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## Letter from A.B. Chambers to George Sibley, May 12, 1840

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A. B. Chambers  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1840  
Rec<sup>d</sup>. & Ans<sup>d</sup> May 13

St. Louis May 12th 1840

Dr Sir,

It is due to you that I should explain why I have not yet complied with your directions. My only reason was this last week, early in the week I received a letter from Mr. Cady the Editor of the Times, at Fayette, in which he uses this expression, "The action of the Central Committee will I expect appear in my next." By due course of mail his paper should have reached here last Saturday or Sunday but it has not yet come. I thought best to hold your announcement up untill I saw his paper when, if there has been any action by the Committee I would have sent it to you that you might act as you thought best. I have been waiting day after day for this paper and yet have no intelligence of it. I hope that you will deem my course proper. If the paper comes in a day or two & contains anything I will send it to you if not I will insert the announcement as you request unless you in the meantime order otherwise.

I would have been much gratified to have seen you and had an opportunity of conversing with you on this subject. The limits of a letter will not permitt me to say all I wish.

My letters from the Upper Missouri all express the belief that Ryland will be a candidate. Some say he will not run if Samuel remains in the field others that he will run anyhow. When he left here a few days since I understood that he had said, for I had no conversation with him, that he would run only in the event that there was but one Whig in the field. Wheather he will run or not, I am unable to say, but I know he wants to. If he is a candidate I think it very



doubtful wheather I could support him. His letter to the Boonslick Democrat I think should cut off from him the Whig support, for in that he is unequivocal in his opposition to them and their measures. The only thing that has induced me to not oppose his running is that several of our friends in the Upper country think that his running would help Clark and also help the Whigs in electing the legislature.

I do not believe that any man need run at this time with the belief that he can be elected, for although there are changes occurring constantly in the state still I do not think they are sufficiently numerous to change the popular vote. We can carry the legislature but that is all.

Samuels was nominated by the Central Committee nearly two months ago & when they wrote to him they signified that the other nominee would be named in a few days or weeks On this Samuels, notwithstanding he had not been announced, took the field & had visited several counties and districts. He wrote to me a few days since advising me of the situation the Committee had placed him in, and that it was too late for him to retreat, and desired that I should announce him which I did.

It occurred to me from the sentance in Mr. Cady's letter and from the total ignorance here of what the Committee are doing or intend doing that I if I announced you as you desired in the first paper I might place you in an unpleasant situation if the Committee should also make a nomination.

Thursday I make up the Weekly Republican it is worked off on Thursday night & Friday. If you can I would like to hear from you in time for that paper as this would save one week in the spread of the news in the interior. In fact if I do not hear from you or something

from Fayette, which I shall think you would like to see before you  
are announced, I will announce you in Thursdays paper.

Yours truly

A. B. Chambers