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## Letter from George Sibley to Benjamin Reeves, February 22, 1827

George Champlin Sibley

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Ft: Osage 22.<sup>d</sup> Feby. 1827.

D: Sir,

Judging entirely from what I have heard you and others Say of the late Mr. Bailey's Negro Man Levi, I am pretty nearly persuaded that he will Suit me extremely well, and have this day written to my friend Mr: Leonard to ask the favour of him to attend the Sale and bid him off for me, provided he does not go above a certain limited Sum; and Provided also. that you will Supply the Money for me to pay for him, in the event of his being bid off for me by Mr: Leonard – I would have left money for this purpose when lately at Franklin; if I could then have made up my mind to purchase or bid for this Negro. At all events there will be enough, and more \_\_\_ \_\_\_ out of the Mexican Road fund to meet the cost of the purchase. Should it happen to be made for me by Mr. Leonard – In the event of Levi being bid off for me, I Shall want him here as Soon as possible; And if you deem it Safe to trust him, I will thank you to mount him on my little Mule (with the letter P. on his right, or off hip) Supply him with as much Money as will defray his expenses, Say \$5, give him a pass, + direct him to make the best of his way to me – I presume the fellow may Safely be trusted.

The Mule is known best by the name of the Savary Mule, as I got him in exchange from Mr. Savary for a Sorrel Horse - So Reynolds knows him. – I want that Mule to ride out on the Road in the Spring, and Should like to have him here a while before we Start to put him in order + get used to him –

Since my return home, I have given my whole time, exclusively to my own affairs. As Soon as I get them a little out of the confusion I found them in; I Shall have leisure to attend, in good time, to the Road business again - I think you had better engage three hands, who will be wanting to bring up the Mules +c. – I do not think we ought to allow over \$16 (?) a Month – In fact we cannot now afford to pay more than the current wages of Labourer. –

Yours very truly

G. C. Sibley

B. H. Reeves Esqr. –