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## Letter from George Sibley to Owen, June 23, 1825

George Champlin Sibley  
*St. Louis*

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Letter 2.

Owen -----

G. C. Sibley

St. Louis, June 23d, 1825

My D. O.- Since the date of my last, I have been almost incessantly engaged in making the Outfit for the expedition to Sta. Fee- Col: Reeves and I met here on the 20<sup>th</sup>: and 11<sup>th</sup> of May officially, and having ascertained that Col: Menard the other Commissioner does not intend to accept, we proceeded to business- From among a great many anxious applicants, we Selected and appointed Mr. Joseph C. Brown to be our Surveyor, and Mr. Archibald Gamble to be Secretary- We then agreed to proceed with all proper dispatch, to carry the Act of Congress into effect- for which purpose, we determined to purchase Some light wagons to convey the Baggage, Provisions, &, a Suitable number of Horses, and to hire about Thirty Men to Serve as Hunters, Chain carriers, Axemen, Waggoners &.- and after agreeing to this and advising the Sec; of War of it; we Separated, on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup>:- Col: R: had come to St. Louis in haste, and in bad health, and had left his family Sick also- He was in consequence, in great haste to return home- Thus the burthen of the outfit fell upon me, and this I undertook and commenced on the 11<sup>th</sup>: of May, and was only able to complete yesterday- At 3 P:M: yesterday, I Started from here my principal outfit; consisting of Seven Strong light Waggon- 2 of them drawn by 4 Horses each, and 5 by 2 Horses- each in charge of a good Driver. These Waggon are pretty heavily laden; they carry the Working Tools, Goods & for the Ind: Treaties- Supply of Rice, Flour, Groceries, coarse clothing & for the Ind: Treaties- Supply of Rice, Flour, Groceries, coarse clothing & for use of the party, and the private baggage of the Commissioners &.

Business will detain me here and at St. Charles, for a few days I expect to overtake the Waggon at St. Charles on Saturday, and Shall probably take leave of my Wife & friends on Monday, and proceed to Ft: Osage, taking Franklin in my way, where I shall meet Col: Reeves- From Ft: Osage you Shall again hear from me- unless Sickness & death Stop me Short of that place- I feel every Sumptom at this moment, of a violent attack of fever-

Yr. Friend

G. C. S.