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The Mexican Road.—The Commissioners for marking out the road from this state to New Mexico, together with the rest of the company, left Fort Orange on the 17th inst. in good health and spirits, to commence the survey.

In a note received from one of the Commissioners, (Mr. S.) relative to a statement in our paper of the 9th inst. on the subject of this road, the following remarks are made:

“I observe in one of your last papers an editorial article, in which you say you are informed by the commissioners that no Treaty is to be made with any of the Indian tribes; this is a mistake of yours. It is impossible that either Col. Reeves or I could have told you or any one else so, because the law absolutely makes such treaties a prerequisite step, and we are specially instructed on that head by the Secretary of War; and all this Col. Reeves and I knew two months ago; and made the necessary arrangements before I left St. Louis to carry the law and instructions on that subject into effect.”

Notwithstanding the above, we are still under the impression that the (Mr. S.) made the observation as mentioned by us.