

**Graves W. Steele to Andrew Jackson, April 11, 1832,
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GRAVES W. STEELE TO JACKSON.

Hermitage, April 11, 1832.

D'r Sir, Your letter baring date 24d of March has bin recievd. Mr. Hutchings has not arrived as yet but I think that he will be up in the Stage in the morning agreable to the date of your letter and the time that he left the City. Mr. Lievi Jones¹ has not sent out the negrows that you speake of in your letter to me. I did on yesterday give the Colts a triell run, the track was heavey and the boys did not understand riding, the correct time could not be had with the riders that we had. Polley Baker was not in good condition for a triell run. I hear give a Statement of the triall Polley Baker was run two miles and repeet. Polley Baker first two miles, four minuts and five seconds. the repeet or third and fourth mile four minuts and fifteen seconds. the filley was not much distrest at the expiration of the four miles. Sir william stud Colt and Gilding was run one mile and repeet, william stud first mile two minuts and second mile two minuts and five seconds.

¹ Levi Jones wrote Jackson Apr. 9, 1832, with. reference to two negroes that he had been thinking of purchasing for Jackson, to be sent to Tennessee. For some reason the orders to buy had been countermanded by Jackson.

Gilding first mile two minuts and four seconds and second mile two minuts and five seconds. William is of the opinion that their heels and bottom ar surfiseant to com in contact with the best horses in the u s States. he depends moore on their bottom than on their heeles and furtheir Informes me that the are the most promiseing Colts that he ever

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had in his hands. Dunwoodey is of the oppinion that the are the best and most promising Colts that you ever had at your stable. he is of opinion that the stud Sir william is the best runner and has best bottom of the three. mi own opinion is that not one of them will doe to compeet with firstreight harses and when the ar brought on the Turf if the ar not enteried with Judgement you will have them disgrasd and if it had bin Left to mi judgement I should not have sent one of them on to the city, but you have directied me to send such as Alexander may think will doe to compeet with their best horses on the Baltimore turf. I would wright you more on this subject but I will send them In and Alexander will give all the information that will be required. I shall starte him on monday the 16th In companey with Byron Jim and Jessey. I have got evreything that is necessarey for the Journey

I am with respect