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**Letter from George Sibley & Benjamin Reeves to James Barbour,
May 11, 1824**

George Champlin Sibley

Benjamin H. Reeves

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St. Louis. May 11. 1824.

Sir:

The undersigned Commissioner appointed to carry into effect the Act of Congress authorizing a Road to be marked out from the frontier of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico, acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 26th March and having accepted the appointment of Commissioners are now about to commence their duties in conformity with your instruction.

We have this day appointed Archibald Gamble to be our Secretary and Joseph C. Brown surveyor and shall proceed with all possible Dispatch to carry into effect the objects of our appointment.

If the necessary preparations can be made in time it is our purpose to leave the frontier on or about the 16th Proximo. We hope that no delay may be necessary at the boundary line of the United States.- - We shall keep you well advised of our proceedings--for funds we shall draw on you at Sight when necessary.

We have the honor to be

Signed G. C. Sibley
B. H. Reeves.

Hon: James Barbour
Secretary of War
Washington City.