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Letter from John Bull About George Sibley, July 27, 1833

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TO THE VOTERS OF MISSOURI.

The unprecedented, unprovoked & gratuitous attack upon me and my principles made, in an epistolary form, through the columns of the Missouri Intelligencer, by Major GEORGE C. SIBLEY, met my notice yesterday.— Had this assault originated in any other source, I should feel bound to repeat it at length. But emanating, as it does, from one who, simultaneously with myself, is a candidate for an honorable and important trust, I think it proper, at this time, barely to deny the correctness of the charges, insinuations and inuendoes contained therein; determined that not even the course pursued by this letter-writer shall force me into a personal newspaper controversy, under existing relations.

The assertion of Major Sibley, that "very many of the voters of Missouri are irreconcilably opposed to my election," is incontrovertible, and I regret it; for I should be pleased in the reception of the acclamatory vote of the whole State, and of every citizen thereof, though this I never had the presumption to expect. But had I presumed that to receive the suffrages of my fellow-citizens, I must personally attack my competitors or their opinions—had I supposed that to secure my election to Congress, I must trample under foot the forms of common courtesy, I should never have presented myself before you. Let the result of the election prove as it may, I am satisfied that it will be produced by you in such manner as will meet my entire approbation; and whether elected or not, it will be my pleasure and duty, either to submit to your decision, or to acquiesce in its demands.

Those Editors who have published Maj. Sibley's letter, are respectfully requested to give this a place in their columns.

JOHN BULL

Howard County, July 25. 1833.