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St. Charles May 31st, 1845

To Wm. G. Pettus, Esqr.

Dear Sir,

The alarming increase of the influence, and concentrated interference, and concentrated interference of foreigners, in all the political concerns of our country, in its whole length and breadth; calls loudly and imperatively upon every Native American Citizen, who knows how to value his own free born right of Suffrage, and has the spirit to Resist its invasion; to lay aside for the occasion his peculiar views of National Policy; and Stand forth in defense of the great paramount, Sacred Right and duty of an American Voter. We have before us a proposition to amend the State Constitution; and the Governor has ordered an Election of Delegates to a convention to assemble at the seat of Govt. next winter, in order to effect, in their wisdom, the object proposed. That election is to take place on the first Monday of August next. We consider it of the utmost importance to the future interests of Missouri, that no feature shall be admitted into the new Constitution, that Shall in the least degree operate to the disadvantage of our Native American Citizens, in Relation to the Right of Suffrage. That the door shall be thrown open no wider than it now is, to say the least, for the premature admission of foreigners as Voters in our Elections.- Entertaining these views Sir, as we believe that you do also, and confiding entirely in your integrity, your ability and experience. We are desirous obtaining your Services in the approaching Convention, as one of the Delegates from St. Charles and Lincoln Counties; and hereby respectfully request you to permit your name to be announced as a Candidate for election—

And we hereby pledge ourselves to give you our whole individual and united support and will use all fair and honorable means to promote and Secure your election. – Very respectfully Sir,

Your fellow citizens

Wm. ___	Geo. C. Sibley
Charles C. Welday	John M. Redmon
Daniel G. Overall	Harrison K. Goan
John Brure	S. M. Baron
William M. Head	Charles C. Machett
John. C. Shaw	James Machett
Samuel S. ___	Harrison Jones
James Blaer	M. C. Duffs
James B. McIntosh	John I. ___
Louis Cezno	GA Bird
Josh ___	W. B. Barron
Owin Andrews	John Lindsey

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Henry Banfs

Jackson Dick

Thomas P. Loper

Joseph A. —

Nathaniel Read

Mr. P. Packard

John. H. Prey

Gu. H. Whitely

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Wm. B. Clynes

George Preskley

Washington Maurn

— L. Clark

W. L. Coverall Jr.

Jams Gallahn Jr.

Trae. M. Saey

Robert H. Harry

Thomas Hewits

Timothy Buruin

L. S. Hastsin

Ninrd, L, Lark

Henry —

William Perro