

Western Frontier Military

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THE undersigned having been directed to put under contract that portion of the Western Frontier Military Road extending from the Marais de Cygne, to Spring River, about

85 MILES,

invites all those who may be desirous of becoming Contractors for any portion of this work, and wish to become acquainted with the topography of the country through which the survey passes, to meet him at Westport, Mo., on THURSDAY, the 19th inst, & accompany him in an examination of the Route.

The whole distance will be divided into sections of convenient lengths, and each section offered for contract separately. Detailed plans of the different sections will be prepared as soon as the route shall have been examined, and due notice given of the time when the contracts will be let.

The following extract from the act of Congress, defines the mode of construction :

“The timber shall be cut down to a reasonable width, and the wet and marshy places shall be causewayed or otherwise rendered passable; cheap bridges shall be erected on the smaller streams not having good fords across them; and when it may be found necessary, the road may be thrown up in the centre.”

THO'S. SWORDS, *Capt. A. Q. M.*

Asst. Qr. Master's Office,
Fort Leavenworth, Sept. 10, 1839. }

Questions

Use the primary source above to answer the following questions:

- 1) What two points does the ad mention the US army wants to connect?
How many miles?
- 2) Who is eligible to take part in the project?
- 3) Where and when will the meeting to discuss the project be held?
- 4) Who determined how the road would be constructed?
- 5) Describe how the road will be constructed?
- 6) Why do you think people would want to become contractors and get involved in the project?