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Letter from George Sibley to Edward Bates, January 29, 1827

George Champlin Sibley
St. Louis

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St. Louis January 29, 1827.

___ Edward Bates Esq.

N. S. ___ Atty &.

Being extremely anxious to discharge as _____ as I can, without utter
_____, the Debt due from me to the United States, as the Security of Paul Baillis &co. and
being apprehensive that I Shall never be able to affect a complete payment unless the
Govt. will Receive my Property at fair Prices; and considering that other Debtors to the
Govt. Have, in numerous instances, been allowed to pay in that way; I am urged by the
above & then considerations, to make a tender thro' you to the proper authority of the
following described property as in part discharge of the ___ Debt-

1t.- 640 Acres of Land on Wildthorn brush in the County of St. Louis- held under
a Spanish grant. I was once offered \$5. an Acre for this land. I am willing now to
take \$1 ¼ for it..... \$800.00

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2d.- 800 Arpens of Land on Platti___ ___ near Herculaneum in Jefferson
County- held under a Spanish Grant also. [above the following line : Forward-
\$800.00] This _____ has been Supposed to contain Lead ore at least I have been
told so by many persons. I rate it at \$r. an _____ \$1000.00.

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3d. 200 Arpens within Mile of the Town of St. Charles. Spanish Grant. For 80 Arpens of this I paid \$20 each an arpen & offered \$12 an Arpen for 40 Arpens.

Adjoining- I think it will worth \$8 now, but Sa \$6.....\$1200.00.

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4th. Two Lots in the city of St. Louis.....400.00

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5th. 640 Acres of Land on _____ in the county of La Fayette- a new Madrid location- on this Track there is a Farm of near 70 Acres- and one of the very _____ water Mile Seats in the State- I could have once had \$20 an Acre for this Land I believe- This I am willing now to Say \$5 for it..... \$3200.00.

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6th.- 320 Acres of Land in Jackson county on the Missouri River- New Madrid locations- This is a very beautiful & valuable track 7cost me \$1440 in cash- it Should no now be less that \$4 an Acre \$1280.00

\$8480.00

All the _____ to the above Property are good and indisputable, I believe; and are clearly in me, which can easily be ascertained when necessary- I do really believe _____, that this Property is fairly worth the _____ of \$8480 and if I were able to _____ it, I Should be very unwilling I assure you, to take that for it- But I am aware that it would not bring half that Sum probably, if sold under execution- This is all the Real Property I have, except an unconfirmed claim to the Track on which I live, in Jackson county- If the Govt. will accept this offer, I believe that I Shall be able to discharge the whole Debt in two or three years by some Sacrifices of Personal Property _____.- I make the offer freely & without

Scruple., because if accepted, it will Relieve me of an excessively oppression _____, on the one hand, and prove as I believe, and advantageous arrangement for the Govt. on the other; And when the nature of my obligation to pay this Debt is considered and that its amount is very nearly an absolute loss to me, I trust that tho' I am very far from asking unreasonable _____, the Same liberal Spirit of accommodation may be extended to me on the part of the Govt. as has been usual in their cases, and as may always be freely asked & expected between honorable and just men.

I have the honour _____,

Signed, G. C. Sibley