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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, May 12, 1826

Benjamin H. Reeves

Fayette, Missouri

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ALS: B.H. Reeves, Fayette, Mo.

To: G.C. Sibley

Sir,

Your packet by Mr. Brannin came safely to hand about the 8th ult., at which time Col. Mather as at Washington, having been absent Nov. 1. By last mail I rec'd. a letter from him informing me of his return. The day before he left he had an interview with the Secy. of War, who informed him that no arrangement had been entered into for the continuation of the road, and from every information which I have received I am confident that the consent of the Govt. cannot be obtained in time to do anything with the road this season. These circumstances make me anxiously desire your return as soon as possible.

I have dropt this note most hastily. Joseph Reynolds has this moment called on me and said his company leaves Franklin this afternoon. Capt. Brannin informed me that Baillio, Boggs, Young, etc., would not start until the 20th, by then I intend to write you at length. I expect to hear from Col. Mather by Tuesday's mail.

Should this reach you before the arrival of Mr. Baillio and his party, I hope you will take such preparatory steps as will insure your arrival here with as little delay as possible, economizing the public expenditure as much as you can.

With great respect sir,

Your old gent

B. H. Reeves