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**George Sibley Prospectus on Creation of TOCSIN Newspaper,  
February 1, 1834**

George Champlin Sibley

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## PROSPECTUS

TO THE PUBLIC.- As soon as Subscriptions can be obtained, sufficient to justify the measure, the Subscriber proposes to commence the publication of a Weekly Journal in the town of St. Charles, Mo., under his own immediate and exclusive editorial direction; and solicits, for the undertaking, your patronage and support. A mere outline of the Plan, on which it is intended to conduct the proposed publication, is all that can be given in an address like this consistently with its proper limitation.

The character of the paper, shall be marked by its perfect independence; and entire exemption from the influence of party or factious foolery; a due observance of the obligations of courtesy; and an unceasing regard for the dignity of Truth. It shall convey to its readers useful information, in relation to Agriculture and Horticulture- Trade and Commerce- Arts and Manufactures- Politics- Religion- The passing events of the day, & serving as a faithful intelligencer, to the extent of its ability, on all subjects connected with the Public prosperity and happiness; most especially on that, which the undersigned regards as among the most important of all, Education. So far as the Paper may obtain influence over public sentiment, in respect to our National and State concerns, its uniform tendency shall be to preserve and strengthen the Union of the States entire; and to maintain the principles of the Federal Constitution, as defined and acted on by the great Republican majority, up to the year 1828.

Arrangements will be made to procure regular and early intelligence from all parts of the Union, and from other countries; which with other resources at his disposal, will enable the Editor to make his Journal useful and interesting as a family Miscellany, and to give it

a more literary cast, than it is common for news-papers to possess; to effect which, will be with him, favorite and leading objects.

It is proper here to state, that St. Charles (situate on the Missouri, eighteen miles above its confluence with the Mississippi, and at the same distance north-westwardly from St. Louis) enjoys, and from its position ever must enjoy, equally with St. Louis, the facilities of the Mails. At present, mails are received at St. Charles, three times a week from the Eastward, and from the North, South and West, each twice a week: and they depart as often, in each of those directions respectively.

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Subscriptions to be dated on the first transmission of the Paper to Subscribers respectively.

St. Charles, Feb. 1, 1834

G. S. Sibley

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