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Letter from George Sibley to E. H. Flint, June 24, 1831

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Mr. E. H. Flint
Cincinnati, Ohio

G. C. Sibley
Linden Wood
June 24th, 1831

Linden Wood (near St. Charles, Mo.)
June 24th, 1831-

To Mr. E. H. Flint

Cincinnati, Ohio

Sir,

Your Letter to me of the 1^t Inst: was duly Received= My nephew John George Sibley, who will hand you this, having completed his visit to Missouri, will in a few days Set out for Cincinnati to enter upon his Apprenticeship with you agreeably to the advice of Judge Johnston and the terms mentioned in your Letter= If I am not greatly mistaken you will find John possessed of a capacity & disposition, that with a little aid & encouragement from you, will Render him very useful in your business, and as I trust enable him in due time, to establish himself Respectably in business=

John is extremely Modest or more properly Speaking, bashfull, which fault, for fault it certainly is, ought by proper degrees to be Removed- it is probable however that the ordinary intercourse he will necessarily have in the way of business with the Publick effect this= perhaps you may find it proper to interfere a little from time to time to produce this change with the best effect.

As it Respects his finding, I greatly prefer that John Shall "be a member of (your Father's family & his washing & mending there attended to" as proposed by you= His clothing & little expenses I Should Suppose will be amply provided for in So cheap a place as Cincinnati, by the Sum you mention, Seventy five Doll^{rs} a year, especially if managed by your advice & assistance which I hope you will afford him.

It is my very anxious desire Mr. Flint, to Set this youth forward on the busy Stage of Life, with well fixed principles and habits of Morality, Honour, Industry and Sobriety. The character of your House, and of your City and my confidence in your individual care, inspire me with the Strongest hopes that when he Shall have attained his Manhood, he will be every way competent and worthy to take a Station among Men of the first class of Respectability and usefulness.

His Relative Judge Johnston who takes a warm interest in his welfare, will no doubt call to See him whenever he is passing Cincinnati, and will not fail to advise and assist him on all proper occasions.

I am Sir, with great Respect

Your Mo: Obt: Svt:

G. C. Sibley