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## Letter from George Sibley to Thomas Mather, September 2, 1829

George Champlin Sibley  
*St. Charles, Missouri*

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St. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1829

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 25. Ult. Has been duly rec. It is the statement of my Acct. with the commsr. That's I particularly want and I was under the impression that I had requested you to send the copy gave you at St. Louis. And if you have any thing in the nature of, vouchers, relating to Benton's damned St. Fee road (Which I wish was in his belly) pray send them to me. I am going to set out seriously in a few days to make out another complete statement of the acct. of the consmrs (In quadruplicate) to be laid before the new high dignitary at Washington, to be handed over to some stupid committee to be thrown in one of the big drawers in the committee room, then to remain buried and lost 'till the day of general reservation. I am utterly at a loss to imagine what business the 2<sup>nd</sup> Auditor has to charge \$26,000 agt. us; and why we are to be plagued with his demands for statements etc. Mr. Secy. Barlow \_\_\_ and disbarment acct. to be rendered to the offices of the chief Engineer & Indian Bureau, and they have been \_\_\_ so rendered in our Acct. \_\_\_. The Engineer dept. in charge with \$18,677 44/100 & the Indian Dept. with \$12,827 10/100 of the disbursement. Now where Mr. Second Auditor finds occasion to charge us with \$26,000, is to me a mystery, only to be explained by the blundering nature of the late Auditor Lee. If that office had the duty of settling all acct. of the Ind. Dept. as I presume is the case it is clear that we sh.r only be charges then with the \$12,827 10/100. Or if the act of Congress was the grade \$20,000 shd. Be then charged. Anticipating as I do, a much plague & delay in the statement of there Acct. (tho' they are all very plain) I mean to take \_\_\_, and propose Statements in the full most formal, and clear manner I am capable of. As to \_\_\_ I doubt there will be some deficiency as to such an one usually opened such Accts. Tho' I hope I may be able to set forth the halt in a manner quite clear & much more solemn & save them if, a bundle of paper \_\_\_ signed (or purported to be signed) by \_\_\_, Dick, and Harris and Such in with the Accts. As soon as I can get ready, I shall have to see Col. Reeves & yourself, to obtain your certificates etc.

In order to effect an appropriation of the goal \_\_\_ we must all use some \_\_\_. We must write to some embers of congress as may be most likely to take an, interest in the matter, & usrge them to an in. I have \_\_\_ all the vouchers there are except such as you & col. Mather may chance to have. Nearly a month ago I wrote to Mr. Kennery to enquire what has become of the account rendered in Nov. 1827 & may soon expect to hear from him.

Some of the Jackson Rowdy Political Blackguards St. Louis have I see, done us the favor to print out names \_\_\_. I was in dread that they might praise us as the faithful hanger on of Benton. But I am now greatly relieved from that fear & am truly grateful for the manner in which it they have noted us. We are set down as anti Jackson, Anti Benton Adams & Clay men. All solemnly true as to myself and a truth that I am thankful to their offices proctoring to the Public I write in good haste. I hope to hear of your relation to health.

Yrs. very Truly

G. C. Sibly

Thos. Mather esqr.