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St. Louis March 4th 1844

Geo C. Sibley Esq

St. Charles

Dear Sir. Your favor of the 1st Inst was recd on

Saturday, and the letter for New Orleans Sent by the "Alex Scott" hence on yesterday. The New Orleans Boats now in Port will all leave before the time you mention for being here with the Lindsay negroes, but other Boats are looked for daily, and I think there will be no doubt but you can get off on Saturday or Sunday- by the middle of the week I can without doubt make the necessary contract and will then write you specifically.

Please say to Mrs. Sibley that I have her valued favor of the 22nd Ult, and that it will give me much pleasure to further her laudable undertaking in any way in my power. As regards Mary Jane Simonds, it certainly would give me much pleasure to see her educated properly and brought under proper religious influences, but as I learn from Uncle Nathaniel who is now in our City, that her Father is not only able but willing, to give her such Education, it would not seem proper for me to interfere, and more especially in this case, were I am assured that great injustice has been done to Cousin Oliver's Second wife personally I know nothing of the difference with the relatives of the first wife, and have only to regret that any should exist.

Yesterday was a very interesting day in our Church- thirty odd were received to our Communion on Profession of their Faith, and some 8 or 10 by letter from other Churches. There is yet much interest in the Congregation- many others are deeply impressed with the importance of preparing for another world, and may perhaps yet come forward. I never knew the time when

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religion was so generally the subject of reflection and conversation in all circles as at present.

The Lord grant that such may continue to be the case until the knowledge of the savior shall cover the Earth.

Your friend

John Simonds

The package for Capt. Kimball went by the Missouri- the Clerk was to deliver it in person.