

From R.T. Branaugh to A.M. Bedford

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A.M. Bedford Esq.

Dear Friend,

My reason for not writing to you sooner was my not being able to hear anything from your horse.

A short time since I met with Reevy's Uncle, he told me Reevy had gone across the plains, probably would return this fall. Concerning the horse, he said, he was taken by the Feds, and the[n] Reevy got him back again, and, he advised Reevy to sell him, if he only got \$5000 for him, as he was regarded as contraband property. but before R. had an opportunity of doing so, the horse was again taken by the Feds, and does not know whether or not R. ever got anything for him. *[text stricken through]*

This man says R. will certainly ask the man with you, and make everything satisfactory upon his return.

Nothing of news to write you, family all well, prospect for corn half promising. there is only about 75 Acres being cultivated for corn this year. We get [MS. illegible] and half of the meadow.

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We'll have between 40 and 50 hogs to fatten this fall. I am of the opinion that Pork will command a good price, hogs being so scarce every where.

Hemp at present commanding an excellent price[.] St[.] Louis [MS. illegible] \$18500 per ton.

The Johnny Rebs coming in every day, and great many more on the road, as yet none in this section been molested.

Do you ever hear from Bohart[?] I've heard nothing from him since I saw you. Capt[.] Low living at house in Independence, so I was informed by a lady from there. Respects to family.

Yours Truly

R.T. Branaugh