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## Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, October 12, 1826

Benjamin H. Reeves

*Fayette, Missouri*

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ALS B.H. Reeves, Fayette, Mo.

To: G.C. Sibley, Fort Osage, Mo.

Der sir,

Your favour of the of the 23<sup>d</sup> \_\_\_ from Walnut Creek has this day come to hand. I was in Franklin & heard of your having written to me by Mr. Carson, who had passed on home & that he had forwarded your letters to this place. I pursued and have but just over taken them. I greet you Sir at your safe arrival at home and & greatly rejoice that you met with no accident on the route. Public rumor has said that you & party had been cut off by the Indians.

With much respect to the sale of the public property in your possession I have no preference when nor where it is sold. My great wish when sold is that it may be disposed of on the best terms. Yet [I] cannot conceive the absolute necessity of immediately disposing of any part except the horses unless we are satisfied that nothing further is to be done with the road.

In August Col. Mather was in this place. We then had it in contemplation to set out & join you at Walnut Creek, with the view of making some necessary corrections (for on our return we was unable to do so satisfactorily) but declined the idea of meeting you under a conviction that the consent of the Mexn. Govt. would be obtained this season for continuation of the road & if not that we would next spring & take a review of our work so far as was deemed necessary & then make our final report. With this understanding between him and myself I cannot now say that the commissioners should have a meeting early next month with a view to settle acts, make their report \_\_\_. I will however write on to him immediately on the subject and in the event of a meeting between comnrs. Will now suggest the early part of December at Jefferson City, that being somewhat central and perhaps more convenient to Mr. Brown who has shortly to be there attending the setting of the legislature & which place will greatly suit my convenience more than St. Louis. I hope sir that in the event of a meeting this fall that time and place will not be inconvenient to you.

Your debt on Mr. hood in favour of Stanely is yet unpaid, not for the want of the means, or the inclination to discharge it but from causes which I could not control. The money however is lying in Franklin subject to Mr. Hood's call if he will not or rather his agent have reed before this letter reaches you, permit me on this subject to say that so far as I know there has no unexpected inconvenience resulted from nonpayment nor any hard feelings existed, the particulars I will give you again in great \_\_\_

Yours truly,

B.H. Reeves

George C. Sibley esqr.