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## Letter from John Wilson to George Sibley, August 24, 1832

John Wilson

*Fayette, Missouri*

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Geo. C. Sibley Esq.

St. Charles

Mo.

John Wilson

of Fayette Howard Cty.

Augt. 24, 1832

Fayette August 24, 1832

Dear Sir

I have seen a request signed by several highly respectable gentlemen of your county calling a meeting of those of your Citizens who are opposed to the reelection of Genl. Jackson to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst. and from the piece under the call I see the design is to get up a convention &c at Columbia

Seeing your name amongst the number of signers, I now wish to inform you before the meeting what is the opinion pretty generally among our friends- So far as I am informed it is that it is perfectly hopeless to attempt an opposition ticket- you no doubt have seen the result of our elections in Howard district, as to Senator, in Boon & Clay &c, but altho, there is a material change in the too latter & we may reasonably hope in them to maintain what is there proved that there are majorities agt. Jackson yet in Howard the Election of Reeves is no evidence of a thorough change of feeling from Jackson- The popularity of the two men is all it proves except one thing which is indeed favourable that is that the Jackson men are becoming moderate- for there was a time it would have been different.

One thing has been whispered to us here, if that should prove true we might change our opinions as to the propriety of an opposition ticket in this state. It has been said here that Genl. Ashley intended soon to make a full renunciation of Jacksonism in public print, & show for cause that Jackson refused to let the appropriation for clearing snags &c[and company] out of Missouri be carried into effect & that as another he would show his dissatisfaction at the appointment of the Spanish Claim commission &c, &c, &c. Now if Ashley should do these things & make a full and decided renunciation- then it is my own opinion some prospect (tho, I should not be Sanguine then) of our success- You are near the great City & can easily know whether the Suggestion about Ashley is true- If he designs it ought he not to do so forthwith? I do not intend by this letter to be understood to attempt to discourage you and your fellow citizens from holding the meeting contemplated but I wished to put you in the possession as far as I knew of the opinion of our friends- no man in this state can have a more decided & settled opinion than I have of the utter incompetance & wickedness of Jacksons administration & surely none in the State will more heartily with its opponents in all honorable means to put it down than myself.

Yours with great respect

John Wilson