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## Letter to Thomas Lindsay from Mary Sibley, April 23, 1838

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Palmyra April 23, 1838

Dear Friend

I received your communication of the 21st inst this evening and immediately on reading it went over to Mr. Cochran's to obtain the information you ask for. In the first place your letter did not arrive in time for Mr. C. to act upon its suggestions in Presbytery if he had been so disposed. A Mr. Dallas (an elder) started on to Philadelphia today and he is the only representative this Presbytery will have in the Gen. Ass. In the next place neither the synods book nor an authenticated copy of the proceedings in the case alluded to have been forwarded this year - but Mr. Cochran states that in 1836 he himself ascertained that all the necessary papers in the Chamberlain case were put into the hands of Mr. McDowell Clerk of the Genl. Assembly -- What became of those papers is an Enigma to Mr. Cochran -- He knows that Mr. McD--had them---and thinks if you do not go on, you should write to Mr. McD--on the subject -- Mr. Cochran since the reception of your letter has spoken to Mr. Potts Stated Clerk of Synod, about the papers, but supposed that Mr. P. in consequence of the pressure of more important business, has neglected to forward them -- Mr. C. has kindly offered to send to the upper College and get the Synod's book if there - If the book is found, it will be forwarded immediately to Mr. Washington Kerr of St. Louis from whom you can procure it and either take it on yourself or have it forwarded by some careful hand to the Genl. Assembly---

I am grieved to hear that so much good preaching has had so

little effect in St. Charles. I sometimes think (judging from my own hardness of heart) want of gratitude etc., etc that we are almost given over in that region, and that the Spirit of God will no longer strive with us as a people -- O! that we all could be roused from our lethargy, and be made to feel and act as consistent Christians, willing to spend and be spent in the service of our Lord and Master --- Your friends here are all well. Mr. Cochran does not take your letter unkindly -- he is too honest himself not to love the honest truth from others. Please remember Miss Rosseter and myself to Mrs Durfee --

With sentiments of respect and Christian affection

I remain yours - M.E. Sibley

Mr. Thomas Lindsay Senr.

Mulberry Grove

St. Charles

P.S. I forgot to tell you that there was no meeting of the Missouri Presbytery only Mr. Chamberlain and one other person being present consequently there is no delegate from that Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly. I think if you can go on it will be for the interest of the Church that you should do so -- Mr. Cochran tells me that it was proposed in this presbytery that the whole Synod of Missouri should declare itself independent of the Ten. Assembly and remain independent until the times are more settled --- M.E.S.