on that journey. The power you desired Mr. Leonard to draw up will be sent to you.

YRS Sincerely

B.H. Reeves

G.C. Sibley ESQR.