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Letter from George Sibley to Pedro Martinez, August 23, 1826

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In answer to your Note to me of yesterday, in which you require my personal appearance before you that you may communicate to me certain orders from the Governor of this Territory.

I have to say to you, Sir, that I deem it proper to decline altogether, a compliance with your extraordinary demand. It is well known to you, Sir, that I am here on business for my Government, and you ought to know that whatever official intercourse I may have in the Country must be with the Superior authorities, & not with you.

The Governor is already apprised of every circumstance in relation to my business, and I am in possession of his authority to examine & survey a Road from here to the Arkansas agreeably to the permission granted by The President of Mexico. I shall commence my operations tomorrow, in conformity with that permission, with an escort of armed men.

with due respect, I am
Yr. obt. Svt:

G. C. SIBLEY.

To Pedro Martinez
deputy Alcalde
Rancho.

23d August 1826.