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## George Sibley Statement on Job Applicants for Santa Fe Trail Survey

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A great many other applications (probably 200 in all) were rec<sup>d</sup>. by the comm<sup>n</sup> for the App<sup>t</sup>. of Sec<sup>y</sup>. and Surveyor- M<sup>r</sup>. Arch<sup>d</sup>. Gamble was chosen for the first & M<sup>r</sup>. Jos. C. Brown for the other place. Mr. Brown was preferred to all his competitors without a moment's hesitation, as being in the opinion of the Comm<sup>ers</sup>. best qualified in all respects- M<sup>r</sup>. Gamble's pretensions for Sec<sup>y</sup>. were tho't. at least equal to those of any other applicant; and he was preferred because he was accustomed to the business of Surveying with M<sup>r</sup>. Brown (whose business habits he was familiar with) No ass<sup>t</sup>. Surveyor was allowed, and as one might become necessary from sickness or accident, and some embarrassment might be occasioned for want of one, and M<sup>r</sup>. G. having said he would if required aid in that Service; the Comm<sup>n</sup> gave him the preference for that reason.

G. C. S.

St. Louis - May 1825