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## Letter from George Sibley to General James O'Hara, August 6, 1808

George Champlin Sibley  
*St. Louis*

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Genl. O'hara  
Pittsbg.

Geo. C. Sibley

St. Louis, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1808.

Sir,

I use the freedom to trouble you with the concerns of John Speer who was unfortunately drowned (while in my Service) on the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. 2 Miles above the Mouth of the River Merrimak on the Mississippi; I do this, because I am told you probably know Something of him and Family near Pittsburgh – for the particulars of this melancholy accident, I beg leave to refer you to Joseph Ogden, Archd. Warden or Ebenezer Wilson who were his companions at the time.

Every exertion was made to Save him, one Man (a Free Negro by name Bill Brooks, who lately was in the employ of the Person who keeps Tavern in Pittsburg at the Sign of the Cross Keys) lost his life in the attempt, and another (Archd. Wilson) was very near Sharing the same fate. The bodies were Searched for but could not be found – The principal reason of my troubling you is to put his Relations in a way to get the amt. of his Wages and what effects he had with him at his decease – his Wages is

From 9<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> July, both days included, at

¢50 pr. Day -----	\$25.00
Expenses back to Pittsburgh -----	<u>\$25.00</u>
	\$50.00
Deduct \$5. which I advanced him in Pittsburgh -----	<u>5.00</u>
	\$45.00

His effects consist of 12 or 13 pieces of Clothing & a Pocket Book which I have had put up in a Bundle - A legal application to Mr. Alex McNair will attended to and the \$45 in Cash together with the bundle of Clothes delivered on demand, agreeably to the enclosed Rect. & due Bill –

G. C. S.