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St. Louis

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AL George. C. Sibley, St. Louis

To: Secretary of War

Concerning the need for some tents and flags which will be difficult to procure here in proper season unless they can be drawn from the public supplies in this place. I mention this subject this morning to Capt. Frank of the Quartermaster Dept., who informs me that there are tents to spare in his store, but that he cannot furnish them without an order. The flags I presume can only be had from the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Genl. Clark, who will also require an order for their delivery.

The object of the Act of Congress should be carried into effect with as little delay as possible and if we move this year it should be before August. I thought it proper for me to make the above application for tents and flags, which I cannot doubt will be answered by a timely order for them.

I expect Col. R. here in a few days. Col. M is at present engaged in some duties connected with his apt. in the Ind. Dept. and will be so for several weeks. It seems to be doubted by his friends here whether he will serve as a Comsr. Or not. The impression is he will not.

[Transcription:]

The com. Appd. To make the road from the frontier of this state to N. Mexico, will need some tents and flags which ___ it will be difficult to procure here in proper season unless they can be drawn from the public supplies in this place. I mentioned this subject this morning to Capt. Frank of the Quartermaster Dept., who informs me that there are tents to spare in his store, but that he cannot furnish them without an order. The flags I presume can only be had from the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Genl. Clark, who will also require an order for their delivery.

The ___ will want, or ___ about 2 months and 4 ___ & as the ___. [page overlaps, unable to read, left margin covered]

___ had time to ___ together as the object of apt. ___ myself to be ___ on a hasty visit ___ command of 16 ___, fill ___ lands, & having ___ to accept the apt. of comr. ___ be ___ with after with as little delay as possible & that if we move this year it should be before August. I thought it proper for me to make the above application for tents and flags, which I cannot doubt will be answered by a timely order for them.

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