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Washington D. C.

Clerk's office Ho. Rep

May 24 1833

Sir,

In answer to your inquiries relative to the appropriation made at the last session for the payment of the balance due the commissioners who marked out the road from Missouri to New Mexico. I have to state, that the item marking the appropriation is contained I=in one of the general appropriation bills and is in the following words "For payment of a balance due the commissioner under the Act of third of March 1825, for marking out a road to the confines of New Mexico, \$1504.54"And the above item was founded on the following resolution introduced by Genl. Ashley in the 28th Jany. 1833. "Resolved, that the committee of ways & means, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of marking an appropriation in money to discharge the balance due George C. Sibley, Benjn. Reeves, and Thomas Mather, late commissioners appointed to locate a road from the State of Missouri to New Mexico"

The above is all the information the records of this office will afford.

Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

S. Burch

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P.s. The words "commissioner" in the singular number is used in the law, instead of a "commissioners" in the plural. It was an error in printing the bill originally for the rough draft of the chamber or the committee. The error followed in the several subsequent drafts of the bill, and is in the printed acts of the session. Mr. Clark is absent on the seat of prevented at this time