

From Benjamin Reeves to J.F. Benjamin

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Fayette[,] Mo[.]

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J.F. Benjamin

Capt[.] & Pro[.] Mar[.] 8th Dist[.] Mo[.]

Sir

I received yours of the 26th last night[.] I have been busily engaged every day this month in endeavoring to enroll the citizens of this county. In times of peace here it always took the Assessor over two months to assess this county. But now a large majority of the People stay closely at home & avoid me as much as possible[.] I think I can complete the work in this county this week. There is a good deal of excitement here. Bushwhackers are committing outrages every day & night[.]

Yours Rspt

Benj Reeves