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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to Thomas Mather, November 5, 1826

Benjamin H. Reeves

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To Thomas Mathew Esqr
U. S. Comeniser & Co

Sir

In a former Communication to you I mentioned the arrival of Mr Sibley, at Ft Osage, & that he expressed an opinion that the Course of the Mexican Road should have an early meeting. Since which time I have recd a letter from him proposing a meeting to take place on the 22^d Inst at the City of St Louis to which I have replied by "begging leave to convene the board of Commissioners on Monday the 4th day of December next at the City of Jefferson, the present seat of Government for this State, at which time and place I hope it will suit your convenience to attend. Mr Brown, our Surveyor will necessarily have to attend there at that time in discharge of his senatorial duties. In fact the General assembly of this State will convene on the 20th Inst.

I have the honour to be with
great Consideration
Yr most Obedt Servt
B S Reeves

P.S. Altho. I have named Lefferson city as the
place of our meeting in preference to St Louis
I hope in this instance Lefferson will not
meet with your disapprobation, especially so, as
the continued indisposition of my family renders it
every way unpleasant for me to be absent
from home longer than my public duties
imperiously require, which little act of courtesy
(as to the place of our meeting) I am well assured
you will with cheerful assent extend towards me
I felt & still feel desirous not to depart from
the agreement we last entered into relative
to our taking a review of our work before we
make our final report - but Mr S. seems so
desirous that the course should meet, that I can
no longer oppose that meeting, at which time
we can either adhere or enter into whatever
conclusion that may be most conclusive
to the public trust committed to us. I have
recd no letter from you since I saw you
but have anxiously wished for one
Yrs most Sincerely

W. Mather esq.

B. S. Reeves