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Letter from George Sibley & Thomas Mather to the [Secretary of War], January 20, 1827

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The undersigned two of the commissioners appoint to carry into effect the Act of Congress to "mark out a road to New Mexico" having met have by appointment, for the __ of business, & having the __ of Col. Reeves the other comsr. Who cannot conveniently [page damaged] have, have after due deliberation, and consideration agreed to make the following order, & it is accordingly made.

That there shall be no report made to the government in relation to the road this season, further than is contained in their __ of day to the Secy. Of War, copy of which is on file.

That an immediate examination shall be made into the Account of the commissioners with the view of ascertaining as nearly as possible the balance remaining unexpended of the appropriation; the examination shall be made by Mr. Sibley who shall for that purpose take into his hands all the papers and Accounts of the commission; he shall adjust, settle and pay off all just demands against the Commissioners, dispose of such property on hand as may and probably be needed hereafter, and as soon as possible ascertain what sums there remains on hand.

That the commd, on a majority of them shall set out from[?] the frontier near Ft. Osage as early in next April as practicable, to review the road as surveyed from Ft. Osage to the Arkansas River, with the view of making all necessary corrections therein and of "marking out" by mounds and path & the same. Which review & marking out & shall be made upon such scale as may seem to be justified by the state of the funds remaining in hand; and shall be affected by the hive of suitable persons as near the __ as possible, to do the necessary __ and service; under the duration of the coms.

That so soon as the above review & as completed the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at this city for the purpose of setting up and forwarding to Washington the full report of their doings.

G.C. Sibley

Thomas Mather