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## Incomplete Letter from George Sibley to Samuel Sibley, 1805

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Samuel H. Sibley  
Wilmington

George C. Sibley  
1805

Fragment of letter.

3d- Wm. B. Grove owes by Bond  $\$646\frac{91}{100}\frac{2}{3}$  with some Int. say in all abt. \$680. the Bond I have endorsed to Mrs. Sibley and put into the Hands of Mr. Duffy for collection. I have directed Mr. Duffy not to Bring Suit 'till he sees Mr. Grove, and at all events delay it 'till he finds it necessary.

4th- Owen Clinton confessed a Jud<sup>t</sup> in our County Court for \$75 with Int. from 8th Sept. 1803, 'till paid. This Money ought to be collected at Jan<sup>y</sup>. Court Next, and will I think without doubt. Wm. H. Williams has the management of it. I have given Mrs. Sibley an order on the Clerk for this Money when collected.

In Bundle D you will find everything necessary for you to know in the Business Moses Hopkins Vs Father. Mr. Cochran was present at the transferring the Bills of Exchange &.

E. contains Miss Nessfields Acc<sup>t</sup> & an old Note of Purviences they may be of some use hereafter, so I'd advise you to preserve them.

I must request of you to attend to some little affairs I am forced to leave unsettled here; I am compelled to leave my Acc<sup>t</sup>. with Mr. Winslow unsettled; it will be out of my power to state to you now the precise am<sup>t</sup>. I shall owe him, it will not exceed \$275. tho, I am sure, & I shall not owe a Cent to any one else here. I have some expectation that Father will send me a Supply of Cash sufficient to discharge this debt, but it will not arrive I fear, before I am gone. I have Requested Mr. Haskes (?) to forward you all Letters that may come to this Office for me, you will therefore not Hesitate to Read them all, & forward to me at St. Louis only such as

you think worth that trouble. Should Father send me any money, you will please pay my Acct<sup>t</sup>. here and appropriate the Bal<sup>ce</sup> (if any) to use of Father, not failing to give me notice of it as soon as possible.

Any directions which may be contained in letters from Father to me Respecting his business in this Country, you will consider given to you & act accordingly.

And now having finished this very deformed detail of our Affairs in No. C. I will with all possibly Brevity, let you a little more into the Nature of my mission to the Westward, knowing it will be some little satisfaction to you.

I have already informed you that I have Rec<sup>d</sup>. the App<sup>t</sup>. of Assistant Agent to the factory at St. Louis in Upper Louisiana with a compensation of \$700 p. Annum, & a promise from the Sec<sup>y</sup> of War of further promotion if my conduct is satisfactory. I can only say in Addition now a little concerning the Town of St. Louis.- St. Louis is Situated on the Mississippi River about 20 Miles below the mouth of the Missouri, Latitude ab<sup>t</sup>. 39 degrees North, Longitude ab<sup>t</sup>. 15½ degrees West of Philadelphia. from the best acct<sup>s</sup>. I have been able to obtain 'tis very pleasantly Situated & very Healthy, contains about 150 Houses, principally of Stone & some very Handsome. Inhabitants French, Spanish & American, principally I believe the Latter, 'tis the Seat of Government of the Territory of Upper Louisiana, & Head Quarters of the Army of the United States. from these circumstance, it may I think, very well be inferred, that my Situation will be Rather a pleasant one, as the Society will undoubtedly be very good.

I confess I feel much Regret at leaving Fayetteville, but this is a weakness I do not wonder at, and shall not attempt to rid myself of it, for I could never forgive myself if I did not feel partiality for the inhabitants of a Town among whom I have Spent so many Years, many of the Younger

ones indeed who have grown up with me from infancy, but 'tis useless for me to recount to you causes & excuses for my present feelings. Your own heart will point them out to you.

Tho. I feel painful Sensations as the time approaches for me to bid farewell to my Friends in N<sup>o</sup>. C. I hope I shall be able to muster firmness enough to do it like a Man, & not betray myself by snivelling, sobbing and crying. When Rightly considered 'tis nothing more than giving moments of pain for Years of pleasure.

Time presses & I must conclude. You may wait a Letter from me before you write me. I hope you will often write Father & the Family. God Bless you. Farewell

Affectly

Geo. C. Sibley

Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Sibley. Wilmington