

Lindenwood University

Digital Commons@Lindenwood University

---

George Champlin Sibley Papers

George and Mary Easton Sibley Papers

---

6-12-1832

## Letter from George Sibley to Virgil Maxcy, June 12, 1832

George Champlin Sibley  
*Washington*

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.lindenwood.edu/george>



Part of the [United States History Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Sibley, George Champlin, "Letter from George Sibley to Virgil Maxcy, June 12, 1832" (1832). *George Champlin Sibley Papers*. 312.

<https://digitalcommons.lindenwood.edu/george/312>

This Correspondence is brought to you for free and open access by the George and Mary Easton Sibley Papers at Digital Commons@Lindenwood University. It has been accepted for inclusion in George Champlin Sibley Papers by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Lindenwood University. For more information, please contact [phuffman@lindenwood.edu](mailto:phuffman@lindenwood.edu).

V. Maxcy  
Solicitor of the Treasury.

George C. Sibley  
Washington June 12<sup>th</sup>. 1832.

Washington June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

To V. Maxcy Esquire  
Solicitor of the Treasury.

Sir,

Referring to my communication dated the 1<sup>t</sup>. Inst. in Relation to my Securityship for Paul Baillio & Co., I have now to ask a few moments of your time to the Same Subject:= My Request to be allowed to pay the Balance of this obligation in certain Lands at a fair valuation, you inform me cannot be acceded to, because there is no Law that in the opinion of the Department, authorizes Such compliance.

I understand it to be your opinion however, that the case I have presented is Such an one, as would very well justify the acceptance of my proposition, and that it would be accepted, if there existed any Law to Sanction the Receipt of Lands in payment of Debts due to the United States.

I propose therefore to make application to Congress for an Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to compromise and Settle with G. C. Sibley as Security of Baillio & Co. in Such manner as he may consider most just and equitable and most for the benefit of The United States, expecting that under the Sanction of Such an Act of Congress, my proposal, above Referred to, will be favourably considered, and that a final Settlement will be the Result= And inasmuch as Congress has already passed Acts of a Similar character, I can have no Reason to doubt that my application will be Successful, especially if it is permitted to be accompanied by your opinion of its propriety. Meanwhile, as it is impossible to foresee what delays may await, or what may be

the ultimate fate of my proposed application to Congress, I am constrained to ask of you an Order To Suspend all further proceedings in the case for three years from the 15th of July next, upon my pledging to The U. States (by Mortgage or Deed of trust) the tract of Land described in my communication of the 1<sup>t</sup>. Inst. herein Referred to- with the privilege Reserved to myself of making Sale of Said Land to the best advantage, with the approbation of the District Attorney for Missouri, for the Use of the United States.

It is perhaps unnecessary to Say, that the Act of Congress will Supercede the use of the Order to the District Attorney, which however, will be necessary in the event of Such Act being Refused, to enable me to make Sale of the Land, to the best advantage for all concerned-, and though I ask three years delay on the contingency Suggested, it is obviously my interest to dispense with as much of that time as I possibly can.

I will avail myself Sir of this occasion to Repel an insinuation that Some persons (I know not who) has circulated elsewhere, and possibly to my prejudice here- That I am or was, a Publick Defaulter:= I aver most Solemnly, and appeal to the official Records here to prove it, if necessary, that I am not nor ever was, in the most trifling degree, obnoxious to the charge, unless my interposition to Secure to the U. States a large Sum of money, that otherwise must inevitably have been lost can be So called.-

I owe nothing to The U. States on any account whatever, except my unfortunate Securityship for Paul Baillic & Co. And, as I have Stated elsewhere, I have never in any way whatever, been chargeable to or cost the United States even So much as one Cent.

I have the honor to be Sir, very Respectfully &.

G. C. Sibley