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## Letter from George Sibley to A.L. Magenis, December 29, 1834

George Champlin Sibley

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St. Charles Decem. 29, 1834.

Sir,

I have it in contemplation to Set out in a Short time for Jackson County, with the view of preventing as far as I am able, the Sacrifice of my land there, Should the Agt. of the U. S. persist in putting it up for Sale under execution= It is possible that I may be able to make Some Sale of that property before the Marshall Shall have advertised itthis it is my aim to do if I can= Or Shd. it be obliged to be Sold by the Marshall, my presence there will doubtless be of Service, as I am able to explain about the title, &.-=

As I may probably be able also to make Sales of the three other tracts of land in La Fayette & Jackson Counties, (formerly Sold as my property) I have to ask of you to furnish me as Soon as convent. your authority to make Such Sales, agreeably to the proposition that you offered me the other day at St. Louis to wit- That if I can Sell any of those lands for more than I gave them up to the U. S. for, you will allow me Credit for the Surplus: I claim the Right to avail myself of every fair and honorable means to extricate myself from this Security obligation, which it has always been my wish and intention to discharge fully- but which I warn you cannot possibly be done by the means now in progress: Should Mr. Maxcy comply with his agreement, and allow me the full time therein Stipulated, I can, & do venture to Say that the whole Balce. of the Debt interest and all, will be paid- for this however, no other Security than that already tendered you will be offered: There is no inducement whatever that can by any possibility influence me to allow any of my friends any where, to interpose their personal Security in this case: Mr. Gamble's offer to Mr. Maxcy was made

without my knowledge or consent= His last offer, to guaranty the forthcoming of my whole property & he made you with my knowledge= That offer is the utmost that I will Suffer any friend to make- And I am free to Say, that it ought to be accepted, and I presume will be-

Yr. Mo. Obt.

G. C. Sibley

To A. L. Magenis Esq<sup>r</sup>
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