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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, May 17, 1831

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Fayette, Missouri

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Fayette Mo. May 17 1831

Dr. Sir

On yesterday I recd. A letter from P. Hagner 3rd auditor of the Treasury Department in relation to the manner in which our account stands is relates to the Mexican Road, and calls over attention to the subject. I presume you have recd. A letter from the law source. It seems to me to be necessary that we should bestow over early attention to the subject. And to that end would suggest the propriety of your dropping a line to Col. Mather, so that the late commissioners of the Mexican Road should have a meeting to arrange the whole matter according to the views & forms of the Departments as far as is practible, leaving to yourself the time & place where the commissioners should matter. I have Hagners communication & expressed the desire as speedily as the intended distance between the residences of the different commissioners would permit, that they would meet and arrange whole matter as I believed so as to meet the entire views of the Department. St. Charles seems to be a central point between Col. Mather and myself which point I presume will meet your approbation. I id hope to receive a line from you by yesterdays mail presuming you had previously received a letter from the Department before alluded to. Write to me on this subject as early as you can & if you do not accord in opinion with me as to the ___ of showing our early attention to the subject give me your views an the whole subject.

I write you in very great haste, the moment of closing the mail is said to
be at hand.

Yr. Friend,

B. H. Reeves

G. C. Sibley esqr.