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## Letter from George Sibley to Thomas Lindsay, November 6, 1837

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November 6, 1837

To Mr. Thomas Lindsay, Sr.

My dear Sir,

Surely, surely, I will take part in the "polick" with a great deal of pleasure, for I am exceedingly anxious that Mr. Campbell shall be kept here if possible. I feel persuaded that it will ruin our Church if he leave us, and it is my deliberate opinion that he is the very man, under God, to build us up. His preaching is fast growing on the people, and his excellent character is rapidly making him friends. And I am confident that his teaching will prove to the Gospel way of life. I told Mr. Watson yesterday that my own contribution shall be \$100 a year and that I had the assurance of a friend, Mr. Gamble, that our friends in St. Louis will readily help us to at least \$200 more or less.

Now if this good Spirit (that originated the "polick") prevails, I see no difficulty in the way. I always admired the old Yankee custom of sending wood, hay, cows, etc. to the Pastor. It is a good custom, and may well be followed in Missouri. The Session I understand it to meet tomorrow. Let me beseech you, my dear friend, my father, to take measures to ensure Mr. C's stay with us. Tell him not to think of leaving us. Our ruin surely follows his departure. –

Just before I received your note, I received the enclosed from Mr. Naylor, and Mrs. Sibley and I had agreed to go up tomorrow, but we will put it off a day; and I shall try to engage you to go up with us. I have fall bilious and anguish all day. But if not sick tomorrow shall be over after breakfast to see you, with some answers.

Yours,

G. C. Sibley

Monday Night November 6