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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, May 1, 1827

Benjamin H. Reeves

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Howard County Mo. May 1st 1827

Dear Sir,

I gave G. M. Samuels, esqr. Of Franklin a Bill of articles to be forwarded to you to be used on the Mexn. Road, together with those which I reserved for that use out of our former outfit all of which will leave Franklin, day after tomorrow in Mr. R. Hammets wagon & if no accident occurs will arrive at your house on the 8th or 9th inst. The old bags which we had on hand was too much worn to be of much service & before receiving your bill they with the other property was sold. There was not one twilled bag to be had in Franklin, I procured three in Fayette, which was all to be get, but to supply the deficiency I purchased 17 yards of the best tow linen I could procure to make bags out of & will have them made this day of possible, not knowing until late yesterday evening but what I could get ___ ones from the near goods that was to arrive: Should I fail un [hole in page] them made up. A Carson, assures, that him & the other boys can make them & will do so.

Enclosed I forward you Mr. Sammuels Bill of the articles obtained from him, also a ___ drum of those we had deposited with him, added to which is the Tow linen for the wagon cover, axes, drawing knives, etc. which will be forwarded by the hands & mules. I regret that your Bill to me is not filed precisely as you desired. It is as nearly so as I had in my power of filling owing to the scarcity of the articles wanted and the great demand for them by the St. Fe. Adventurers. I hope you may have on hand or ordered from Sr. Louis to answer your purpose.

I was not aware that you would require party when the property was sold & I disposed of all the pack saddles but since I have got back the only one that was of much use. I send you 3 Spanish & 3 common American saddles & one pack saddle. And Mr. Carson and Joseph Hardin furnish their own bridle & saddle blankets. Christopher Richardson furnishes his own break saddle and saddle blanket, There was three or four of the saddles you sent in from loas that never came to hand.

You said nothing to me about having the mules shod. Indeed I do not deem it necessary & will not order it to be done & presume you have a sufficiency of ammunition on hand & I will dispose of the ___ of that article we have left except a canister of powder & a few bars of lead. I will each hand with.

I have succeed in getting a Compass, Ball & socket chain & spike, which I forward under the particular care of Mr. Carson, there was none to be had except by purchase. 'tis said to be an excellent one.

Very sincerely,

B. H. Reeves

G. C. Sibley

Articles deposited with ___ M Samuels, to be forwarded to Major Sibley by Hammets Waggon.

2 sheet Iron kettles

4 tin _

2 tin buckets

2 " cups

1 tent & tent poles

To be forwarded by A. Carson

3 axes

1 drawing knife

20 yards Tow Linen for wagon cover

10 bags or linen enough to make this ___

3 spanish saddles

3 american do

1 pack saddle

3 sheep skins. The others sent in from Toas rather

1 compass & ___

Mr. Samuels furnishes & will forward by some ___ hamments wagon

2 frying pans

2 tin buckets

1 ___ tin cups

3 augers

2 ___ wrought iron nails

2 sheet iron kettles

3 tin pans

1 hammer