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**Letter from Peter Hagner to George Sibley, Benjamin Reeves,
Thomas Mather, April 20, 1831**

Peter Hagner

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Treasury Department
8 Auditors Office
April 20, 1831.

Gentlemen:

It appears from the books of this office here that you are charged with \$20,000 advanced to you in the years 1825 and 1826 for marking a road from the western frontiers of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico, and for the disbursement of this and for other moneys advanced to you on account of the Indian Department-- An account and abstract unaccompanied by any bill or receipt for the money expended has been referred to this office from that of the chief engineers and here it becomes my duty to call your attention to the subject.

It appears from a letter addressed by Mr. Sibley to the Secretary of War of the 28th October 1828 that a great many of the expenditures were made under circumstances that forbade the taking of formal receipts and tho you have in your possession many vouchers in the usual form that it was not deemed necessary to forward them. As no adjustment of your account can be made without such vouchers and in cases where no vouchers were taken a satisfactory explanation of the circumstances that rendered the taking of vouchers impracticable and a detail of the items constituting the aggregate amount charged in each item contained in the abstract. I have to request may be forwarded to this office with as little delay as practicable--with a separate amount and abstract for the expenditures for the Road district from that for the Indian Department in order that a settlement of your accounts may be made otherwise it will be my duty according to the instructions of the 2nd comptroller to report your amount to him for final determination.

Respectfully yours,
Your obedient servant
Peter Hagner Aud.

Messrs. B. H. Reeves,
G. C. Sibley and
J. Mathers
late commissioners etc.
St. Charles, Mo.