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## Letter from George Sibley, to Benjamin Reeves & Thomas Mather, April 20, 1829

George Champlin Sibley  
*St. Charles, Missouri*

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B. H. Reeves  
&  
Thomas Mather, Esq.

George C. Sibley  
St. Charles,  
April 20, 1829

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To Messrs B. H. Reeves &  
Thomas Mather Esqres.

Gentlemen,

I have to inform you that the balance due to the late Comm<sup>rs</sup>. on the Road to New Mexico (\$1504 54/100) has not been provided for by any Act of the late Congress, and that it consequently yet remains unpaid, very much to my inconvenience and injury- I have not time at this moment to State to you the Reasons why provision was not made for this Small and very just claim, further than that the Committee of ways and means (of which Mr. McDuffie was chairman) Refused to Report it, tho' Recommended by The Sec. of War and urged by Mr. Bates= Mr. Bates is of opinion that an appropriation must certainly be made next Winter, no objection having been made to the Merit of the claim, tho' an unaccountable fit of economy that had Seized the Committee, prevented the item from being introduced into any of the appropriation bill, Reported by them= Meanwhile however, I am Suffering a very grievous inconveniences by the delay, and feel myself peremptorily called on by duty to myself and others, to Request that you will each of you Refund me, as Speedily as may be, your Respective portions of the whole Sum due (\$501.51/1/3/100) each- If you can place this Sum to my Credit with Tracy & Wahrendorff (to whom I am indebted for \$1000 of the very money I advanced to complete the Road) it will answer me precisely as money-

Have the goodness Gentlemen to favour me with an Answer to this Letter without delay, and permit me to hope that you will promptly aid me in this emergency.

with very great Respect

I Remain Gentlemen

Your friend and Servt.

G. C. Sibley