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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, November 6, 1826

Benjamin H. Reeves Fayette, Missouri

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ALS B.H. Reeves, Fayette, Mo.

To: G.C. Sibley

Dear Sir,

I have this moment stept into the post office & read your very acceptable favor of the 3rd isn't. and cannot feel otherwise than greatly gratified at your ready acquiescence as to the time and place of our meeting.

I will write by next mail to a friend in Jefferson & will use my best exertions to have suitable accommodations in readings for the Comrs. & will say in all probability that we will be there by the 1st or 2nd Monday in next month. On yesterday I dropt a note to Col. Mather mentioning the 4th of Decm. & had one of similar import written to forward by tomorrow's mail to your self, urging your assent to that time and place. But the reception of your esteemed favor supersedes the necessity of forwarding it. On your arrival at my house we will agree upon the day of meeting & as you suggest when you arrive at St. Louis you can inform Col. M. & who no doubt will accompany you to Jefferson.

From your suggestion in your note of the – ultimo as respects the probability that nothing further will be done by us in relation to the road I have concluded that perhaps it would be advisable to dispose of the mules if not the other property of the U.S. on hand & and to this end have advertised the mules & other property to be sold at public sale. On Tuesday the 28th inst. In the town of Fayette. I have directed this sale in anticipation of your assent. Should you think otherwise I would be grateful[?] to receive and early intimation from you & will suspend the sale until your arrival here.

Since I last wrote you I have called on Mr. Scott & ___ your dft. In favor of E Stanley for \$1500 to him. Have also paid him your dft. of \$1100 & to Messrs. Mullins & Burckhartt theirs of \$15 each. Have in ___ to all the hands in fall in persons. I allude to the men who accompanied you on your return. The others have long since been paid.

In great haste the mail is closing

Yours most sincerely,

B.H. Reeves.