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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, December 20, 1831

Benjamin H. Reeves

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Fayette Mo. Decr 20. 1831

Dr Sir,

I have just met with Mr. Carson today & obtained from him the enclosed duplicate voucher & have now brought the taking of receipts to a close so far as I now know of. I have written to you twice very lately, once by Mr. Lovejoy enclosing you a bill for \$100 . Also by mail with a large purchase. Both of which letters & enclosures I presume you will have received before this comes to hand, should you not yet have left home for Washington please drop me a line on the subject of the reception of the above. Should Major Sibley have set out on his journey before the reception of this letter Mrs. Sibley is requested to enclose the Within vouchers to Major Sibley at Washington tho, in town to day my health is not good.

A few evenings ago we had a most shocking murder committed in Old Franklin. A Cap. M. B. Johnson at a late hour of the night was shot dead. His wife & child lying also aleep by his side, escaped unhurt. Three Negros was apprehended & brot to jail yesterday, at this place, charged with the horrid crime.

With Respect & esteem,

Yrs. Most sincerely

B. H> Reeves

G. C> Sibley esqr