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## William Clark Proclamation Making George Sibley Justice of the Peace for Howard County, January 2, 1817

William Clark

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William Clark Governor of the territory of Missouri, Commander in chief of the Militia therof and Superintant of Indian Affairs:To all who shall see these presents- Greetings:-

Whereas it is provided by the 12<sup>th</sup> Sec of the Act of Congress entitled 'An Act providing for the government of the territory of Missouri' that Justices of the Peace and all other officers, who are not especially excepted by the said section, before they enter on the duties of their respective offices, shall take an Oath or affirmation before such person as the Governor shall direct, to support the Constitution of the United States and for the faithful discharge of the duties of their Offices- And whereas George C. Sibley has been lately appointed a Justice of the Peace for the several townships in the county of Howard

Know Ye, therefore, that I do hereby appoint Reuben Lewis to administer to the said George C. Sibley, the Oath of affirmation of office as required by the above recited Act. In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the territory to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at St. Louis the 2d day of January, One thousand

eight hundred & seventeen, and in the 41. Year of the Independance of the United States.-

Wm. Clark

SEAL

By the Governor Wm. Clark dated 2d of January 1817

> Sibley Mss. V. II Missouri Historical Society