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Letter from William L. Smith to George Sibley, April 25, 1823

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ALS William L. Smith, Liberty

To: Geo. C. Sibley, Fort Osage

Sir,

Your favor of the 20 and 24 came to hand this day, and ___ have to state that Robt. Renick obtained a ___ or ten days after court against you for amount of the judgement. In that case debts and costs amounted to \$65.39. Thirty three dollars and fifty cents of which were the debt, the balance for costs in the case of William Renick upon carefully examining the record and papers, I find to the debt ~~in that case~~ amounts to \$54 the costs that ___ accrued to ___-five dollars. In the ___ of confessing judgement four or five dollars in addition will be added to the costs.

I am not appraised of any law of our state that prohibits an intercourse between a White man and female slave. I am certain there is no such laws, unless it was passed at the last session of the legislature; a copy of those acts has not as yet reached me, but upon examining the list I not find the ___ of any one would would [double word in letter] the belief that out ___ books ___ disgraced by such an one. I trust that, therefore, the young man placed in this delicate situation will not suffer himself to be frightened by those light fingered gentry.

Mr. Thornton has just returned from a visit to Franklin and brings with him news of France and Spain being actually at war.

I am most respectfully,

Your obt. Servant

William L. Smith