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St. Louis

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G. C. Sibley

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G. C. Sibley Esqr.

Sir, Understanding that you have been appointed one of the commissioners on the part of the U. S. to treat with the Indians within the limits of the Territory of the U. S. between Missouri and New Mexico, on the line to Santa Fe, I am induced to become an applicant for the appointment of Secretary to the board. You are doubtless too well acquainted with my family, friends, reputation and profession to require any testimonials in support of my pretensions, altho I have never had the honor of a particular acquaintance with you, your connexions in St. Louis are numbered amongst my best friends, to whom you can have reference if convenient.

I presume that applicants for this employment are numerous and respectable, but I am ignorant of the fact, that any person besides myself has solicited the appointment.

For my characters, habits, and ability, I refer you any person who has known me. If any legal qualification may be thought useful in a secretary, such as I possess are at your command. Judge Tompkins of Franklin, can make any representations in my favor which you may require.

If you have not already fixed on a more suitable person to fill the appointment of secretary than myself, I shall be proud to receive a part of your consideration, and whatever may be the result of your determination on this subject, will still insure you the esteem of your most Obedient Servant,

Isaac C. McGirk