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Letter from Benjamin Reeves to George Sibley, January 18, 1834

Benjamin H. Reeves

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Fayette Jany. 18. 1834

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will receive my affidavit & the original instructions from the War Department which you suggested in your last communication. I concur with you in thinking it best to procure our representatives in congress to make an application to the executive department for the settlements of our accounts. Let them at the same time be furnished with a petition to congress for the settlement of the accounts as rendered to which you will sign my name and if they an application to the Executive find that nothing can be done. Then let them present the petition at once to congress for ___. I will write my self immediately my friends in Washington on the subject. It will devolve upon you from your better knowledge of the facts of the case to prepare a fall statement of the case for Genrls. Ashley & Bull, and to enable me to lay before other friends at Washington that fall. You will please furnish me immediately with a copy of your statement also a copy of the petition which you may forward to congress.

With Respect & esteem

Yrs. Mo. Truly

B. H. Reeves

G. C. Sibley esqr.