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Letter from Josiah Johnston to George Sibley, March 13, 1828

Josiah Stoddard Johnston
Washington, D.C.

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(George C. Sibley)

J. S. Johnston

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Mch. 13. 1828

informs that the Sec. of Treas.

has agreed to accept my proposal

abt. The debt &.

Washington, March 13th, 1828

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you, that some days since the Secretary of the Treasury determined to accept your proposition by taking your lands at the price fixed in your Letter- In order to Carry this Arrangement into effect, it is necessary to Sell the Lands by the Marshall, & the District Attorney will be directed to bid the price fixed for the Government & if any person will give more, they will be at liberty to take it- This will relieve you to the amount of your lands- & if you Could offer an additional tract, perhaps before your forwarding me, some evidence of the Value, the Secy. of Treasy would think that also to be taken in the same way-

As the Sales by the Marshall, will Cost you Something, will it not be judicious to make some Compromise with him, perhaps he will accept a Small Sum for these Services?- as it will all done at the Seat of Government at one place and at one time- it will give very little trouble-

As to the Ballance, if you determine to pay it in money, time will be given to enable you to do So- the Ballance Liquidated will obtain such time as will be Convenient to you. Mr. Bates has been very friendly & useful in this arrangement-

I hope to be able to transmit you the papers in a few days, when I shall have the pleasure to write you again-

I am with great regard

Yr. Obt. Sert.

J. S. Johnston