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**Letters from George Sibley to Benjamin Reeves & Thomas Mather,
February 7-16, 1826**

George Champlin Sibley

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These will not cost exceeding \$180 packed

The following is a list of articles that I think it will be proper for Cols. Reeves and Attkin to bring out with them to Santa Fee; exclusive of what they may lay in for their own use on their way out (to wit.)

One piece of Scarlet Cloth such as costs at St Louis abt \$2.50 per yd
one piece of Blue ditto - - - - - 2.00 per yd

Two pieces of Salamanders of very gay patterns

One piece of wide bleached power loom sheeting 22 to 25 ebs a yd

Three Dozen printed cotton kts; or shawls of very gay colour such as will cost about \$3.50 a Doz. at St Louis.

One Gross, or four rolls broad scarlet gartering.

Two rolls of two inch Ribbons gay coloured.

Two dozen paper Looking Glasses.

Two dozen best Butcher Knives.

Ten pounds of China Vermillion.

Fifty pounds of common plug Tobacco at 6 1/4¢ a pound

#47 One chest of Duponts best rifle powder 6 Doz, canisters and as much lead as will serve to use with it, & loose flints

One hundred pounds of lump or leaf Sugar.

One hundred pounds of good Coffee.

#49 Ten pounds of best Tea.

One Dozen bottles of first mustard

Two ounces of Tartar Emetica

#5 One lb. of calomel.

One dozen of genuine pills

Tools and camp equipage (viz)

Ten good sharp Axes with two handles to each.

Five pounds of hammered nails of different sizes.

One thousand horse shoe nails.

Forty yards of good tow linnen for waggon covers.

Ten good strong twilled bags.

Half a Dozen horse collars.

Some of these are on
the balance of
the acct. of July 5. 1826

Some leather and waxed thread to repair harnessing.
A sufficiency of Kettles, pans, cups, for camp use
The foregoing list will probably cost abt \$400 to ^{it} fill
which sum is within my estimation for this item of
expense.

Besides the above which I propose to be packed up
for our use upon our return home from here I presume
such other tools such as spades, axes & wedges as may be needed
on the way out here will be brought; the greater part
of which I suppose to be on hand.

This list particularly the first items of \$180 each is
predicated on the supposition that our funds will not
be augmented by congress, and that no farther Indian
negotiation will be necessary

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G C Sibley

Santa Fe 7th July 1826

San Fernando Taus 14th July 1826

To B H Peeres &

Thomas Mather Esq
Commissioners & Gentlemen

Enclosed you will find a
list of mules, horses and other public property, that I
send you by the party under the direction of Capt
Braunin; that starts from this place tomorrow morning
for Missouri, and also a statement shewing the precise
state of those six men's accounts since the 22nd of September
last. Besides the six men I send there are about
I believe twelve or fifteen others; all well mounted and
equipped, the greater number of whom I understand intend
returning here in the spring with the very first caravan.
Upon examination of the waggon No 1 I think I will
not sell it as I mentioned I expected to do; in our

of my letters from Santa Fe. so that it will not be necessary for you to bring out but one waggon, if you should think with me that three will be sufficient for our service on our return home from here next summer. Mr Paul Batis who goes in with this party thinks he will purchase the other waggon if you should conclude to sell it, and we have said to him that he should have the refusal of No 4 or No 6 at a fair price as you and he may agree; provided it is not previously engaged.

I omitted to insert in my list of articles to be brought out, half a dozen common cheap blades, which I think you to add, and bring with you. I have nothing further to communicate; and am very respectfully
Copy

Y, obt. Servt
G. C. Sibley.

San Fernando 15th February, 1836

Messrs Reeves & Walker
Commissioners
Gentlemen since I closed my other letters and packed them away I have paid Capt. Brannin \$9,50 on account which amount now stands charged agst his wages since the 22nd of Sept. I have paid each of the six men in full for their subsistence up to the 1st April at the rate of \$1.50 per month. Altho nothing has been said about it I consider that the pay of these men will be of course suspended for the time between their arrival home and their commencing service again in the spring.

I have let Mr Bagg have one of the horses he engages either to furnish Capt Brannin a good pack mule or to settle for the horse with you at \$40

I have directed Capt Brannin to deliver all the mules, saddles &c to Col, Reeves except two that John Walker has charge of which I considered had

better not be taken lower than Fort Osage —
Walker will take care of them and be allowed reason-
able compensation for it. One of the mules mention-
ed in my list got away last night and I suppose
has run back to Santa Fe where I purchased it.
still the complement of 14 in all is made up by the
arrangement with Mr Boggs.

It just occurs to me to
mention that a thousand saddle packs will be wanting
which please to add to the list. I am very respectfully
Copy

Y^r mos, Olt. Svt

J. C. Sibley

San Fernando 16th Feby, 1826

To Messrs B & H Reeves &
Thomas Walker Esqs
Commissioners &
Gentlemen

I beg leave to introduce to
you Mr Paul Ballio to whom I am under ~~some~~ obliga-
tions for his assistance on many occasions since I came
here. If Mr Ballio should conclude to take one of
the two waggons No 4 or 6 as I mentioned he probably
would in another letter to you, and you and he can
agree as to the price; I have arranged with him to pay
for it here, so that you may charge the price of the waggon
to my account. I have a settlement to make here with
Mr Ballio for corn already received from him, and
for wheat bargained for to make flour for our journey.
The waggon will therefore be charged to that account.

W^m S. Williams has given Mr Ballio an order on me
for \$58; and Jno S. Davis another for \$70 on acct of
their wages, and I have drawn this day on Tracy and
Wahrenanoff for \$128 (the amt. of these two orders) for,
if Mr Ballio payable at ten days sight Be pleased to direct
the acct to be paid and charge it to Williams & Davis
as above stated.

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Y^r mos, Olt Svt

J. C. Sibley