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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, September 30, 1831

Benjamin H. Reeves
Franklin

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Franklin Sep 30 1831

Dear Sir,

I have just arrived at this place from a fatiguing trip of some 20 days thro the southern parts of this states & part of Arkansas Territory. When on the eve of leaving home I appraised you of my intended absence & mention that I would place in the hands of Mr. Leonard Sunday receipts, who I expected would hand them to you in person. Since my return I find that the situation of Mr. L.s business together with the ill health of his family prevented his visiting you. But am informed that he transmitted the vouchers to you. Which I have no doubt but what you have received. I expect to procure a few others now in a few days, which with my own accounts I will forward you.

You have probably by this time conferred with Col. Mather, on the subject of going to Washington this winter. As one of the late commission, I am not only favorably inclined but anxious that one of the commissioners should go. As I suggest to you in my last letter I mentioned that subject to Col. M. When at your house. Presuming that the Col. Will concur in the propriety of this step I concur it just & right that the expenses of the trip should not fall upon one of the comsr. I will be glad if you could arrange your business so as to leave home to attend to this business in person. Your experiences in such matter & acquaintances with the accounting offices would enable you I hope & believe to close it finally & correctly. Write one on this subject as early as your convenience will permit. The health of my family is better. Please present me affectionately to Mrs. Sibley & believe me to be most sincerely your friend

B. H. Reeves

G. C. Sibley esqr.