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Letter from Louis Sibley to George Sibley, April 23, 1812

Louis Sibley

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Mr. Louis H. Sibley
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Geo. C. Sibley
Geo. Town, Col.
April 23 1812
with \$250

George town April 23^d, 1812

D^r. Hopkins

I fear you have begun to Suspect I did not intend to write you- bad roads, timid stage-drivers and bad weather, detained me on the Road, So that I did not reach this place till the 18th Inst.- I Should have Sent you the \$250 Sooner, but expecting every day an adjournment of Congress, I defered it in order to Send you Gold by the hand of Mr. McBryde, but as the 1^t of May is near at hand (when you ought to be off) I have tho't it best to wait no longer for an adj't therefore I have Sent you herein enclosed Three Columbia Notes (drawn myself from the bank) vizt.

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| No. 440-A- | 25 th June 1871, | Jas. Jabel | for | \$100. |
| " 499-A- | 25 th June | " " | " " | \$100. |
| " 327-A- | 15 th Sept | " John Ireland | " | 50. |

which I trust will Reach you Safe and in due Season and Serve your purpose- I refer you to the Nat^l Intelligencer of this morning for an Article Relative to the Creek Indians- altho' the names are stated, I am not inclined to credit the Story- I want you to be very prudent, and not Run any Risks- you know how to estimate the value of Such bloody tales- enquire further, and weigh matters well- At any Rate there will be no danger till after you pass Col. Hawkins Since my Arrival here, I have been kept very busy at the Indian Office. This Morning we dispatched the Indⁿ. Supplies for the westward in Boats up the Potomack- I shall follow in about a week via Pittsburgh and as Soon as possible find my old Station in the Missouri, and Shall have the Satisfaction to Resume my duty with

the unimpaired, but increased confidence of the President and Gen^l. Mason; the exertions of my enemies to injure me notwithstanding.

I have not had time to learn how "The War wags"- On Sunday I had the honor to dine at Gen^l Masons with Sundry Senators and Representatives, who were clearly of opinion that War is inevitable and that it will be declared in due form in less than a month.

On Rec^t. of this, you will be pleased without fail to write me (at St. Louis, Terr^y. of Louisiana) fully and very minutely on the Subject of your journey. I want to know all about your Horses, Carriages, harness and the whole economy of the expedition. You can't be too minute- And again, fail not to inform me (in the Same particular manner) of your Arrival at Natchitoches- It is impossible for you to know how very great will be my anxiety till I hear from you after the conclusion of your journey- When you Shall have Rec^d. this, I Shall have a claim ⁿor Father for \$350. Cash, which you will inform him of, if you think proper (I shall not) when you See him- Tell Henry, I consider George as on loan from him, and if he wishes any writings to be executed, I will do it cheerfully, (tho' I presume none are necessary) At all events give him to know that I am determined to Satisfy him, completely on the Subject; and in the meantime Shall discipline George into Some better habits than I find he has imbibed Some how or other-

Give my love to Ann Eliza, She must by no means neglect to write me on her arrival at Natchitoches- I need not charge you to be particularly attentive to her comfort and accomodation on the road-

Compt^s. to Miss Nessfield and all enquiring friends- My next will be dated "Ft. Osage" after I Shall have heard of your

Arrival -----

God Bless you all, and -----

you.

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Affectionately y-----

G.-----

Mr. Louis H. Sibley