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Dear
I am glad to hear that you are well,
and he has had that horse over too. I
am satisfied that you are not aware
of this. The only way left is to bring
him to account. Smuggling is too
prevalent among this class to be
checked. It is only a premium to smuggle
— every body caught with smuggled
goods would gladly pay duties and prob-
ably only get caught only once in their life
time. When Davis' case again, I am
going up river * will talk to it when
I come down. Have not rec'd an answer to
my other letter. Excuse haste.

Yours

[Signature]

N. C. McCoy
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Van Buren Me.
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Dear Sir,

A man by the name of
Woods brought Balme Eyr's colt from the
Province of N.D. last August & he (Woods)
declares that he knew nothing of the animal
coming from the Province.

At all events without releasing Mr
Eyr's from the duties supported me
hold up until I can get hold
of W. Woods & make him foot the
bill.

To
A. A. Richards Esq }
Dud to Revenue

P. S. I understand that Gabriel
Parra came down yesterday & paid duties
on his horse - please notify him without delay
that you can not settle his case yet. I would
rather you would do this, as I do not wish it
to appear that I am interfering with you. But