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Letter from George Sibley to Virgil Maxcy, February 27, 1836

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V. Maxcy

George C. Sibley
Feb. 27, 1836.

Linden Wood, near St. Charles, February 27th, 1836

To V. Maxcy Esq^r.

Sir,

I had written the foregoing when at St. Louis the 14th Ulto., and was about to forward it to you; when my friend Mr. A. Gamble, suggested that as some difficulties had again arisen in the Surveyor's Office in Relation to the Survey of the Township in which my Ft. Osage land lies, I had better postpone my communication to you 'till it could be ascertained with Some degree of certainty what the Surveyor Gen^l. would decide as to that Survey, and as to the usual order for the Survey of the Land I claim= For inasmuch as my claim at Ft. Osage is my only Resource to pay this Debt (All my other property being incumbered by mortgages for other Debts, as I Stated to you in June 1832) it would be useless to trouble you any more on the Subject, unless Mr. Langham, the Surveyor Gen^l. at St. Louis, Should Soon come to Some conclusion favorable to the final adjustment and allowance of my claim= It has always been my fixed determination, never to allow any of my friends to advance money for me in this unfortunate Securityship= And I have uniformly Refused their offers to do So, and always Shall= The Ft. Osage property has always been deemed quite Sufficient for this purpose and has been hitherto held liable therefor, entirely unembarrassed by other claims= There yet Remain Some doubts, or Room for doubts, as to my title, and these are quite Sufficient to prevent anything like a fair Sale at this time= These doubts (which I know to be unreasonable) will I believe be Soon Removed; tho' they may Remain in Sufficient force (my friends think they will) to prevent a Sale of the Land for a year or eighteen months

to come= Mr. Gamble has, by my consent, concluded to Risk his Re-
muneration from my Ft. Osage claim- and he has made his proposition
with that view to Mr. Magenis the Dist. Attorney, a copy of which I
herewith enclose you by his permission= This proposition you will
observe, was made 10 days ago= But as Mr. Magenis is Still Sick
and is not well able to attend to business, it may not yet have been
communicated to you; which however, he promised to do as Soon as he
was able, and to Recommend its acceptance=

It may not be out of place to State, that the Modicom of the Debt
which may be Secured by the Sacrifice of my property under Execution
cannot now be collected and paid over 'till September next=

I assure you Sir, that my Resources Remain in Statu quo as to my
liability to the U. States, my means of paying off this Debt are not at
all diminished, but are Somewhat increased Since January 1835 by the
erection of Some additional Buildings at Linden Wood designed, if not
prevented by this Judgt., for the establishment of a School for the
Education of Girls upon a large and liberal plan.

Genl. Ashley will Satisfy you I am Sure tho' of the entire fair-
ness and Safety of Mr. Gamble's offer, and that you cannot err in adopt-
ing it, as the Surest means of doing justice to the U. States, to me,
and to your own feelings and liberal views- very respectfully Sir,

Yr. MO. Obt. Svt:

G. C. Sibley