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Letter from George Sibley to W. B. Lewis, July 21, 1829

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St. Charles, July 21, 1829

To W. B. Lewis, Esq.,
2nd Auditor

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 20th ultimo in relation to 7 tents furnished by Capt. Brant of the Quarter Masters Dept at St. Louis, June 1825 for the use of the Commissioners or the road to N. Mexico.--I have to inform you that the tents in question were very nearly all worn out and destroyed in the Public Service--what remained of them were sold at Public Auction, with a great deal of other property that remained on hand after the Commissioners had completed their surveys and examination--The sum for which the tents sold (15.16) is included in the amount received for the other property sold (349.70) of which proper entry is made in the Acct of the Commissioners received to the appropriate offices in November 1827--When the Commissioners were preparing their accounts they were well aware that the value of the seven tents was due from the Road to the Quarter Masters Dept and if the sum could have been ascertained and any person found willing to receive and receipt for it, it would have been thus entered--Now that our accounts have all been rendered and the funds exhausted it will be impracticable to adopt that method.

Such are the facts sir in regard to this matter--and I am ready to certify them in any manner and form that you may prescribe and I have no doubt Col. Reeves and Mather the other Commissioners will readily join me in the certificate if it is desired. One of them residing about 80 and the other 40 miles from this plan.

I am sir, respectfully your obedient servant,
Signed G. C. Sibley.

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