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Linden Wood, near St. Charles Mis=

May 3rd 1834

To Peter Hagner Esqr.

3rd Aud. Treasy. Dept.

City of Washington

Sir,

General Ashley informs me under date of the 13th ulto. that The Secretary of War has given instructions to you, to pay the amount claimed upon the accounts rendered to your office by the commissioners who marked out the road from the Western frontier of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico, under the Act of 3rd March 1825. All the items charges by the commissioners in their Accounts (with the single exception of an error of \$7.) having been fully avouched, sustained, and sanctioned; a Balance is clearly established in their favor of \$1497.54; and the payment of that sum, was authorized by Congress more than a year ago.

In your letter to me of the 20th April 1833 you inform me that all tho Vouchers pertaining to that Account of the commissioners are complete, and have been sanctioned by the Secy. of War but that one of them (No. 11 for \$97.36) had been mislaid and lost. On the 10th of February last, I enclosed you a triplicate of the lost Voucher no. 11, which you acknowledge the receipt of in your letter to me of 5th March last. So that there cannot now exist any __ whatever to the immediate final settlement with the late commissioners and to the issue from your Office of the proper certificate of acquaintance and discharge.

In March 1833 I forwarded to you (under cover to Genrl. Gratiot) a power if Atty. authorizing me to make Settlement of the Commissioners Accounts, and to receive and receipt in behalf of my late colleagues for whatever balance might be found due thereafter. This Power of Attorney, your letter of 20th April 1833 also acknowledges the receipt of.-

My late colleagues Messrs. Reeves & Mather, having from the first relied on me to adjust and settle the accounts of disbursements & under our joint commission; and knowing as I do that those Gentlemen are extremely desirous that the settlement shall be fully consummated as quickly as possible. I feel it incumbent on me to ask your immediate attention to the subject.

The Hon. W. H. Ashley, representative in Congress from Missouri, will do us the favor to receive from you the Amt. due the late commissioners and to receipt for the same, and I hereby request you to pay over to that Gentlemen the aforesaid balc. Of \$1497.54 . But should the rules and forms of your office demand a different method, request you to point out to me that method, if necessary, and to place the necessary funds in the U.S. Branch Bank at St. Louis, subject to my order and payable upon the execution of Such receipts as you may require to be taken.

I trust Sur, that you may find it convenient and proper to arrange this final settlement with Genrl. Ashley, in such manner as to prevent any present delay or future difficulty.

Respectfully Sir,

Your mo. Obt. Svt.

G. C. Sibley