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Diary May 7, 1808
to
Sept. 3, 1811.

Washington City Tuesday May 17th., 1808.

This day Rec^d. from the hands of the Secretary of War (Gen^l. Dearborn) the Appointment of Agent to the U. States Factory or Trading Post- House established at the Osage River in the Territory of Louisiana, accompanied by a Letter informing me that my Compensation as Agent aforesaid, will be \$600 a year Salary & \$365 annually in lieu of Subsistence, with an outfit for the purchase of domestic utensils &c. of \$200- and \$25 annually for the same purpose after the first year.-

Thursday 19th.

This day I Subscribed and Swore to an Oath of office before Doctor Thornton, agreeably to the form prescribed by law, & lodged it with Mr. Smith first Clerk in the War Office.

Friday 20th.

Wrote this day by Mail (franked by the Sec^y. of War) to John Winslow Esq^r. Bayetteville N^o. Car. enclosing him my Bond of Office for Signature also a Note to John Hay Esq^r. Requesting his name also to the bond. I desired Mr. Winslow to enclose the Bond after it is duly executed, to Jn^o, Wagon, Esq^r, Sup^t. In. Trade, under the same cover I enclosed Mr. Winslow \$100 in a Note of the U. S. Bank, on Acct. of a debt that I owe him-- This evening about 4 P. M. 2 Boats Started for Cumberland Mary^d. having on board 77 Packages of Goods, the Property of the U. States, John Johnson Esq^r. & myself, all are destined for Wheeling and to be sent on to that place by Mr. McMahon of Cumberland-

Yesterday I Rec^d. from John Mason Esq^r. Sup^t. In. Trade the following Sums of Money Vizt.

In Advance of my Salary Acct.-----\$600.00

In full of my Compensation to to the 17th

Inst. as Ass ^t . Ag ^t . to the St. Louis Factory-----	87.66
For John Johnson Esq ^r . to be accounted for by me-----	131.00
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	218.66
P ^d . Ross & Getty's bill Ag ^t . Johnson-----	103.96
this day P ^d . Patrick Mc Carty's bill of Fr ^t . Ag ^t . Mr. Johnson	7.59
P ^d . Milligan's Bill-----	20.82
P ^d . Hack to carry trunk up to Boat-----	1.50
Pd. Freight of the trunk-----	0.75
Pd. Cartage &c.-----	0.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	137.00

Mr. Johnson owes me 6 Dollars.-

Sunday 22^d.

Wrote to John Sibley- Mary Sibley & Sam^l. H. Sibley -

Wednesday May 25th.

Rec^d. this day from Gen^l. Dearborn & Gen^l. Mason my final instructions &c. and I shall set off in the morning for Baltimore on my way to Pittsburgh- Rec^d. of Gen^l. Mason \$400 to hire Boat hands & pay other expences of transportation from Pittsburgh to St. Louis- for which I am to account.-

Thursday 26th.

Set off in the Stage for Baltimore this morning at 5 O'clk:- Reached Baltimore by 5 P. M.

Friday 27th.

Got a parcel of Silver ornaments from Tho^s. Warner amounting to for which Sum I drew on John Mason Esq^r. Supt. In. Tr.- wrote to J. Mason this day.

Saturday 28th.

Bo^t. 50 pieces tinsel lace from Fred^k. Hammer for \$70 & drew on Supt. In. Tr. in pay^t.- Also bo^t. Several articles for my own use, as Coat, Pantaloon, Flannel- Paper, a treatise on Mineralogy- Pistol, Flint, &c

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Flask- Spy glass- Powder- Sword Cane- Cupping Instrument- Spring lancet-
So. &c.-

Rec^d. of Mr. Horne a Small Bundle, & a little Jap^d. Box for Cap^t.
House also a Set (2 Vols) Espriellas Letters- Wrote to Gen^l. Mason-
Sunday May 29th. 1808.

Went on Board the Phil^a. Packet (old line) at 5 A. M. 13 passengers on
board- Sailed at 10- Reached Frenchtown at 6 P. M.- On board the Packet
at New Castle at 11, after driving 17 Miles in the Stage from French
Town.

Monday 30th.

Arrived in Philadelphia at 7 A. M. Put up at the Mansion House Hotel.
Met Major Pike, Lieut. Murray & Several other officers there- also fell
in with W. P. Hunt of S^t. Louis- Went to Lieut. See Mr. Cushing &
Miss Mc Kee (or Mc Ree)- Pike and Hunt talk of Setting off for S^t. Louis
in 10 days-

Tuesday 31st.

Set off at 4 this Morning in the Stage for Pittsburh- Stage ful -
went 12 Miles beyond Lancaster.

Wednesday 1st. June

Set off at 4- Breakfasted in Middletown Stopped to change at Harris-
burgh ditto at Carlisle- halted at a house 10 Miles from Carlisle

Thursday 2^d.

Set off at 4- Breakfasted at Shippensburgh changed at Chambersburgh
Halted for the day at Mc Connellsburgh.

Friday 3^d.

Off at 4- 23 Miles to Breakfast- 15 to Bedford. Halted for the day-
Bathed in the Juniata.

Saturday 4th.

Off at 4- Bkr^d. at the foot of Allegany Mountain Halted at Somerset for
the day.

Sunday June 5th. 1808

Started at 4- Breakfasted on top of Laurel Hill- Miles to Greensburgh. Malted for the day-

Monday 6th.

Off at 4- Miles to Skft:- Miles to Pittsburgh- got there at 4 P. M.- at 7 aited on Lt. Piatt- find the Boat nearly Ready.

Tuesday 7th.

Engaged Joseph Ogden as an Carsman to go to St. Louis to give him \$50 a day to St. Louis- \$25 to bring him home again, & to find him during the Voyage.

Wednesday 8th.

Hired Lee Mc Mullin To day at the Same as Ogden- took on board 30 Packages of Public Stores, Recd. of Lt. Piatt to be del^d. at St. Louis to Gen^l. Clark, Col. Hunt & P. Chouteau- Purchased the following Article for use of Boat & Crew-

2 Kettles @ \$1.25	-	12 Tin Cups \$1	-----	\$3.50	
10 lbs. Cordage \$1.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 Axe helved & ground \$2	-----	3.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	
25 Hooks & 4 lines @ 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	15 lbs. Chocolate \$5.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	-----	6.25	
3lbs. Candles \$50-		15lbs. Sugar & Keg \$2.37	-----	2.87	
Salt \$40-		Bacon \$2.37-		Potatoes \$50-----	3.27 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Bbl. Whiskey & Barrel	-----			12.77	
Raw Hide for tugs \$3-		lbs Bread \$3.50			
P ^d . 5 Meals at tavern for Hands	-----			1.25	
Spoons, knives &c.	\$3-				

Wrote to Gen^l. Mason

Thursday June 9th. 1808

This morning Hired 3 more hands at the Same Rates as those of yesterday & day before- Vizt. John Speer, Archibald Warden & Ebenezer Wilson.- Mr. Johnson arrived in the Stage this evening from Baltimore- At 11 P. M. Mr. L. Volle & myself went on Board the Boat & cast off into the Stream- we Rowed ab^t. an Hour & then came too for the Night.

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Friday 10th.

Morning cool & pleasant- put off at Sunrise- day excessively Hot-
"on Rowed but badly- Came to before dark for them to cook- Made
about Miles to day.

Saturday 11th.

Morning clear & pleasant- Had the men at their bars before day,
very foggy ab^t. day, had to Stop- Head Wind 'till 2 P.M- Passed
Steubenville at 12- Charlestown at about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1- Reached Wheeling
just at dark- a Shower in the evening- River falling- Went to Major
Spriggs & put up- Hear nothing of the Goods-

Sunday 12th.

This morning indulged myself with the luxury of clean linen & a good
Breakfast- day very Hot the River falling a little.

Wheeling Monday 13th.

The morning clear & pleasant- employed a Man to Build a Cabin on my
Boat, but he got drunk, and neglected it- Hired another & he done
the Same- engaged a Smith to make me 4 Sockets & 2 Hooks for Boat
poles- Bought 57 ^{lbs}, Bacon for the Hands.

Wheeling Tuesday June 14th. 1808.

Morning clear & Sultry- The Blacksmith completed the Sockets & Hooks
for which I p^d. him \$9.50- After a great deal of trouble I got the
~~job~~- carpenter to go for the Boards for my boat's cabin, but he got
drunk Soon after he conveyed them to his Shop- I paid \$1.50 a Hund^d.
feet for Seasoned white pine-

Wheeling Wednesday 15th.

Heavy Rain last night which continued still ab^t. 12 this day alternate-
ly Raining & Shining- Ab^t. ten a waggon with part of the Goods arriv-
ed from Cumberland- the Rest to be here in a few days- Rec^d. a
letter from Mr. Johnson by a Dutchman, also Some little things of his
to be put in the Boat. River at a Stand- Got a letter out of the Post
office from Mr. Johnson in which he tells me that he will be here

tomorrow.

Wheeling Thursday 16th.

Morning cool and Somewhat cloudy- Carpenter not yet done the Cabin- Bo^t. a Rifle from a Mr. Mc Clure for \$18- Said to be a good one- Engaged a Painter to paint the Cabin, to commence early tomorrow if Clear- River at a Stand- P^d. a tailor \$5.47 $\frac{1}{2}$ for making a Flannel Coatee, pair of drawers & a Morning Gown & finding Some linings, Buttons &c.- Frequent Showers of Rain during the day & at Night a heavy gust.

Wheeling Friday June 17th. 1808.

Morning looks cloudy and is Sultry- River Rose a little to day- Wrote In^o. Sibley.

Saturday 18th.

Capt. Webster & Mr. Johnson arrived ab^t. 9 O'Clk: from Pittsburgh in a Small Barge & 4 Men also a Flat, all loaded with Public Stores for S^t. Louis- I turned over 22 Packages of the Stores I Rec^d from Lt. Piatt at Pittsburgh on the 8th. to Capt. Webster- being all that I received except 6 Kegs Nails & 2 Boxes hard Ware for Col: Hunt which I Still have in charge.

Sunday 19th.

After dinner, Capt. Webster set off- Mr. Valle went with him- Rec^d a Letter from W^m. Mc Mahon of Cumberland, in which he tells me he has Sent on the 10th, in three other Wagons all the Rest of the Goods except 5 Packages that the wagons would not hold, his letter is dated 13th. Inst^c Showery.

Monday 20th.

Wrote Mr. Mc Mahon directing him to Send the 5 Packages to Pittsburgh immediately to the care of Lt. Piatt Ass^t. Mil. Ag^t.- Wrote also to Lt. Piatt- Hired 2 more Hands to day. to give them each \$1. pr day & find them to S^t. Louis- Commencing to day- the River has been Rising fast all day- Rainy.

Wheeling Tuesday 21st. June 1808.

Wagons not come yet- Carpenters yet pestering me with their insolence, impudence & villainy.

Wednesday 22^d.

This day the Rest of the Goods arrived in a flat Boat from Brownsville- took them on Board but found Some difficulty in Stowing them So as to use the Cars- Rec^d. a Letter by Mail this day from Gen^l. Mason dated the 10th, Ins^t. in which he encloses me Invoice of Silver Ornaments & Tinsel Lace and a duplicate of my Bill of Expences while on public business in Baltimore, the last he desires me to Sign & Return to him-

Thursday 23^d.

Wrote to Gen^l. Mason- devoted the morning to Settling my Accts with those Scoundrels that I was under the necessity of employing about my Boat- and after dinner at 3 O'Clk: pushed off & proceeded on the Voyage- went about 25 Miles before Sun down & after Supper put off & floated all Night- found ourselves at the lower end of the long Reach at day Break.

Friday 24th.

Reached Marietta this day at half past 3 P. M. went ashore for half an hour- Marietta is pleasantly Situated at the mouth of Muskingum having about 90 Houses on the upper & 3 on the opposite bank where Fort Harmon formerly Stood- the inhabitants are principally New Englanders. It is the Seat of Justice for Washington County, Ohio. Lat: 39^o. 34' No. Lon. 82^o. 9' W.- 146 Miles S. W. of Pittsburgh by land and about 170 by Water- Went 7 Miles farther before Supper- flated past Blennerhassetts Island at 9 O'Clk.

River Ohio, Saturday June 25th. 1808.

Last night passed ^{Little and} Great Hookhooking River (about 7 Miles apart on the Ohio Side) Newbury Settlement & Bellville- passed Shade Live a little after Sunrise- passed litte & Big Sandy Creek adter Breakfast- Letart's Rapids at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12- Point Pleasant & G^t. Kanhawa at 10 P. M. ~~Callis~~ Marietta

Marietta

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at 11- Gallipolis is 3 Miles below the Great Kanhawa & ab^t. 285
Miles (by Water) from Pittsburgh-

Sunday 26th.

At 11 O'Clk: passed Great Sandy River the dividing line between the
States of Virginia & Kentucky- This is about 340 Miles from Pitt-

Monday 27th.

To day passed Big Kieta River, the towns of Alexanria & Portsmouth, and
arrived at Limestone KentV. at 5 in the evening (ab^t. 450 Miles from Pitt)
went ashore here a few minutes to get Some Necessaries & then proceeded
till night when we halted to Supper & again proceeded all night, at
day light on

Tuesday the 28th.

we found ourselves at Bullskin Creek. At 2 we got to Little Miami River-
at 4 Reached Cincinnati- here we laid by till after dark and then put off
again- Cincinnati is handsomely Situated on a first & 2^d bank of the
Ohio opposite Licking River. It is a flourishing town contains ab^t. 400
Houses besides Several elegant Public Buildings- It is 82 Miles N. by
E. of Frankfort and about 380 by land S. S. W. of Pittsburgh & by Water
about 525 Miles- 39^o. 5' 54^{ss} N. Lat. & 85^o. 44' W. Lon.- Opposite
Cincinnati and just above the junction of the Ohio & Licking River Stands
New Port at which place is an U. S. Arsenal or place of deposit, a Maga-
zine of arms ammunition &c.

River Ohio Wednesday June 29th. 1808.

At 6 this morning passed G^t. Miami River- Fleated past Kentucky River
this Night at ab^t. 11 O'Clk:

Thursday 30th

Got to the Falls this evening at ab^t. 11 O'Clk: halted at the Mouth of
Beargrass Creek.

Louisville Friday July 1^t. 1808.

After Breakfast went up to Louisville to enquire for Capt: Webster, (whose

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Boat is ^{I find} lying below the falls) & to get a Pilot- At Gwathmen's Tavern I met with Mr. John Nisbet from Stateville, N^o. Car. who is travelling through the Western Country for his health & amusement- Capt. Webster talks of Staying here for the 4th. if I will wait for him; which I could not think of promising- At about 12 the Pilot was Ready to put us over the falls & accordingly we done So & without any accident Purchased Some provisions &c. and made arrangements to Start day after tomorrow- Wrote to Gen^l. Mason.

Louisville Saturday 2^d.

Spent the day partly in laying in provisions &c. and in the company of my friend Nisbet- Bought Some Sugar, crockery ware, a Straw Hat & Some Bacon for the Men. p^d. \$3 1/3 pr. Hundred- took Tea at Mr. Fitzhughes- Capt: Webster very Suddenly got married this evening to a Young Woman of this place.

Louisville Sunday 3^d.

Employed another Hand this morning by name Adam Payne, to give him a dollar a day and find him. After dinner we again Resumed our Voyage, but without the company of Capt: Webster, who in consequence of his recent marriage cannot make it convenient to leave Louisville So Soon.

A Boat worked by Horses Set off from the Falls just before us bound for St. Genevieve.- Soon after we Started there came on a Heavy Shower of Rain with high wind which obliged us to ly by a few minutes. Note- It is about 705 Miles (by Water) from Pittsburgh to the Falls-

River Ohio Monday July 4th. 1808.

Passed Blue River to day- Nothing material occurred.

Tuesday 5th.

Passed Little Blue River (775 M. from Pitt)

Wednesday 6th.

Between Anderson's Ferry & the Hanging Rock (about 135 Miles below the falls) met Colonel Kingsbury & Family in a Public Boat with a Small detachment of Troops (ab^t. 4 O'Clk: P. M.) from Fort Adams & bound for

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Marietta- the Col: is on Furlough & is going to visit his friends in New England- This morning I discharged Adam Payne for improper conduct & paid him \$3. in full.-

Thursday 7th.

At 12 O'Clk: passed Green River- At Sun^down got to the Red Banks where is a Small Town called Henderson. after Supper Started again & floated all Night.

Friday 8th.

Early this morning passed Diamond Islands- passed the mouth of "abash River Early in the evening- got to Shawanese Town (a kind of Ragged Village where Salt is deposited from the works on the Saline River) at Sun^down- lay here all night.

Saturday 9th.

Hired 3 more Hands here, to give them each \$1 pr. day & find them- had the Boat cleaned up, the Tarpaulins better Spread, and Started again at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 O'Clk: Reached the Cave in the Rock at 4 O'Clk: passed half an hour there- this Cave is about 125 Miles above the Mouth of Ohio on the right Side or rather on the Indiana Shore - Went on till Sun Set when we Reached the head of Hurricane Island- Here we were detained Some time looking for the channel & at length were obliged to put to Shore & ly by for the Night.

River Ohio Sunday July 10th. 1808.

Made Several attempts this morning to pass the Island before we found the Right channel which at last we effected & went on briskly- passed Mile's ferry, where the road crosses from Kentucky to St. Louis- Arrived at the Mouth of Cumberland River just at Sun^down, Stopped to cook Supper & proceeded all all night-

Monday 11th.

At break of day we heard the Reviellie beating at Fort Massac- Reached the Fort in time to Breakfast with the officers there L^{ts}. Whitlock &

Johnson & Doctor Skinner- Remained at the Ft. till after dinner and then put off again & went to the little Chain of Rocks where we lay all Night.

Tuesday 12th.

Passed Wilkinsonville (an old deserted Village) in the early part of the morning- Got to the Mouth of Ohio at about 3 O'Clk: halted to make Some necessary preparations for entering the Mississippi and then entered that Noble Stream, which we found very difficult at first to Stem, it being Remarkably low and Rapid- We got up about 2 Miles before Night & encamped on the West Shore.

River Mississippi July Wednesday 13th. 1808.

Started early but could make but little head way, the current being very Strong, the bands unaccustomed to the River and many obstructions in the way. We made about 5 Miles however and encamped for the night on the West Shore.

Thursday 14th.

Got pretty well into the Grand bend- halted for the Night on the lower point of a large Sand bar on the East Side of the River just below Dog tooth Island- Made about 8 Miles to day-

Friday 15th.

Attempted to pass to the Right of Dog Tooth Island but found it impracticable & turned back. Got up to a Mr. Griffin's by Sun down where we lay all Night and got Some little Refreshment. Mr. Griffin calls it 25 Miles to the Mouth of Ohio from his House.

Saturday 16th.

Breakfasted at Mr. Finley's (1 Mile above Griffin's) 10 Miles farther to the Widow Watter's ^h were we halted for the Night.-

Sunday 17th.

Went 1 Mile and Struck a Rock on which we Stuck all day in Spite of every exertion to extricate ourselves, which could only be done at last by lighting the load- We lay this night within a Mile of our last

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Night's fire-

Monday 18th.

To day we Reached Cape Girardeau which is called 50 Miles from the Mouth of Ohio.- laid in Some Sugar & Chocolate for the Men.

River Mississippi Tuesday July 19th. 1808.

Went about 11 Miles to day being 2 Miles above the head of the Divil's Island-

Wednesday 20th.

Got just above the Delaware & Shawnee Village making our Run about 11 Miles to day.

Thursday 21st.

Went ab^t. 10 Miles to Fenwick's.

Friday 22^d.

About 5 miles only to day.

Saturday 23^d.

Went about 9 Miles to Patterson's.

Sunday 24th.

Went about 10 Miles to day.

Monday 25th.

Got within 3 Miles of St. Genevieve.

Tuesday 26th.

Breakfasted at the Mouth of Gabaree went about 7 Miles farther to day- being just below Old Fort Chartres.

Wednesday 27th.

Morning a little hazy- but cool- went about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles & Stopped to Breakfast- while at breakfast a canoe came down from St. Louis the owner told me that the Troops ~~even~~ were all Ready to Start up the River from Belle Fontaine & had fixed on this day week for their departure. A French Boat with Plank from St. Genevieve going to St. Louis passed us ab^t. 1 O'Clk:- We got to within 2 Miles of the Platter Rock to day, which is said to be half way (30 miles) between St. Genevieve & St. Louis. Night Rainy.

River Mississippi Thursday July 28th. 1808.

Started late this morning- Went 2 Miles to the Platter Rock & halted for Breakfast- the Rain continued till 11 O'Clk: & then cleared off cool & pleasant- passed Lagle River (Indiana Shore) ab^t. 2 O'Clk: Swashing Creek is nearly opposite the Lagle & both are ab^t. 12 Miles below the Merrimak: Encamped ab^t. 4 Miles below the Merrimak;

Friday 29th.

Head wind- passed the Merrimak at 11 A. M. - 15 Miles from here to St. Louis- At about 3 o'clock after having Cordell'd Round a Small Sand Bar near the middle of the River (which is just above Mr. Philip Fine's & ab^t. 2 Miles above the Merrimak) the men attempted to wade from the Point of the Bar to the main Shore thinking the water would not be too deep for them. But they all very Suddenly plunged from a steep point of the Bar into water out of their depth, and they all made for the main Shore, which was about the Same distance from them the Bar was, & much the easiest to gain, there being an old tree lying between them & the Boat which was Rather above them, the wind heavy against them & the current Swift.

They had got within 30 Or 40 yds of Shore, when John Speer the man who had the end of the Cordel & could not Swim a Stroke excited the attention of the Rest ^{then} discovering Symptoms of drowning- Arch^d. Warden who was next him Rendered every assistance in his power but was unable to Support him and called for more help, the person who held the Rope next in order was Bill Brooks (a free Negro) he Swam to their aid and Speer quit the hold he had on Warden with one hand and Seized Bill and for a considerable time ($\frac{1}{2}$ a Minute) Supported himself between the two drawing them both frequently under water which So much exhausted them that they were barely able to Support themselves and they would all three have been drowned but that Speer let Warden go, and laid hold of Bill with both hands- Warden with the greatest difficulty Reached the Shore but was unable to Stand for Several Minutes- Speer & Bill after Struggling together about a minute (during which

time they were alternately under & above water) disappeared and Rose no more.

The other Men who were out were John Scoggins, Asa Ledbetter & Nathan Taylor who held the Rope in the order they are named, Ledbetter Says he held Speer 'till he thought his own life was in danger & then left him- The Boat was far out of Reach & totally unmanageable with the few hands in her that it was not possible to give any assistance that way.

I Sent a Man to acquaint Mr. Fine with the accident and to Request his assistance to find the Bodies- He came up & advised me to end to the Merrimak for a canoe that was there with which Search might be made with hooks I did So- we dragged Several times but without Success-

John Speer is I understand a Native of Pennsylvania, his Mother Resides near Pittsburgh on a place of Gen^l. Ohara's . He was about 23 years of Age, tall & well made Hair neither light nor dark- His clothes & effects of but little value.

Bill Brooks was a Black Man ab^t. 23 or 24 years of Age thick Set & well proportioned- A native of New York State where he Said he had Some Relation on the Mohawk River near Albany- He has Resided Some time as a Servant in Pittsburgh with a Mr. Williams---- tavern keeper who I am told has in trust or keeping His certificate of Freedom- His clothes & effects worth but little-

River Mississippi Saturday July 30th. 1808.

Morning pleasant- Started from the unfortunate Spot at which we were so unexpectedly Stopped-^{at} about 9 O'Clock: this morning- I hired another hand here to assist us to give him \$1 a day- got within 5 Miles of St. Louis Mississippi Rising fast.

Sunday 31st.

Morning clear & cool- River Rose about 6 feet last night- Arrived at St. Louis at 11 O'Clock- Waited on Gen^l. Clark to deliver Some Letters from the Sec^y. of War- ^{at} Capt House & Mr. B. Wilkinson there. The Gen^l. informs me that the Gov^r. has consider d it expedient to fix the

Factory not on the Osage River as directed by the Sec^y. of War, but about
 Miles above at or near the Prairie de Feu or Fire Prairie, That
 Capt. Clemson is to take the whole of his company, and is nearly Ready to
 Set off, that it had been determined for Capt. C. to Start on next Wednesday
 leaving Lt. Lorimier & 16 Men behind to take up the Goods when I Should
 arrive- I told Gen^l. Clark I had not a word to Say with Regard to the
 location of the Factory, it having been I understood directed to be done by
 the Indⁿ. Agent- But that I Should feel much better Satisfied if the
 Goods could go with the whole body of the Troops, that I could I expected
 be Ready by the 10th. of Aug^t. at farthest & hoped Capt. C. might be
 prevailed on to wait 'till then, this the Gen^l. thought to be Reasonable
 & ^a Sid he would write to Col. ^{Hunt} ~~Hurst~~ on the Subject- dined with Gen^l.
 Clark at stable met Gov^r. Lewis- After dinner paid off my Hands and
 discharged them- Hired a French crew to take the Boat up to Camp-

Camp Belle Fontaine August 1^t. 1808.

Started the Boat off at 8 O'Clk:- After Breakfast left St. Louis with Mr. B.
 Wilkinson & Major Wilson, got here to dinner- Waited on Col. Hunt, Mr.
 Tillier &c.- Met Pierre Lorr on the Road to St. Louis whither he was going
 to See me he ^a Sid to know if I would want him for an Interpreter I told him
 Yes-

Tuesday 2nd.

The Boat arrived this evening & Mr. Johnson all safe.

Wednesday 3^d.

Had the Boat unloaded & Mr. Johnson & myself Separated our things- this
 day we went to work in the Factory; dividing and packing up the Goods-

Thursday 4th.

Continued very busily engaged in the Store.

Friday 5th.

Ditto.

Saturday 6th.

t. In. Trade- for \$400

Ditto.- this day drew a Dft: on Gen^l. Mason Sup

in fav^r. Wilkinson & Price or order at ten days Sight- and advised him of it by Letter.-

Sunday 7th.

Finished dividing the Goods packed my half of them up, and had them all Stowed on Board the Boats.

Camp Belle Fontaine Monday 8th. Aug^t. 1808.

Capt. Clemson being now Ready to Set off, made his arrangements to do so- having Rec^d. his orders from the Col^o. He embarked ab^t. 2 O'Clk: and began the Voyage. His command consists of His company of Infantry (of the 1^t. U. S. Reg^t) in 4 Keel Boats containing Military Stores & Factory Goods- and 2 other Keel boats belonging one to Mr. Prince the Settler the other to the Contractor.-

Note - Major Pike arrived Yesterday.

Wrote on the 6th. to Gen^l. Mason and Mr. Williams of Pittsburgh informing them of the death of John Speer & Bill Brooks & informing them how the friends of the dec^d. may get their things & the Money that I owe them for Wages- In these Letters I shall enclose the Rec^t. of the person in whose hands I put the property (Mr. Alex^r. Mc Nair of S^t. Louis) & forwarded them by Major Pike.

On the 2^d, Wnat^t. employed Pierre Lorr to be my Interpreter about the Factory- I am to give him \$1 & 1 Ration per day- his time commences with this day.

Wrote to my Father.

Camp Belle Fontaine Tuesday 9th. Aug^t. 1808.

This day Received To R. Tillier Esq^r. for the public Property Rec^d. of him amounting to \$14042.08.- Wrote to Gen^l. Mason & enclosed him 17 Vouchers for money expended in Public Acct. am^t. to \$697.43

Since my arrivcal here Capt. House put into my Hands Several Letters Vizt. from Jn^o. Sibley- Nov^r. 5th. & Dec^r. 25th. 1807- Mary Sibley- Sam^l. H. Sibley, Sec^y. of War, and I Rec^d. on the 5th a Letter from S. H. Sibley dated June 7th. 1808.-

Wednesday 10th.

Busy all day writing.-

Thursday 11th.

Left Belle Fontaine this morning early for St. Louis got there a little after Breakfast- Settled up Acct^s. with Wilkinson & Price Owe them a Balance of \$94.59, for which I gave my Note or due bill- left in their Hands a due bill of Ensign Imell^s for \$41.50 to collect & apply to my Credit- Put into the hands of Alex^r. Mc Nair the Money & effects of John Speer (Cash \$45 & Some Clothing) and Bill Brooks (Cash \$39.50 & Some Clothing) taking his Rec^t. for the Same in which he promises to deliver the above on demand t to the legal Representatives of the Dec^d.- enclosed the Rec^t. in my Letters of the 6th. to Gen^l. Ohara and Mr. Williams & left the letters with McNair to Send by Major Pike- After dinner Set off with Mr. Wilkinson for S^t. Charles- we arrived at the Ferry after dark in a heavy Shower of Rain which wet us both to the Skin lay all night at the ferry House- Capt: Clemson is lying just above S^t. Charles-

Friday 12th.

Early got a Boat and joined Capt. Clemson- took possession of my own Boat and made the necessary arrangements &c.- After taking Bkft. we proceeded on the Voyage.

Fire Prairie Friday Septem^r. 2^d. 1808.

Arrived here this day at 12 O'Clock and encamped about 2 Miles above at the first Bluff, examined the Situation and conclude it will not answer-

Saturday 3^d.

Capt: Clemson, Mr. Lewis & myself took two Men & a Canoe and went up the River about 3 Miles to a Bluff, which on examination, we all think a fine Spot for the Fort, and Capt. Clemson determines to move the Boats here tomorrow.

Sunday 14th.

After dinner moved the Boat up to the next point (commonly Called by Voyagers the "Big Eddy", & Sometimes the "Bad luck Hills") and encamped just

at dark Gen^l. Clark joined us with a detachment of 80 mounted Militia. they left S^t. Charles the 25th. Ult^o.- Night Rainy.

Monday 5th.

The Gen^l. dispatched Capt: Boon & the Interpreter Paul, to the Osage Towns, to know of them if they intend to come here to settle?- Recommending them very Strongly to do So , and avoid the fatal consequences of Refusing.-

Began to clear away a Spot for the Fort; and unloaded the Boats- I find all the Factory Goods in apparent good order except 2 Bales of Blankets and 2 Boxes Rifles which have got wet on the way from Belle Fontaine- put as many of the Goods under cover of the Tarpaulin as could be Stowed, the Rest consisting of Tight Casks &c. not likely to be injured were piled up Separate and were obliged to be left uncovered.-

Tuesday 6th.

Gen^l. Clark had a talk with a Kansa Indian (who came up from S^t. Louis with us & is a Brother of the principal Chief of the Nation) and Sent him bound to his Village alone- He was directed to tell his Nation that if they do not make atonement for the outrages they have lately committed on Some Traders, that their Nation will be Cut off, that no traders will be Suffered to go to them this winter, or until they make Reparation, & that they Shall not come here to Trade-

Tuesday 13th.

From the 6th, to this day nothing material has taken place- The plan of the Fort has been fix'd on and the work commenced & in Some Forwardness, Some of the Work-Houses nearly Raised, and 2 temporary Huts for the Factory commenced- After dinner Capt Boon Returned from the Osage, there came with him about 80 of the principal Chiefs and Warriors of the 2 Villages to See Gen^l. Clark, by whom they were Rec^d. in a friendly manner, and promised a hearing tomorrow in Council.

Camp near Fire Prairie Wednesday Sep^t. 14th. 1808.

Gen^l. Clark & the Military & Civil Officers present met the Osages this day

in Council, where after the common Salutations &c. had passed, the Gen^l.
 Read to them & had explained by the Interpreter, Articles of a Treaty
 that he had drawn up between himself in behalf of the U. States & them
 (the Osages) which having gone through, he desired them to consider of
 and determine whether or not they would Sign it- The two principal
 Chiefs "White Hair" of the Grand & "The Walking Rain " of the Little Osage
 immediately declared their willingness to accept the Treaty. After a
 number of other Chiefs & Warriors had expressed their approbation the
 Council was adjourned 'till tomorrow morning-

Thursday 15th.

Met the Osages again in Council, when the Treaty was Read & explained to
 them again & they consented to Sign it on the Spot.

The Treaty

"Articles of a Treaty made and concluded at Fort _____ on the Banks
 of the Missouri about 5 Miles above Fire Prairie, in the Territory of
 Louisiana the 14th. day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand
 eight hundred & eight, between William Clark Brigadier Gen^l. and Command-
 er in Chief of the Militia of Upper Louisiana & Indian Agent, for & in
 behalf of the U. States of America of the one part, and We the undersigned
 Chiefs & Representatives of the Osage Tribes of Indians of the other part.

Article 1st.

"The United States being anxious to promote peace, friendship and inter-
 course with the Osage Tribes of Indians, & to afford them every assist-
 ance in their power, to protect them from the insults of other Tribes of
 Indians Situate near the Settlements of the White people, Have thought
 proper to build a Fort at this point which is a few Miles above the Fire
 Prairie, and to Garrison in the Said Fort Soldiers of the United States,
 who will protect all orderly friendly & well disposed Indians of the Little

and Great Osages Band or Nation, who will Strictly attend to and preserve the counsels of the President of the U. States through his Agents & who will Settle under the influence of the Guns of this Fort."

Article 2^d.

"The United States being also anxious that the Little & Great Osages, Should ^{be} Regularly Supplied with every Species of Merchandise which they may be in want of, on Reasonable terms have Sent to this place a large Store of Goods to be kept at all Seasons of the Year at this Fort which is to be exchanged for the Peltries & Furs of the Little and Great Osages & others who Shew proofs of their intention to conduct themselves in a friendly, peaceable & honest manner toward the Citizens of the U. States & the Osage Indians Tribes in alliance with them & protected by the Guns of this Fort."

Article 3rd.

"The United States agrees to furnish at this place for the Osages a Blacksmith and Tools to mend their Arms & utensils of Husbandry, and to build them a Horse or Water Mill, also to furnish Ploughs, and to build for the Great Chief of the Little Osage & the Great Chief of the Big Osages a Strong Block House in the Center of each of their Towns, which are to be built near this Fort."

Article 4th.

"Traders who are Citizens of the U. States will be permitted to come to this place & trade under the influence of the Fort, Subject to Such Restrictions and Regulations as Shall be made by the President of the U. S. through his Agents."

Article 5th.

No Indian Band or tribe Shall be permitted to trade at Fort until they Shall have proven to the Agent & Factor that they have Smoked the Pipe of Peace with the Little & Great Osage and have opened their ears to Shew proofs of their friendly intention toward the United States."

Article 6th.

"For the advantages & privileges which We the Little & Great Osages do acknowledge to Receive from the Arrangement made & protection which we now enjoy from the establishment made at this place and an equivalent of \$ to be paid by the U. States to their Citizens from whom the bad Men of the Little & Great Osages have Stolen Horses or taken property Since the U. States took possession of Upper Louisiana, We the Chiefs and Representatives of the Little & Great Osage bands of Indians do agree with the Said William Clark Agent, for the U. States, that the following Shall be the boundary line between us the Little & Great Osage Indians & the U. States. Vizt. Beginning at Fort on the bank of the Missouri, Five Miles above Fire Prairie, thence ~~to~~ a South Course to the Arkansaw, down the Arkansaw to the Mississippi all the Land and country contained in that tract East of the Said Line East and Southeast of the Westwardly Shore of the River Arkansaw, westward of the Eastwardly bank of the Mississippi to the Missouri and South of the North bank of the Missouri to Fort . We do Relinquish and by these presents convey unto the U. States all Right title Interest and Claim of every description, to the Said tract of Country."

Article 7th.

"We the Chiefs and Representatives of the Little & Great Osage Indians do Sell and Relinquish unto the Said United States all our Right, title, interest and claim to 2 leagues of land including Fort ----- and we do covenant and agree to Warrant and defend the Said 2 leagues unto the U. States of America forever for the use and benefit of the Said Fort & trading establishment or for any other use or benefit which the U. States may wish to appropriate the Said Lands to.-"

Article 8th.

The United States do agree to the Said boundaries as mentioned in the two last Articles & do promise and agree that the Little & Great Osage

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Indians who take protection under Fort and who conduct themselves in a peaceable, honest & friendly manner Shall live and hunt peaceably and quietly on all that tract of Country west of the Said line to Run South from Fort to the Arkansaw River & South west of Said River, and any other lands within the bounds of Louisiana which may not be the Hunting ground of any other Indian Tribe in alliance with the United States, and out of the Settlements of the White Citizens of the Same."

Article 9th.

"It is agreed that the Citizens of the U. States Shall pass free and unmolested through the hunting Country of the Osages by permission of the President of the United States, and the Little & Great Osages Shall pass free and unmolested through the Lands and Settlements of the U. States by like permission, and that Citizens of the U. States & Indians under their protection Shall treat Such parties with friendship, & the Little and Great Osages in like manner Shall treat the Citizens of the U. States & Such friendly Indians under their protection, with friendship & Respect."

Article 10th.

"Whereas great disturbance & complaints have been made by White People hunting near the Osage Indians, that they have been Robbed, plundered & Sent naked in cold weather without the means of procuring food: To prevent any misunderstanding in future Between the Citizens of the U. States and the Osage Indians, a line Shall be Run from the Arrow Rock a South course to the Arkansa & no White man Shall be permitted to hunt west of that line without the permission of the President of the U. States. If any White Men are found hunting west of that line, the Osages do agree to bring them with their property in possession, and deliver them & their property to the Commanding Officer of this Fort.--"

Article 11th.

* "The line between the United States & the Osage Indians hunting lands to be Run by and at the expence of the Said U. States as Soon as possible.

One Commissioner Shall be appointed on the part of the U. States, Two Chiefs of the Little & Two Chiefs of the Big Osages Shall be appointed by their Nations to accompany the Commissioner."

Article 12th.

"The Substance contained in this Instrument Shall be binding on all the Little & Big Osage Bands from & after this day, and on the U. States after it is approved by the President of the Said U. States."

In Testimony whereof the Said U. States by their Agent William Clark and the Chiefs and Representatives of the Little and Big Osages, Have hereunto set their Hands and Affixed their Seal-

Done at Fort _____ the day & Year first before written & in the Independence of the U. States the Thirty-third."- Signed

William W^m. Clark

and by

Chiefs
Warriors of the G^t. Osage
Chiefs
Warriors of the Little Osage

In presence of
14 Witnesses.

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The foregoing Treaty was duly executed by the Respective Parties, and after the Gen^l. had made the Osages a Small present of Some Guns, Ammunition, Tobacco &c. which he drew from me, am^t. to \$317.74 the Council Rose. The Osages expect their Families here in the course of 6 or 8 days- they have totally abandoned their old Villages and have pitched on the Spots near this place (within 2 Miles) to Settle- The Little Osage Seem perfectly well pleased with the exchange, but many of the G^t. Osage do not express Such perfect Satisfaction as could be wished, however they firmly Resolve to move.

They all are highly pleased with the idea of having a permanent Trading House So near them- and on the whole I am inclined to think that

these Indians may henceforth be kept peaceable & friendly-

these Indians may henceforth be kept peaceable & friendly with proper exertions on the part of the Agents- and a punctual fulfilment of every promise made them by the Gov^t. or its Agents, which I consider a matter of the first importance to be attended to in order to impress them with a high Sense of the Honor & good faith of the U. States without which no permanent arrangement can be expected to be formed.

It ought to be observed as a maxim never to be departed from by the Govt.- to perform with the most minute exactness every promise made to Indians by any of its authorized Agents- and of course to use the greatest caution in making promises.-

By Gen^l. Clark I Rec^d. a Letter from Capt. House in which he mentions the death of Col^o. Hunt, who died on the 18th. Ult^o.- I also Rec^d. a Letter from Lt. Piatt of Pittsburgh enclosing me the Rec^t. of Gen^l. Perry for 5 packages of Factory Goods addressed to my care at St. Louis the Letter is dated July 10th.- These 5 packages are the ones that were left behind at Cumberland by Mr. McMahon, 2 of them are for this post, the other 3 for the Le Moin Factory- I wrote this day to the Ass^t. Mil. Ag^t. at Belle Fontaine to forward me those for this post by the first Boat (See Letter Book page 6)- Wrote the following Letters to day- Capt: House- Sam^l. H. Sibley, Jn^o. Sibley- Ensign Imell- & the Supt. of Ind^o. Trade.- (Forth last See letter Book page 6 & 7)- My Letter to Capt. House contains the one I wrote to Lt. Kimball Ass^t. Mil. Ag^t. which I thought proper to send open to the Capt: that in case Kim all's late Arrest interferes with his Agent's duty, the Capt. may put it into the proper hands to have the business done which I have therein written him about.- those to Sam^l. H. Sibley & Jn^o. Sibley are of a private nature altogether- the one to Ensign Imell is on the Subject of the Money he Owes me \$41.50 pressing him to pay it to Wilkinson & Price either in Cash or by Returning the things he got from me.

Camp near Fire Prairie Friday Sep^t. 16th. 1808.

~~This morning the Militia Set off on the~~

This morning the Militia Set off on their Return home- and after dinner Gen^l. Clark took his leave of us for St. Louis, the Gen^l. goes by Water in the Boat I brought from Pittsburgh which I turned over to him as public property together with her Oars poles & flag-

By him I Sent my Letters that I wrote Yesterday- I also wrote to day to Wilkinson & Price for the following Articles to be Sent me by the first opportunity-

- 25^{lbs} Hard Soap- 30 lbs Butter
- $\frac{7}{8}$ lb White Thread ab^t. N^o. 20 or 25.
- 3 P Woolen Stockings, not very fine.
- 1 P. Warm Gloves-
- 1 quart Clover Seed-
- 12 or 15 Chickens-

and Requested them to try to Send up Some Hogs by Major Wilson's drove if he Sends one, also 5 or 6 Head of Cattle belonging to Lorr by the Same opportunity.

Saturday 17th.

Morning cool and a little Cloudy- Nothing material happened to day- Some Rain.

Sunday 18th.

Same as Saturday Yesterday.

Monday 19th.

Day cloudy and the wind high, had a Shed built over the uncovered HHDs. & a little Rain Night quite cool- very Sudden change the weather-

Camp near Fire Prairie Tuesday ^{Sept} 20th. 1806.

The Morning very cool and blustering- Nothing happened with noting cool a all day.

Wednesday 21st.

Last night very ~~cold~~ cool- this morning we found a large fire pleasant- wind high 'till in the evening when it died away.-

At about 3 O'Clk: Several of the Osages arrived with their families

and Report that they left the Rest of the Nation within a few Miles of this place & that they will be here tomorrow or the day after- They offered a little Venison for Sale in order to procure Some ammunition of which they seem to be much in need- to Serve them, I took their meat for the Troops & Supplied them with a little Powder and ball- Work going on to day with Spirit- ^{light} cool.

Thursday 22^d.

Morning clear and cool- this morning just before day light 3 Men deserted from the camp Vizt. Miller, Kincaid, & Jn^o. Williams, Soldiers of the U. S.- they took with them a canoe belonging to a French hunter, 2 Rifles belonging to 2 hired Sawyers and Several other things- Lieut. Lorimier with a command of Soldiers & Hunters started off in pursuit of them in a Keel Boat about 7 O'Clock.

In the afternoon part of the Osages arrived with their families- day Sultry & unpleasant.

Camp near Fire Prairie Friday 23^d. Sept. 1808.

Morning clear and Sultry- About 2 O'Clk: a number of Kansa's arrived from their Nation, tomorrow they will make known their business- the Osages are Still falling in by Lodges & Families, as they find it convenient. The large Block House under cover to day- Capt. Clemson had the Ordnance put in firing order and posted in the most advantageous manner Round the Hill occupied by the guard, which commands the Bottom in which the Camp is- Our Camp is now Surrounded by Indians who, tho' friendly, might notwithstanding be tempted by the prospect of getting possession of the Factory Goods & other Stores, to commit Some violent outrage- This I say is a thing by no means impossible 'tho' I do not consider it either as at all probable, ~~tho'~~ but there is Strong Reasons for us to be on the alert and Ready at all times for an Alarm- The day, very warm and Sultry which is doubly disagreeable in consequence of the late Sudden transition from quite Cold to warm weather.-

Note- I owe Mr. Martinell for

Note- I owe Mrs. Martinell for washing 26 p. in this Month & 26 p. in the last Month & for making 4 Towels.

Fire Prairie Saturday Septem^r. 24th. 1808.

Last Night at abt. 12, it Rained and the weather turned quite cool again- the morning cool enough to make a fire agreeable- Lt. Lorimier Returned about 12 O'Clock without the deserters he went in pursuit of- 3 of the Little Osages Chiefs dined to day with us- After dinner Capt. C. had the 3 Pounder & a Swivel fired with Shot, for the gratification of the Chiefs after which we were invited to eat in the Tent of a principal Warrior & we went accordingly. Rain alternately all day 'till Sun Set- when it cleared off very cool.

Sunday 25th.

Morning very cold and Windy- An old Osage came to me with Tears in his eyes, & begged for a little blue cloth to bury his Wife in- he brought a couple of Skins to pay in part for it and said he would pay the Rest another time- Considering his age and distress as proper objects of favor I with Some trouble let im have 2 yds of Cloth and a Carrot of Tobacco and took the Skins he offered in part payment- Mr. Lewis had a talk with the Kansas this evening- Capt. Clemson has determined to send off a Command to Belle Fontaine the day after tomorrow.

Fire Prairie Monday, Septem^r. 25th. 1808.

Morning cool and clear- This was a very busy day with me Removing the Factory Goods on the Hill & Storing them in BlockHouse N^o. 1- I also had the Powder Removed into the Same House. I now have all the Factory Goods under Lock & Key & in good Strong Stores- Today I wrote the following Letters Vizt.

- Jno. Mason Esq^r. Supt. In. Tr. Geo. T.
- Gen^l. Wm. Clark, Indⁿ. Ag^t. St. Louis
- Capt. Jas. House Belle Fontaine
- Wilkinson & Price St. Louis
- Jno. Johnson Esq^r. River Le Moine.

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About noon the whole of the Big Osages arrived, and pitched their Camps about a Mile below us, (the little Osage are ab^t. $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mile above) they are about 4000 in all.

Fire Prairie Tuesday Sep^t. 27th. 1808.

Morning clear & cool- About 12 O'Clock we met the Chiefs & Warriors of the Big & Little Osages & the Kansas in Council and all Smoked the Pipe of Peace together- The Kansas Seemed very penitent for what they had done (Robbing & abusing their Traders &c.) & asked forgiveness and leave to come and Settle near us, which was granted them. I said a few words to them all on the Subject of Trade- told them I Should give no credits- Should always expect them to offer me the Furs & Peltry that they killed and took with the Traps, Guns, &c. that I furnished them with- After the council Mr. Prince with the Boat Started for St. Louis, by him I dispatched the Letters I wrote yesterday.

Fort Osage, Friday 1^t. Sep^t. 1809.

Since the 27th. Sep^t. 1808 I have entirely neglected my diary, but being now Somewhat Settled and more at leisure, I am determined to attend to it in future- The following are the most important occurrences that I can Recollect Since the 27th. Sep^t. '08.

October 1^t. 1808.

This day I opened the Factory and began to Trade with the Osages- Find them very poor and very troublesome.

Ogt. 10th.

The whole of the Kansas arrived this day (to the number of ab^t. 1000 Souls) their object is to Trade, and to Settle their differences with the Whites, about the 12th. they commenced Trading and ab^t. the 16th. I was obliged-- induced to Shut the Store against them on account of their insolent and violent conduct.

Nov^r. 10th. '08.

Ensign Imwell arrived to day in a Public Boat from Belle Fontaine, by

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which I Rec^d. a Box of Beaver Traps and 1 Tierce Blks: That were left behind at Cumberland.

Novr. 18th. '08.

To day the most of the Indians Set out on the Winter hunt. I let the Kansas have a few Blks: Some Powder &c. on the promise of their Chiefs that they would behave better in future, but more on acc^t. of the distress'd Situation of their Women and Children-

Nov^r. 7th. '08.

P^{ro}. Chouteau Esq^r. arrived here to day in a Public Boat on public business- His errand is to conclude another Treaty with the Osages, (the one made by Gen^l. Clark on the 14th. Sep^t. being Set aside on complaint of the Osages that they did not fully understand it) by order of His Exc^y. Gov^r. Lewis- Mr. Chouteau held his council on the -----11th. and the Same day the Indians Signed the Treaty.-

It is to be observed of this Treaty, that it does not differ very materially from the one made by Gen^l. Clark- That Mr. Chouteau concluded it in great haste and made use of threats to make the Indians Sign it- He executed it in the presence of only one Witness (Mr. Lewis) whereas it appears on the face of it that Two other witnesses were present (Capt: Clemson & Lt. Lorimier) who in fact were not present at all, those Gentlemen Signing merely for form's Sake, which I was invited also to do, but peremptorily Refused.-

Nov^r. 13th.

This morning at 9 O'Clk: Capt: Clemson named the Fort. It was christened in the usual Military Style and called "Fort Osage"- Mr. Chouteau departed for St. Louis ab^t. 12 O'Clk: by whom I wrote to Gen^l. Mason- Gov^r. Lewis and Gen^l. Clark.

Dec^r. 10th.

The contractor's Boat arrived to day with Provisions very Seasonably, for we were Seriously alarmed at the prospect of being obliged to march to

S^t. Louis for want of Flour & Meat &c. Doctor Thomas came in the Boat to Remain here Some months as Surgeon's Mate- The Ice began to Run Several days ago.-
The Boat returned to St. Louis - could not proceed on the Missouri to later - had a load of Peltry down, he was obliged to risk it.-
 Dec. 18th.

The Missouri Froze over, and completely closed up-
 Dec. 31^t. 1808.

On making up my public Accounts to this day, I find that the Factory has cleared \$ after paying all expences, and has done business with Indians to the am^t. of about \$ Since the 1^t. of October.-

The weather excessively cold, frequent Snows.-
 March 13th. 1809.

This day Dr. Robinson arrived from S^t. Louis by land- He comes to take the the place of Mr. Reuben Lewis as Deputy Indⁿ. Ag^t, by Gov^r. Lewis' App^t.-
 March 16th.

The Ice having broke up, Mr. R. Lewis and Dr. Thomas departed for S^t. Louis in a Keel Boat- By this Boat I Sent 100 Packs of Deerskins to the address of Gen^l. Clark at S^t. Louis- I also remitted \$ to W. & Price on private acc^t., and Sent Several Letters to their Post office for diff^t. persons.-

March 31^t.

On making up my Factory acc^{ts}. to this day, I find, that the Factory has done business to the Am^t. of \$ and cleared \$ Since the 1^t. of October last.

July 3^d. 1809

Mess^{rs}. Miller and Crook Reached this place to day on their way up to the heads of the River- They Report that the Missouri Fur Company will be here in a few days.-

July 4th.

To day being the anniversary of the Independence of The U. S.- it was celebrated at F^t. Osage (in a manner highly gratifying to us all) with firing of Guns, feasting &c. &c.

July 8th.

In the afternoon The Boats of the Missouri Fur Company arrived to the number of and Men under the command of Mr. P^{re}. Chouteau as they Passed the Fort, ^{to the landing place} they fired a Salute, which was Returned from the Fort.-

This company is on its way up to the heads of the Missouri to catch Beaver &c. &c.- Since they left St. Louis they have lost ab^t. 40 Men by desertion who carried off property to the Am^t. of ab^t. \$7000. They have the Mandan Chief and Family in charge, and are to convey them safe to their Nation, for which Service the Governor is to pay them \$7000 dollars. They Remained here making preparations, Repairs &c. until the 10^h. when they Recommened the Voyage-- On the Same day (the 8th. Doctor Robinson arrived from St. Louis with his Family.

July 10th.

This day I hired an old Man (by name Colar) for the term of Six Months at the rate of \$400 a year and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rations pday- To be employed hewing Timber for the Factory, making Presses &c. and packing and managing Peltry &c. for which Services he is well calculated.-

August 10th. 1809.

To day I wrote to Jn^o. Winslow and enclosed him a Dft: on Jn^o. Mason Esq^r. Sup^t. of Indⁿ. Trade for \$100 drawn by myself this day in fav^r. of Jn^o. H. Robinson or order, payable at 10 days St.- out of the Dft: I directed him to discharge the bal^{ce}. I owe him, and to pay the rest to Rob^t. H. Sibley and Ann E. Sibley- I Sent one Set of this Dft: to my brother Sam^l. H. Sibley to be del. to Mr. Winslow immediately on Rec^t.- My Acc^t. with Mr. Winslow Stands thus.

Bal ^{ce} . due him the 1 ^t . of March 1806-----	\$250.00
Interest to the 1 ^t . of June 1808-----	32.00
	<u>282.00</u>
When I Remitted him \$100 from the	
City of Washington-----	100.00
	<u>182.00</u>
Interest to the 22 ^d Feb ^y . 1809 (Say)-----	8.00
	<u>190.00</u>

When my brother P ^d . him-----	125.00
	<u>65.00</u>
Int ^t .-----	4.00
	<u>69.00</u>
last Remittance-----	100.00
Bal ^{ce} . due me-----	<u>31.00</u>

The above is a Rough Statement and is I Suspect Rather against me.

Fort Osage Saturday 2^d. Sep^t. 1809.

The day cool and pleasant- The Factory Buildings are going on pretty well.

Sunday 3^d.

The day cool and pleasant- River beginning to Rise to an unusual height for the Season.

Monday 4th.

It is just a Year to day Since we arrived at this place- D^r. Robinson held a Council to day with the Osages at which I was present- The object was to enquire into the cause of Some complaints that Some of the Chiefs made Several days ago ag^t. the Doctor as they (the Chiefs) Said by the direction of the whole Tribe- It turned out on enquiry that the Chiefs had been over-officious and had made the comp^{ts}. without the knowledge even of Some of the principal Men, and as they Said very much ag^t. their wishes.-

Paul the Interpreter left here very Suddenly to day for S^t. Louis it is Supposed. D^r. Robinson, under whose control he was placed by the Gov^r.- did not know of his intention to go-

Fort Osage Tuesday 5th. 1809.

The morning cool and cloudy- a little Rain about Sunrise-

Note- Began to Mess at D^r. Robinson's the 1^t. Inst^c.- Furnished 15 lbs. Rice, 2 Bottles Mustard and Some Vinegar.

Yesterday I wrote to Gen^l. Clark for 165 Panes of Window Glass and Putty enough to put it in with, to be Sent up by the very first opp^t. Size of the Glass 7 by 9 or 8 by 10- 7 by 9 preference if to be had. This

Letter I Sent by a Frenchman in a Canoe who is on his way to St. Louis from the Mahas.- The day cool and clear- 6 or 8 Indians came in from the Villages to purchase Some trifles.

The River falling a little.-

The Factory going on well to day. The Logs nearly Raised.- Paul the Interpreter has actually gone to St. Louis and taken 4 Indians with him- It Seems he has gone to lay in Some Complaints agt. Dr. Robinson the Sub Indn. Agt.- This impudent Step will cost him very dear- His conduct generally has been improper-

Ft. Osage Wednesday 6th. Sept. 1809.

Morning clear and cool- arose at Sunrise- The day clear and pleasant Factory House Ready for the Roof.

Thursday 7th.

The morning clear and cool- River falling- Rode out into the Prairie in the afternoon- The day fair and pleasant.-

Friday 8th.

Morning clear and pleasant.- River Still falling a little.- The day clear and pleasant- Two Osages belonging to the Arkansaw Band, came here to day to complain of the Kansas having lately Stolen 30 Horses from them- Two Men of the Big Villages were dispatched by Dr. Robinson to the Kansas to demand the Horses- The Factory Building going on pretty well to day.

Ft. Osage Saturday Sept. 9th. 1809.

The Morning clear and pleasant. Arose at Sunrise- Nothing Strange occurred to day- The day fair and pleasant-

Sunday 10th.

The morning clear and pleasant. Cloudy and a little Showery at 12 fair in the afternoon- Cool all day- Cloudy at Tatoo.-

Monday 11th.

Morning cool and fair- day contind. fair and pleasant Rode to the Prairie

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in the evening.

Tuesday 12th.

The morning clear and cool- day clear and pleasant.

Wednesday 13th.

Morning cool and fair- Capt: Clemson, Ensign Bissell & D^r. Murry took a trip down the River to day in a Barge and Rowed by 12 Men, they Set off before Breakfast and Ret^d. about 4 O'Clk: in the evening

F^t. Osage Thursday Sept. 14th. 1809.

The morning clear and cool - Two Men arrived last evening from S^t. Louis by land, which place they left on the Inst^d.- The Osages who went down on the 19th. of Aug^t. with Mr. McFarlane, have also Returned to their Villages- As the 2 Men above mentioned bro^t. no Letters with them, Nothing of any consequence to be Relied on, can be gathered from them- In the afternoon the Arkansaw Chiefs came in and paid me a visit- they Say they have Settled all their differences with Gov^r. Lewis and Gen^l. Clark, who have promised them to open the Trade of the Arkansaw if they continue to behave well, they advise them to treat all Traders with friendship, and if they ask too much for their Goods, to leave them and come here to the Factory, Trade- These Chiefs appear to be about half pleased with the Result of their trip to S^t. Louis-

F^t. Osage Friday September 15th. 1809.

The morning cool and clear. Wrote to Mr. Tillier to day- The day continued clear and pleasant.

Saturday 16th.

Morning cool and threatening Rain a little.-

In the evening or rather at night arrived Mr. Isaac Rawlings, a young Gentleman Sent out by Gen^l. Mason to be my assistant- He is the bearer of Sundry Letters from Gen^l. Mason and Gen^l. Clark- and has in charge a large quantity of Indⁿ. Goods for me, which he has come

in company with all the way from Georgetown.

He left the Boat containing those Goods, a few Miles below here, and come up in a Small Barge with Capt: Clemson, who had gone down to meet the Boat, and to take an airing- they arrived about 12 O'Clk:- Sunday 17th.

The Boat arrived this morning with the Factory Goods, which were immediately unladen and stored in the Garrison under lock and Key- Some of the packages appear to be Somewhat injured- Their contents must be examined without delay.

October 9th. 1810.

Wrote to Mr. R. H. Price of St. Louis this day by Mr. John Smith- enclosed Mr. P. \$4. in Silver \$3 to pay Dr. Farroe for a P^r of Shoes that I got from him in St. Louis in August last and \$1 for Ellen a Black Girl who done my washing then.

Wrote to Jn^o. Hancock at Boone's Saline for 100^{lbs}. Butter- offer \$15 p^hund. to be delivered here before the Middle of Nov^r.

Wrote to Gen^l. Clark on the Subject of Medals to Kansas and Pawnees and Small presents to visiting Indians.

On the 21st. of September I hired William Wells for the Term of One Year (if we can agree that long) at the Rage of \$18 p^month and find him Provisions- Same day Wells started to St. Louis and the Settlements on ~~Quiver~~? in pursuit of my Horses- furnished him with \$5 to pay his expences, and gave him \$10 to be paid to Mr. Mossy at Luther Lick, to whom I owe that Sum for hire of his Mare.

On the 1st. of October hired a Frenchman Jo. La Revey by name for One Month or More at \$18p^mo.- This Man's time will the greatest part of it be employed about Mr. R. H. Price's affairs.

Fort Osage Thursday November 1st. 1810.

The Morning cool and cloudy.- At an hour after Sunrise (after considerable unnecessary and very improper delay from the Garrison in

detaining my canoe I dispatched Pierre Lorr to St. Louis in a light canoe with dispatches to the Sup^t. of In. Trade and Sec^y. of the Treasury enclosed to Gen^l. Wm. Clark St. Louis, for him to forward them on by mail immediately- I wrote the General a long Letter on various Subjects Relating to our affairs here, The Osage Treaty &c. and Suggested to him a few advantages that would Result from the annuities being drawn from the Factory, if there is such Stipulation in the Treaty- I Requested the favor of him to enquire of Gov^r. Howard the nature of the control (if any) which the Treaty will allow the Military to exercise here over the improvement made by D^r. Robinson, stating to him the manner and under what authority and expectations that improvement was made and how it came into my hands- I gave him a description of the improvement, and enquired if it would not be wanted by the Gov^t. offering it for \$500.

I also wrote to Mr. John G. Comegys, Mess^{rs}. J. G. Comegys & Co.- R. H. Price & D^r. Robinson.

Thursday 1^t. Nov. 1810.

In my Letters to Comegys & Co. I enclosed 3 Bills of Exchange for \$891.02^{1/2} all made payable to them or order (See Copy of those Letters filed)- I wrote very hastily to Mr. Price about his Hogs Crop &c. and Sent him 75 C^{ts}. in Cut Silver Money that I had just Rec^d for a Bus^l. of his Potatoes.- to D^r. Robinson I wrote merely a Short friendly Espistle- All of these Letters are dated 31^t of October.- This Morning Mr. Wilson P. Hunt and party consisting of 40 or 50 Men and Several Gentlemen in one Large Keel Boat and Two Batteaux, left this place (after 2 days Stay) on their way up to the heads of the Missouri, and over to the Pacific Ocean. Mr. Hunt is charged with this enterprise by the newly established New York Fur Company of which the celebrated John Jacob Astor is at the head, as I understand; - he has for object to open a new Trade- A Vessel has gone Round to meet them at the Mouth of the Columbia River- I did not make any particular enquiry of Mr. Hunt

Relative to the precise object of this expedition. It is well understood that the above is the object.- The Party will not proceed farther than the Platt this winter, a great portion of the Men will winter about 150 miles above here, They appear to be well organized and every way prepared to carry fully into execution their object, & So far as it depends on human Skill and perseverance I have not a doubt of their Success.- Mr. Ramsey Crooks, Mr. Joseph Miller, Mr. Donald McKenzie are of the party tho' I do not know if they are connected in any way with Mr. Hunt's enterprise except Mr. McKenzie.- Capt. Rob^t. McClellan now at the Platt, will join them there I am told, and in him the party will find a most valuable acquisition.- A Mr. Airde with a Small Barge and Some Indⁿ. Goods is also in this company; his destination I believe is to the Sioux where he expects to remain this winter for the purposes of Trade.

Friday Nov^r. 2^d. 1810.

Morning Clear and Cold- It froze Standing water to an ice $\frac{1}{2}$ In. thick last night- I believe the first white frost we had was on the 2^d. Ult^o. Mr. Zadock Woods arrived here late last Night with 33 head of Beef Cattle for the Contractor- Capt. Clemson departed from this place for St. Louis about the 26th. Ult^o. at the Tabo he lost both his Horses, and they have not been found yet I believe.- The day proved to be very Raw and cloudy, and in the evening it had every appearance of a Snow Storm.

Saturday 3rd.

Very cool and Raw this morning, and cloudy. It hailed a little late last night.-

Wrote this day to Mr. Jesse Morrison about a Bbl: of Salt I had of him, and an old Sorrel Mare of his that I had the use of for 2 days ^{in pursuit} of my Horses that got away from me on the Road from St. Louis to this place in Sept. last. Sent Mr. Morrison a Dft: for \$11 on Comegus & C^o. St. Louis to pay for the Salt- (See Copy of my Letter filed)

Sunday November 4th. 1810.

Morning cool and drizzly.- The day ^{was} drizzly throughout. -

Monday 5th.

Morning drizzly, weather moderate, turned fair and pleasant at 10, and so continued all day.-

Tuesday 6th.

Morning clear and cool- Yesterday I wrote a long Letter to my Father (5 Sheets Letter Paper) on a variety of Subjects- Sketch of my disputes and quarrels here, and of Dr. Robinson's &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. the day changeable, Sometimes clear, Sometimes cloudy and like for Rain.

Wednesday 7th.

Morning very cloudy and Raw.- It Rained last night.- Cloudy and disagreeable all day.

To day I Salted away 412^{lbs}. of very fine Beef which I purchased from Mr. Zadoc Woods at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c^{ts}. plb.- also Salted down 13 Heats' Tongues- I p^d. Mr. Woods \$22.66 for a very fine Barret (or Banet?) Cow, which yielded 412^{lbs}. Beef a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ C^{ts}-45^{lbs}. Tallow a 10 C^{ts}. Hide \$1----all \$28.16

Thursday 8th Nov^r. 1810.

The Morning very Cloudy and very chilly a little Snow ab^t. 10 O'Clk:

This day I Settled acc^{ts}. in full with Mr. Zadock Woods (See Acc^t. filed) and gave him a Dft: on J. G. Comegys & C^o. for \$112 in full.

On the 3^d. I Settled an Acc^t. with Mr. J. H. Audrain Mr. A. held a Note on P: Lorr for \$56.38 which I had promised Lorr to take up- I held a Note on Mr. A. (Sent me by J. G. Comegys to Collect) for \$40.25 So I p^d. Mr. A. the difference (\$16.13) in a Dft: on J. G. Comegys & C^o. dated Same day- I wrote to Mr. Comegys to day on the above Subject (See Copies of Letters and Dfts: filed)-

I Sent by Mr. Woods to Gen^l. Clark an old Sorrel Horse belonging to the Indⁿ. Dp^t. and wrote the Gen^l. a line to that effect- I also enclosed to Gen^l. C. a Letter for The Sup^t. of Indⁿ. Trade covering merely, duplicates of the Salary Acc^{ts}. & advices of Dfts: drawn on acc^t.

thereof on the 25th. Ult^o.- a Letter to John Sibley dated 5th. Inst.^t. (5 Sheets) and Loose under Same wrapper my Letters to Comegys- Sent this Packet by Mr. Zadock Woods.

Friday November 9th. 1810.

Morning Cloudy- day Cool and disagreeable 'till evening when it turned warm & pleasant. Mr. Wood Started this Morning ab^t. 10 O'Clk. To day I entered into a Written and formal agreement with W^m. Wells, for his Services 12 Months to commence the 1^t. Inst.- (See Agreement filed) Also had a Serious talk with Madame Lorr Relative to her Services in Kitchen &c. She promised to be more Regular attentive and managing, and from the wish I feel to assist her and her very Large Family I am induced to try her again, and I hope She will do better in future-

Saturday 10th.

Morning Clear and pleasant- Somewhat Cloudy at times during the day- The greater part of the old Women and lads who have their winter camps here went out on a hunt to day to Stay 10 days- Blue Back is the leader.-

Wells was Sick to day, he thinks it is occasioned by too free use of Whiskey for the few last days- gave him a powerful dose of Salts which done him much good he Says.

Sunday November 11th. 1810.

The Sun Rose beautifully, while it was Snowing,- but was quickly obscured by clouds- The day continued cloudy and for the most part Snowy. tho' warm. In the evening it changed to a warm fine Rain, and at Night we had a pretty hard Shower of Rain- I had my Stable fitted up to day, and now my Horses are comfortably Housed.-

Monday 12th.

Morning Cloudy and warm. A good deal of Rain fell last Night.- To day I had 15 Bus^{ls}. of Turnips gathered and put into my cellar for table use, for which I am to pay Mr. R. H. Price.- cloudy and disagreeable all day, ab^t. 12 it turned colder.

Tuesday 13th.

Morning very Cloudy and Raw.- ground frozen. To day I employed 10 or 15 Squaws to harvest Mr. Price's Corn- we got ab^t. 60 Bushels Snugly housed before night- It continued cloudy all day, and at night it Rained a little.

Wednesday November 14th. 1810.

Morning cloudy and cold. It cleared off ab^t. 10 O'Clk: and contin^d. fair & pleasant all day. I had about 120 Bus^{ls}. of Corn gathered, Husked & Housed to day.- The Osages who have taken up their winter Residence within Gunshot of the Factory consisting of from 30 to 50 old women, with a few Girls & a Number of Children- and Several Men Young and old who are either too Sick or too aged or too badly provided with Guns &c. to accompany the Rest of the Tribe to the Hunt, were very much alarmed Yesterday and today by Some Signs which they Saw and heard of and which they believe to be certain indications of the near approach of Some Enemy- while I was at Supper 2 of the principal Men came to tell me of their apprehensions that they would be attacked to Night, which they had Scarcely finished, before I was informed that the whole of the Women were crowding Round the Factory, and were absolutely So much alarmed with their apprehensions that they could not be prevailed on to pass the night in their lodges- In order to quiet their fears and at the Same time to be Rid of the throng I put about 30 of the old women and a number of the Children in a vacant hut belonging to the Indⁿ. Dept. in my charge- And Recommended to the Men to Patrole the Neighboring passes, paths &c. during the Night.

Thursday 15th.

Morning Cool and Clear- day continued fair and pleasant.- Harvested and housed about 80 Bushels of Corn to day.-

One of the Soldiers (King) died yesterday and was buried this afternoon.

Friday 16th.

Morning fair and Cool. The day continued fair and pleasant- Gathered and Housed 25 Barrels of Corn in the ear to day.

Saturday 17th.

The Morning fair and cool, could get none of the Squaws to gather Corn to day- Wells got 3½ Barrels of Ears Housed before dinner- and was employed getting Fire Wood the Rest of the day.-

day pleasant and fair

Sunday November 18th. 1810.

Morning cloudy and warm. Turned fair & very pleasant ab^t. 9 O'Clk: and contin^d. So all day. After Breakfast I Rode up the River Bottom as far as the Blue River, accompanied by my Man Wells; we Returned by the Ridge path.- Our principal object was to look after Some Hogs belonging to Mr. R. H. Price- but in this we were very unsuccessful, as by Some chance or other we did not See a Single Hog.

Monday 19th.

Morning Stormy and exceeding Cold - It was very warm and pleasant during the Night 'till ab^t. 2 Hours before day light, when it turned windy and blew up a Snow Storm which continued 'till 12 O'clk: when it cleared off a little for an hour, but again clouded over and grew very Cold indeed.- The wind Still high from the North west till 10 O'Clk: at Night- This was truly a winter day, and by far the Coldest Since the last winter.

Tuesday 20th. November 1810.

Morning clear and excessively cold- It froze very hard last Night- Ice Running very thick in the Missouri.- day continued cold and fair- In the evening arrived Mr. Ira Cottle from the Settlement of Quiver with 110 head of Cattle- Mr. Cottle proposes to take up his Residence at this place for a few Years, and intends to turn his attention chiefly to the raising of Cattle for the Supply of the U. S. Troops Stationed here- His Family are expected Shortly by Water, but the Running of the Ice will not

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doubt detain his Boat Some days.- The Weather continued so Severe all day, that it was out of the question to attempt gathering Corn. I had my Beef packed in Pickle to day.

Note- on the 18th. let Mrs. Lorr have 107 lbs. of Flour on Acc^t. of her husband's wages.

Wednesday 21st. November 1810.

Morning clear and cold- Ice running very thick in the Missouri.- day contin^d. cold and at times Cloudy.-

Thursday 22nd.

Morning cold and fair.- Ice Still very thick in the River.- day Somewhat cloudy- quite unwell to day

Friday 23rd.

Morning fair and cool- River blocked up with Ice opposite the Factory- and con^d. So all day.- Gathered in 29½ Barrels of Corn in the ear to day and had it hucked and housed.

Saturday 24th.

Morning cool and Rainy, and Sleety 'till after dinner, when it began to Snow briskly and contin^d. 'till Night.

Sunday 25th.

Snow 5 Inches deep cloudy all day and cold-

Monday November 26th. 1810.

Morning Clear and Cold. Continued fair all day, but it did not thaw much.

Tuesday 27th.

Fair and Cold.

Wednesday 28th.

Cold and Cloudy- a little Sleet just after dark.

Thursday 29th.

The Morning Cool and fair day tolerable pleasant.

Friday 30th.

Morning cold and fair Several Men came up from the Boats (Mr. Cottle's

& the Contractor's) which are Stopped by the Ice below here ab^t. 30 Miles near the Sacque Prairie. Rec^d. a Letter from Mr. R. H. Price and a package of News Papers from Washington

Saturday December 1^t. 1810.

Morning cold and Rather Cloudy. Wrote to Mr. Risdon^A. Price to day on the Subject of his Hogs &c. See copy filed.- day contin^d. Cloudy- put up 4 Hogs to fatten to day.

Sunday 2^d.

Morning cool and Rather cloudy began to snow about 12 O'Clk: and cont^d. to Snow moderately for an hour.

Monday 3rd.

Fair and Cold.

Tuesday 4th.

Morning fair and pleasant-day-pleasant enough.

Wednesday 5th.

Fair and pleasant- To day I gathered and housed 28 Barrels of Corn in the ear for Mr. Price.-

5th. Dec.

This evening a party of Osages consisting of Men and Women Returned from a hunt which they have been engaged in for about 16 days past, down on a branch of La Mine River- On the 3^d. Inst. they were Surprised by a large party of Sacques and Ioways (in number about 200) who killed and took prisoners 5 Men and 1 Boy of their party,- and plundered them of several Horses and all their Peltry Provisions &c.- This War Party told the Osages they were going in pursuit of the Big Osages.

Thursday 6th.

Morning Cold and fair- At ab^t. 12 it Snowed a little and turned very cold- Wind high all day.- Got in 16 Barrels of Mr. Prices's Corn today, which completes one Field.-

Friday December 7th. 1810.

Morning fair and Cold - day very cold and windy, but fair.

Saturday 8th.

Morning Cold and Somewhat Cloudy- day turned out tolerably pleasant.

Sunday 9th.

Morning fair and pleasant.- day very pleasant.

Monday 10th.

Morning exceeding cold, and clear- day cold and fair.

Tuesday 11th.

Morning cold and fair.- Last Night at ab^t. half past Ten O'Clk: after I was a bed and asleep, Pierre Lorr my Interpreter arrived from S^t. Louis, whither I had Sent him on the 1^t. of November.- Lorr met with a very unfortunate accident within about 16 miles of this place on his Return- His gun burst in his hands and very much hurt him, he will lose one Finger from his left hand, and be Sometime in the Doctor's hands before he Recovers from the wounds he has Rec^d.

Letters Rec^d. by Lorr Vizt.

- 1 From Gen^l. Clark dated 14th Nov. 1810.
- 1 From J. G. Comegys & C^o. dated 11th. Nov. 1810.
- 1 From R. H. Price " 12th. " "
- 1 From S. H. Sibley " 1^t. Oct. "
- 1 From J. G. Comegys 11th & 14th of Nov.

See Files.

Wednesday 12th. Dec. '10.

Morning cold and clear- day pleasant and fair.

Thursday 13th.

The day very pleasant and fair- finished gathering in Mr. Price's crop this day- off of about 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres of Ground I got 800 Bus^{ls}. Hou-
Housed- ab^t. 100 Bus^{ls}. were destroyed by Hogs &c. before it could
be gathered.- P^d. Jo. La Revey \$9.50 in full.

Friday December 14th. 1810.

A very pleasant day-

Saturday 15th.

Morning Cold and Somewhat Cloudy- Ab^t. 12 it began to Snow and continued for 2 Hours- Snow very light.- Cold and Raw all day.

Sunday 16th.

Morning excessively Cold, and clear- clear and cold all day- At Night it Snowed a little-

Monday 17th.

Morning cloudy and excessively cold- Snow $1\frac{1}{2}$ Inch deep.- very cold day.

Tuesday 18th.

Morning pretty fair and more moderate than yesterday- day moderate. Paid W^m. Wells \$24 in Corn, in full to the 1^t. day of November.

Wednesday December 19th. 1810.

Morning fair and moderate- day Somewhat Cloudy and quite Cold.

Thursday 20th.

Morning Cold and a little cloudy- a pleasant day- A number of Indians came in to day from their Hunting ground, of the Kansas and Missouri Tribes- their view is to Trade at the Public Store.

Mr. Cottle arrived in the evening with his Family (Wife & 2 Children) from the Boats about 2 days Journey below here, where they have been detained by the Ice near a Month. I gave Mr. Cottle leave to occupy the House that I got from Doctor Robinson until he can provide himself with one of his own.

Friday December 21^t. 1810.

Morning moderate and cloudy.- day unpleasant.-

Saturday 22nd.

Morning cool and clear- day pleasant and fair- Killed 4 Hogs for Pork and had them packed away in Salt- Weight 552 lbs. net Pork.

Sunday 23rd.

Morning fair and cool, day pleasant.

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Monday 24th.

Morning fair and pleasant, a pleasant day.

Tuesday 25th.

Morning fair and very pleasant- a very pleasant Christmas day- this is the 3rd. Christmas that I have passed at Ft. Osage.

Wednesday December 26th. 1810.

Morning cloudy and moderate, a very pleasant day.

Thursday 27th.

Morning cloudy and warm- Mr. Ira Cottle and his Family moved this Morning into one of the Rooms occupied by my Interpreter. I have permitted him to make use of that Room and my Kitchen until the 1st. of April Next. Mrs. Cottle is to attend to my cooking &c. and will be principally engaged making Candles and Soap for the Factory, for which her compensation will be fixed after She has made a trial and ascertained what She can afford to make them for per Hundred weight.

The day con^d. Remarkably warm & pleasant. I lay very comfortably under one Blkt: this Night, tho' I usually find 4 Nona too many.

Friday 28th. December 1810.

Morning warm and Cloudy.- For the first time Since the 23rd. Ult^o. the Ice was this morning dispersed in part, in the Missouri opposite the Factory and a clear passage made by the channel on the other Side.- Several Indians crossed the River on the Ice late yesterday evening.- It turned cool at ab^t. 3 O'Clk: P. M.- Had all my Cattle driven up to day.

Saturday 29th.

Morning cold and Somewhat cloudy. River clear of Ice opposite the Factory.

Sunday 30th.

Day fair and cold.- unwell.

Monday 31st.

Morning cold and fair.- the day moderate and tolerably Pleasant.

Fort Osage Tuesday January 1st. 1811.

Morning clear and pleasant. Abt. 10 it turned cold and continued so all day- the Night excessively Cold - by far the coldest we have had this winter.

Wednesday 2nd.

Morning clear and most bitter Cold. My Ink was froze in the Stand, wh
which has never happened before Since I have occupied the new Factory House
very cold day.

Thursday 3rd.

Morning very cold and Somewhat cloudy. Missouri closed in the bend above
the Factory. day moderate but con^d. Rather cloudy.

Friday 4th.

Morning moderate and Cloudy. day Same.

Saturday 5th.

day warm and cloudy very thick mist at night.

Sunday 6th.

Morning very foggy and quite warm- The day Remarkably warm and pleasant.
River open again- loose Ice Running.

Monday January 7th. 1811.

Morning cloudy and moderate- day cloudy and a little Rain. a little Snow
at Night.

Tuesday 8th.

Morning cold and cloudy- At about 11 O'Clk: A. M. Mr. Wilson P. Hunt
arrived on foot with 6 Men from his winter Camps about 150 Miles above
here on his way to S^t. Louis- He States that the Band of Sioux Robbed
Capt. R. McClelland's Stores near the mouth of the Platt last fall of
about \$2000 worth of Property- Mr. Hunt will proceed to S^t. Louis in a
few days with 2 Men, the other 4 will Return to the Camp.-

Wednesday 9th.

Morning cold and fair- the day disagreeable- Mr. & Mrs. Cottle and 4
Osage Women commenced to make dipt candles to day for the Factory at
3¹/₂ Ct^s. per pound. -

3 1/2 cts. per pound.--

Thursday January 10th. 1811.

To day I had the Public Buildings valued by Mr. Hunt and Mr. Audrain.

Friday 11th.

Mr. Hunt departed for St. Louis, at about 11 O'Clk: he is to Return e
early in the Spring.

By Mr, Hunt I Sent to Risdon H. Price a Bay Horse belonging to him;
and I lent Mr. H. a Saddle to be Returned in the Spring.

I wrote the following Letters and Sent them by Mr. Hunt, copies of w
which are in my Letter Book

1 to Risdon H. Price St. Louis dated 8th Jan^y. 1811.

1 to John G. Comegys St. Louis " " " "

a very pleasant day.--

Saturday 12th.

Morning Raw and Somewhat cloudy- a pleasant day.

Sunday January 13th. 1811.

Morning cold and a little cloudy. day tolerable pleasant.

Monday 14th.

Morning cool and cloudy and very likely for Snow- a little Snow at Sun-
rise- day moderate and Rather Cloudy.

Tuesday 15th.

A little Snow again this morning- Somewhat cloudy.--

Wednesday 16th.

about 1/8 inch of Snow fell this morning.

Thursday 17th.

Day fair and moderate- late last night or Rather very early this
morning, Mr. Audrain's kitchen was burned to the ground with all its con-
tents, consisting of Corn, Meat, Flour, Furniture and nearly the whole
of his and his Family's wearing apparel which had been just given out to
be washed his loss is pretty considerable, and is attended with great
inconveniēce in many Respects.

Friday January 18th. 1811.

The day fair and very pleasant.- Sent my Man Wells with my Oxen, to assist Mr. Audrain to day- A number of Soldiers were at work to day for Mr. Audrain under the direction of L^t. Bronson; it is to be hoped that the losses Mr. A. has Sustained, may be in Some measure Relieved by the Kind offices of those who have it in their power to assist him, at least So far as to Rebuild His House, and make him and his Family as comfortable as the nature of the case will admit.

Saturday 19th.

a very pleasant day.

Sunday 20th.

a very pleasant day- Rode out into the River bottom- 7 Osages arrived from the Verdigris, where Ne, zu, mo, ne the Chief of the Little Osages is encamped with the greater part of his Tribe.

Monday January 21^t.

The day very fair and very pleasant.

Tuesday 22nd.

day very pleasant and fair.

Wednesday 23rd.

pleasant day

Thursday 24th.

pleasant day

Friday 25th.

pleasant day

Saturday 26th

pleasant day

Sunday 27th.

Morning cloudy and cool- Stormy day Sleet Snow and Hail- high wind at night To day wrote ~~the following~~ letters to The Sec^y. of War and Sup^t. of Indⁿ. Trade See

Letter Book.-

Monday 28th.

Rainy day.- wrote the following Letters to day See Letter Book.
Gen^l. W^m. Clark.- John H. Comegys and Joseph Gales Jun^r.- Wrote also
a few lines to R. H. Price about his Hogs &c.

Tuesday January 20th. 1811.

day cloudy and cold- $\frac{1}{4}$ Inch of Snow fell and hour after dark.-
Settled in full with Mr. Rawlings up to 31^t. Dec.

Wednesday 30th.

Cloudy 'till 11 O'Clk: and then cleared off and turned pleasant.

Thursday 31^t.

Morning cloudy and cool.- Mr. Isaac Cottle Started this morning for
the Settlements on the Quiver in company with 3 other Men.

Sent my public dispatches by Mr. Cottle under cover to Gen^l.
Clark, Securely wrapped up in Buckskin; also a Small Packet to Mr.
Comegys enclosing a Letter to him and one for J. Gales Jun^r.
Washington City for him to forw^d. by Mail- Mr. Cottle Says he will
deliver these packets as Soon as possible and take Special care of th
them while in his hands.-

Friday 1^t. Feb^y. 1811.

pleasant day

Saturday 2nd.

pleasant day

Sunday February 3rd. 1811.

day warm and pleasant tho' Somewhat cloudy- Rode out to the Osage
Town after dinner

Monday 4th.

Morning fair and very pleasant.-

This day I hired a young Man named Augustus Legare (a Relation of
Lorr's) for the term of Three Months commencing this day at \$13 $\frac{1}{3}$
per month and find him provisions.- W^m. Wells will be hereafter
employed entirely about Mr. Prices affairs.- Heavy Rain at Night.-

pleasant day.

Tuesday 5th.

day warm and pleasant- Missouri clear of Ice except a little drifted ashore.

Wednesday 6th.

Morning fair and pleasant.- 2 young Men of the Missouri Tribe arrived here to day from their hunting camp a few miles above the Kansas River- They Say they were Sent by their Chiefs to know if they could be permitted to Reside near this place. I Referred them to the Little Osages at the Same time hinting the advantages of their Removing if no objections are made by the proper authority which I did not believe would be the case. There are about 20 lodges of them near the Kansas and 8 or 10 more are up the Platt with Mr. Airde a Trader- They Say that Mr. A. will not t take anything but Furs for his Goods, at the Rate of 8 Beaver Skins for a 3 Pt. Blanket, which at the rate Beaver is taken at the Factory would buy 3 Blkts.-- They Say also, that the whole of their tribe will certainly be here in the Spring and probably the Ottos too.-

Thursday 7th.

pleasant day.- To day the 2 young Missouris came to me and expressed a desire to See the Store, Goods &c. , which I very willingly Shewed them, and took a good deal of pains to explain to them the Regular and fixed mode of trading at the Factory- They were a good deal Surprised at the cheapness of the Goods and appeared Rather to Suspect tha that I was joking with them. I Referred them to the Osages however who confirmed what I had told them, and advised them to prove the thing and Satisfy themselves by bringing their Furs.-

Friday February 8th. 1811.

Snow .- 3 Men of the Ottos came here this morning, they were discovered by the Osages just before they got here, and a number of the foolish young Men went out armed to kill them, but were prevented with much ado by a few old Men, who extended to them th Rights of hospitality by instant-

ly Smoking and eating with them with the usual ceremony on Such occasions, and thus put a Stop to all hostilities on the part of the Osages.- There 3 Ottos came here they say to Reclaim 5 Horses lately Stolen from them by the Osages, which Horses are now here- I Sent for them to my House and they came with several of the Osages, when I apologized in behalf of the Osages for the treatment they Rec^d. on their first arrival, and told them it would not have happened if any of the Chiefs or principal warriors were here- I desired the Osages to feed them and treat them well at all events, ^{let} be their business be what it may, and they all went off together apparently satisfied.-

Snow about an Inch deep at Tattoo- I discharged W^m. Wells from my Service to day, for irregularity and drunkenness.

Saturday February 9th. 1811.

Morning cloudy and cold likely for Snow.

Sunday 10th.

Day tolerably pleasant- Ice Running pretty thick in the Missouri. Settled accounts in full to day with W^m. Wells and paid him \$44.80 in Cash being in full.- Note.- Wells has been in my Employ Since the 21^t. of Sept. last and has Rec^d. from me \$78.00 in full compensation for his Services- \$27 of this I charge to Mr. R. H. Price for the time Wells has been engaged about his Crops Hogs &c. and \$15 I Shall charge to the Factory for time taken by Wells to get Fire Wood &c. leaving \$36 for my private expence of which, I paid \$24 in Corn at \$1 p. Bus^l. It has cost me about 15 to 20 Dollars to Subsist Wells the whole time he has been with me, say 20 dollars.- Went to an Indian dance at night but was not much amused.

Monday February 11th. 1811.

The day cold and Snowy.

Tuesday 12th.

Snow about an Inch deep this morning. very cold day.

Wednesday 13th.

day cold and fair

Thursday 14th.

day exceeding cold.- Arrived Mr. Peter Popenoe, and 2 Frenchmen from the Contractor's Boat- Popenoe delivered me 2 Packages containing Letters & Papers and Some Silver ware, which were forwarded from St. Louis by Gen^l. Clark by the hands of Mr. Morin and by him to this place from the boat by Popenoe. Letters Rec^d. Vizt.

- 1 from Sup^t. of Indⁿ. Trade 28th Nov. 1810.
- 1 from Gen^l. Clark 23^d. Jan. 1811.
- John G. Comegys 23 Jan. 1811.
- R. H. Price----- 24 Jan. 1811.

Washington Papers up to 18th. Dec. 1810.

Gen^l. Clark Sends me 600 pr. Silver Ear bobs and 20 Silver Hair Plates, but no Invoice of them. John G. Comegys Snes me a pair of Gold Ear Rings Price 3 Dollars.

Friday 15th.

day Snowy and most bitter Cold.

Saturday 16th.

day excessively cold- A large Party of the Little Osages came in to day from the Swan Pond with their Families.-

Sunday 17th.

last night was most insupportably cold the day exceedingly cold.

Monday 18th.

Morning very cold- The Missouri completely closed and blockup with ice as far as we can See up and down from the Factory Piazza.- The Chief and a number of the Warriors of the Little Osages arrived this evening almost froze.- Their families and the whole Nation will be here in a few days.-

Tuesday 19th. Feb^y. 1811.

The weather a good deal moderated. pleasant day.

Wednesday 20th.

pleasant day.

Thursday 21st.

day fair and pleasant- Ice in the River Separated abt. 2 O'Clk: but Stopped again, leaving many vacancies between the large Cakes- Several Soldiers happened to be crossing just as the Ice gave way, but were fortunate enough to get off without injury.- Sold a Stock of Hogs belonging to Mr. R. H. Price, to Mr. Ira Cottle for \$550.-

Friday 22nd.

a fine day.

Saturday 23rd.

a fine day . Fire quite unnecessary.

Sunday 24th.

Sold all my Stock of Hogs and 20 Busls. of Corn to Mr. Audrain (Say abt. 30 Hogs) for one Bay Horse and one Gray Mare worth about 120 Dollars- Say the Horse at- 70 \$- the Mare 50\$.- Rain in the Morning. good day.

Dr.-----Hog Account-----Cr.

Feb^y. 21st. 1810

Cash paid Mr. Zadock Woods for 15 Breeding Sows--- \$120

Feb^y. 24th. 1811

Expence of feeding and attending to Hogs one year, Say at most ----- 45
\$165

Interest on \$165 for one Year at 6 pCt.----- 9.90

20 Busls. Corn given as boot for Horses p. Contra a 75 Cts. 15.00
\$189.90

May 1st. 1810

Sold 411^{lbs}. Pork Say 3 wild Sows, for -----\$30.82½

May 19th. '10

Sold 2 Sows for ----- 25.00

Dec. 22^d. 1810

Killed 4 Sows for my own use weighed 552^{lb}. Net worth at least 6Cts.pHd. 33/12

Feb^y. 24th. 1811

Sold the whole Stock to J. H. Audrain for a Bay Horse and Gray Mare giving him also 20 Busls. Of Corn.- The Horses stand me in-----100.95½

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Monday 25th.

Morning warm and fair.- fine day.

Tuesday 26th.

Fine day.- All the Little Osages have now assembled at this place from their winter hunt.

February Wednesday 27th. 1811.

pleasant day- Rather warm- Ab^t. 12 O'Clk: a Trading Boat arrived here from the Kansas on its way to S. Louis- Five Men from Mr. Hunt's Camp are with this Boat on their way down, having declined going any farther with the party- They Represent that the Sioux are assembled in great numbers on the Missouri Banks not far above the Mahas, and that they are hostile to the Whites.-

Thursday 28th.

day fair but Rather cooler than Yesterday.

Friday March 1^t. 1812.

Morning fair and cool.- Pleasant day.

Saturday 2nd.

fair and windy.

Sunday 3rd.

pleasant day.

Monday 4th.

fair and cool.

Tuesday 5th.

Cloudy morning- Contractor's Boat arrived in the evening- a Number of the Big Osages arrived with Sans Nerf.

Wednesday March 6th. 1811.

day warm- Ice running in the River very thick, occasioned by the Rising of the River over large Drifts of Ice.

Thursday 7th.

Contractor's Boat Started (the Ice having ceased Running) ab^t. 3 O'Clk

o'clock. Young Mr. Audrain went to St. Louis in her. Sent the following Letters by Mr. Audrain See Letter Books.-

- 1 S. H. Sibley dated Feb. 12th. 14th.-15th.-
- 4 Gen^l. Clark dated " 21st. March 5th. & 7th.
- 1 J. G. Comegys dated March 1st. & 5th.
- 1. Jas^s. Callaway " " 1st.
- 1 R. H. Price " " 6th.
- 1. Sup^t. of In. Tr. (duplicates) Feb.
- 1. Same -----Mar. 7th.

Friday 8th.

head ache all day.

Saturday 9th.

unwell to day- By my Request, the Chief of the Little Osages, Heezamone, brought me the copy of the Treaty entered into between the U. S. and the Osages, at this place in Novem. 1808; furnished him by Gov^r. Lewis, which I have hastily Copied in the following pages- It has been Said on good authority that this Treaty has been duly confirmed by our Govt. ('tho it has never yet been officially communicated to the Osages) which made me desirous of having a copy of it.

It is certainly a very imperfect and irregular Instrument, and withal very unfair (in my opinion) in its present State, and I cannot get believe that the Gov^t. of the U. S. can have Sanctioned it without many exceptions and alterations in favor of the Osages, particularly when it is understood the manner in which it was executed- See a Note of mine on this Subject in Page 44.-

Articles of a Treaty made and concluded at Fort Clark on the Right bank of the Missouri about five miles above the Fire Prairie, in the Territory of Louisiana, the Tenth day of Novem. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight, between Peter Chouteau Esquire Agent for the Osages and

and Specially commissioned and Instructed to enter into the Same by His Excellency Meriwether Lewis Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Territory aforesaid, in behalf of The United States of America of the one part, and the Chiefs and Warriors of the Great and Little Osage for themselves and their Nations Respectively on the other part.

Article 1^t.

The United States being anxious to promote Peace friendship and intercourse with the Osage Tribes, to afford them every assistance in their power, and to protect them from the Insults and injuries of other Tribes of Indians Situated near the Settlements of the White People, have thought proper to build a Fort on the Right Bank of the Missouri, a few miles above the Fire Prairie and do agree to Garrison the Same with as many Regular Troops as the President of the U. States may from time to time deem necessary for the protection of all orderly, friendly and well disposed Indians of the Great and Little Osage Nations, who Reside at this place, and who do Strictly conform to, and pursue the counsels or admonitions of the President of the United States thro' his Subordinate Officers.-

Article 2nd.

The U. States being also anxious that the Great and Little Osage Resident, aforesaid, Should be Regularly Supplied with every Species of Merchandise, which their comfort may hereafter require, do engage to establish at this place, and permanently to continue at all Seasons of the year, a well assorted Store of Goods, for the purpose of bartering with them on moderate terms for their Peltries & Furs.

Article 3rd.

The United States agree to furnish at this place for the use of the Osage Nations, a Blacksmith and Tools, to mend their Arms and Utensils of husbandry, and engage to build them a Horse Mill or Water Mill, also to furnish them with Ploughs, and to build for the

for the Great Chief of the Great Osage, and for the Great Chief of the Little Osage, a Strong Block House in each of their Towns, which are to be established near this Fort.-

Article 4th.

With a view to quiet the animosities which at present exist between the Inhabitants of the Territory of Louisiana and the Osage Nations in consequence of the Lawless depredations of the latter, The United States do further agree to pay to their own Citizens the full Value of Such property as they can legally prove to have been Stolen or destroyed by the Said Osage, Since the acquisition of Louisiana by the United States, provided the Same does not exceed the Sum of Five thousand Dollars.-

Article 5th.

In consideration of the Lands Relinquished by the Great and Little Osage to the U. States as Stipulated in the 6th. Article of this Treaty, the United States promise to deliver at Fire Prairie or at Saⁿtt Louis, Yearly to the Great Osage Nation, Merchandise to the amount or value of One Thousand Dollars, and to the Little Osage Nation, Merchandise to the Amount of value of Five Hundred Dollars, Reckoning the value of Said Merchandise, at the first cost thereof in the City or place in the U. States where the Same shall have been procured and in addition to the Merchandise aforesaid the United States have at and before the Signature of these Articles, paid to the Great Osage Nation the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars, and to the Little Osage Nation the Sum of \$400.

Article 6th.

And in consideration of the advantages which we derive from the Stipulations contained in the foregoing Articles, we the Chiefs and Warriors of the Great and Little Osage, for ourselves and our Nations Respectively, covenant and agree with the United States, that the boundary line between our Nations and the United States, shall be as follows, to wit, beginning at Ft. Clark on the Missouri, five miles above

above Fire Prairie and Running thence a due South course to the River Arkansaw, and down the Same to the Mississippi, thereby ceding and Relinquishing forever to The United States all the Lands which lie East of the Said line, and North of the Southwardly bank of the Said River Arkansaw, and all Lands Situated Northwardly of the River Missouri, and we do further Cede and Relinquish to the United States forever, a Tract of Two Leagues Square, to embrace Fort Clark, and to be laid off in Such manner as the President of The U. States Shall think proper.

Article 7th.

And it is mutually agreed by the contracting parties that the boundary line hereby established Shall be Run and marked at the expences of the United States as Soon as circumstances or their convenience will pe permit, and the Great and Little Osage promise to depute Two Chiefs from each of their Respective Nations, to accompany the commissioner or Commissioners who may be appointed, on the part of the U. States to Settle and adjust the Said boundary line.

Article 8th.

And the United States agree that Such of the Great and Little Osage Indians as may think proper to put themselves under the protection of Fort Clark, and who observe the Stipulations of this Treaty with good faith, Shall be permitted to live and to hunt without molestation, on all that Tract of country west of the North and South boundary lines on which the Said Great and Little Osage have usually hunted or Resided; provided the Same be not the hunting grounds of any Nation or Tribe of Indians in amity with the United States, & on any other Lands within the Territory of Louisiana without the Limits of the White Settlements, until the United States may think proper to assign the Same as hunting grounds to other friendly Indians.

Article 9th.

Lest the friendship which is now established between the United States and the Said Indian Nations, Should be interrupted by the misconduct of Individuals, it is hereby agreed that for Injuries done by Individuals no private Revenge or Retaliation Shall take place; but instead thereof complaints Shall be made by the party injured to the other by the Said Nation or either of them to the Superintendant or other person appointed by the President of the United States to the Chiefs of the Said Nation, and it Shall be the duty of the Said Chiefs upon complaints being made as aforesaid, to deliver up the person or persons against whom the complaint is made, to the end that he or they may be punished agreeably to the Laws of the State or Territory where the offence may have been committed; and in like manner if any Robbery, violence or Murder Shall be committed on any Indian or Indians belonging to either of Said Nations, the person or persons So offending Shall be tried and if found guilty Shall be punished in like manner, or if the injury had been done to a White Man and it is agreed that the Chiefs of the Great and Little Osage Shall to the utmost of their power, exert themselves to Recover Horses or other property which may be Stolen from any Citizen or Citizens of the United States by any Individual or Individuals of either of their Nations, and the property So recovered Shall be forthwith delivered to the Superintendant or other person authorized to Receive it; that it may be Restored to the proper owner, and in cases where the exertions of the Chiefs Shall be ineffectual in recovering the property Stolen as aforesaid, if Sufficient proof can be adduced that Such property was actually Stolen by any Indian or Indians belonging to the Said Nations or either of them, the Superintendant or other proper Officer May deduct from the Annuity of the Said Nation Respectively a Sum equal to the value of the property which has been Stolen- And the United States hereby guarantee to any Indian or Indians of the Said Nations Respectively, a full indemnification for any Horses or other property which

may be Stolen from them by any of their Citizens provided that the property ~~be~~ Stolen cannot be Recovered, and that Sufficient proof is produced that it was actually Stolen by a Citizen of the States, and the Said Nations of the Great and Little Osage engage on the Requisition or demand of the President of the U. States or of the Sup^t. es to deliver up any white man Resident among them.

Article 10th.

The United States Receive the Great & Little Osage Nations into their friendship and under their protection, and the Said Nations on their part declare that they will consider themselves under the protection of no other Power, whatsoever, disclaiming all Right to Cede or Sell or in any manner transfer their Land to any Foreign power, or to Citizens of the U. States or Inhabitants of Louisiana, unless duly authorized by the President of the United States to make the Said purchase or accept the Said Cession on behalf of the Government.

Article 11th.

And if any person or persons for hunting or other purposes, Shall pass over the boundary lines as established by this Treaty into the Country Reserved for the Great and Little Osages Nations without the Licence of the Superintendant or other proper officer, they the Said Great and Little Osages or either of them Shall be at liberty to apprehend Such unlicensed hunters or other persons and Surrender them together with their property, but without other injury, insult or molestation, to the Superintendant of Indian Affairs, or to the Agent nearest the place of arrest to be dealt with according to Law.

Article 12th.

And the Chiefs and Warriors as aforesaid promise and engage that, neither the Great or Little Osage Nations will ever by Sale exchange or as presents, Supply any Nation or Tribe of Indians not in amity with the United States, with Guns, Ammunition or other implements of war.

Article 13th.

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This Treaty Shall take effect and be obligatory on the Contracting Parties as Soon as the Same Shall have been Ratified by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States.

In testimony whereof, the Said Peter Chouteau commissioned and Instructed as aforesaid, & the Chiefs and Warriors of the Great and Little Osage Nations of Indians have herunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals- Done at Fort Clark the day above mentioned.

E. B. Clemson Capt.
1st Lt. Regt. Inf^y.
L. Lorimier Lieut.
1st Lt. Regt. Inf^y.

Pre. Chouteau
and
Capt. 109 Great and Little Osages, alternately.-

Reuben Lewis
Sub Ag^t. Indⁿ. Affairs.

We the undersigned Chiefs and Warriors of the band of Osages Residing on the River Arkansaw being a part of the Great Osage Nation, having this day had the foregoing Treaty read and explained to us by His Excellency Meriwether Lewis Esq^r. do hereby acknowledge consent to and confirm all the Stipulations therein contained as fully & as completely as though we had been personally present at the Signing Sealing and delivering the Same on the 10th day of Nov. 1808, the Same being the day on which the Said Treaty was Signed, Sealed and delivered as will appear by a Reference thereto- In Witness whereof we have for ourselves and our band of the G^t. Osage Nation, Residing on the River Arkansaw, herunto Set our hands and affixed our Seals- done ^{at St. Louis in the Territory of Louisiana} this 31st. day of August A. D. 1809 and of the Independence of the U. States the thirty fourth.

In presence of
J. G. Comegys
G. Wilson
C^o. W. Honey
J^{no}. W. H. Ray

Clermont- 1st. Chief
Fox (?) Track- 2^d. Chief
and

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Sam^l. Solomon Inter^r.

Jn^o. P. Gates Inter^r.

Noel Mograin Indⁿ. Inter^r.

Basil Vapier Indⁿ. Inter^r.

Sunday March 10th. 1811.

Morning Rainy- Missouri Rising very fast. Mr. Auguste Chouteau Jun^r. arrived this Morning from the Osage River; his business as appeared before Night, is to persuade the Little Osages to accompany him to the Osage River and carry with them their Peltries to trade with him- The Chief of the Little Osages, and the Tattoo Back informed me that they were Solicited by him to that effect- but they will pay not attention to him.

After dinner I rode out about 8 Miles into the Prairie and Returned at Sun down.

Monday 11th.

Foggy Morning- A little after Sunrise a Party of Osages to the number of 100 Men Set off in a body to War against the Ioways, they have 3 Leaders neither of whom are distinguished Warriors and the party altogether consists of Young Men with Some few exceptions Lieut. Brownson Sent a party of Soldiers to Set them across the River in the Public Boat They appeared to be pretty well armed and equipped, and may probably Strike a Sore blow on their enemies Should they find them unapprised of their approach.

After Breakfast I Rode out about 10 or 12 Miles with 2 Men and Some Indⁿ. Boys in pursuit of Mr. Price's Hogs, but found none, Returned ab^t. 3 O'Clk in the afternoon.

Tuesday 12th.

Morning fair and pleasant.- About Sunrise another War Party Set off from the Osage Village against the Ioways of about 45 Men consisting of about an equal number of Osages & Missouri, led by a distinguished Warrior o the Missouris named Che, o, ho, ge or Hole in my House.-

their plan is to attack the enemy by Surprise after the party which went yesterday have Struck a blow. Lieut. Brownson Set them across the River, and they immediately Set out on their March- We Shall probably hear how these War Parties Succeed in less then Ten days from now, it being understood that the Ioways are at no great distance from the Missouri.

Mr. Chouteau handed me 3 Letters this evening, which he Rec^d. in St. Louis last fall and has had ever Since in his hands, one of them is from Mrs. Mary Sibley, another from Rob^t. H. Sibley, both under one cover and dated F. Ville 19th. Sept. '10- Postage 50¢. the other is from Sam^l. H. Sibley- dated Wilmington 11th. Oct. '10. Postage 25¢.

Wednesday 13th. Thursday 14th.

Two Rainy days.

Friday 15th.

Cloudy and Some Rain.

Saturday 16th.

a fair and pleasant day.

Sunday 17th.

fair and pleasant Mr. Tho^s. Hemstead arrived this evening in 12 days from St. Louis brought me the following Letters Vizt.

- 1 from Gen^l. Clark dated 5th. March
 - 1 from R. H. Price dated 5th. March
 - 1 from J. G. Comegys dated 4th. March
- and Washington Papers up to 12th Jan^y.

Monday 18th.

Sold off all Mr. Price's Hogs, Corn &c. &c. to M^r. Cottle and Mr. Audrain and Settled his business finally which I have informed him fully of by Letter of this date- See Letter Book.

Tuesday 19th.

In the evening all the Osages Returned from war, and Brought 8 Scalps and one Horse taken from the Loways- (2 Men- 5 Women and 1 Child killed).-

Wednesday 20th.

Wrote to Mr. Braxton Cooper (at Boone's Saline) about the Horse I bought from Jn^o. Trask- desiring him to do as he thinks best with him and I will Settle with him Some time when I am passing thro^o that Settlement. Rainy day- River Rising Rapidly.

Thursday 21st. March 1811.

Cloudy morning- River Rising very fast. Rainy day.

Friday 22nd.

fair day- River Rising yet- a Number of Buffalo passed, floating, which it is Supposed were drowned above attempting to cross on the ice. The Indians got Several of them ashore.

Saturday 23rd.

Cloudy and Cold this morning- A little after Sunrise Ensign Bissell with a command of 17 Soldiers Set out by water for St. Louis; Mr. Hempstead went down with him- Sent the following Letters Vizt.

- 1 to Risdon H. Price dated 18th. Inst.
- 1 to Gen^l. W^m. Clark " 22^d. "
- 1 Mr. Braxton Cooper (Saline) 20th.

Note- I paid W^m. Wells \$21.25 in Cash, yesterday, which is in full of all accounts between us. Snowed a little in the evening.

Sunday 24th.

day cool and cloudy, River-Rising- Still Rising.

Monday 25th. March 1811.

fair day- about 25 Osages from the Arkansaw arrived to day.- Heavy Rain at night.

Tuesday 26th.

cloudy morning.- Rainy day. In the afternoon Mr. Crooks arrived from

the Naudoway.- River still Rising.-

Wednesday 27th.

Cloudy morning.- fair day- abt. 12 O'Clk: 9 Horses were discovered crossing the Missouri just above the Factory driven over it was supposed by Some Hostile Indians whose design appears to have been to

take them off- About 100 Osages immediately crossed, and in a Short time Returned to the bank opposite here with all the Horses, (4 of which were mine) they found them in the water under the bank, utterly unable to get out, and if not So Seasonably Relieved by the Indians (who had to dig a Road to them with their knives and tomahwks) would all have perished inevitably- I distributed 2^d. Vermillion and a Bbl: of Flour to the Indians for their activity in bringing back my Horses- with which they were well Satisfied- a Perogue arrived from the Mahas just at dark owned by Rudedoux. (sic)

Thursday 28th. March 1811.

Day very changeable, Sometimes fair, Sometimes Rainy, at Sundown a tremendous Storm of Rain and Hail with Thunder and Lightning. I never Saw it Rain harder than it did for about 10 Minutes; and for about one Minute the Hail Stones fekk ver^y thick, the Size of Pigeon's eggs.- the Storm continued, with frequent intermissions until 8 O'Clk: when it cleared off and continued warm.

Friday 29th.

The day fair and pleasant.- began to Trade to day with the Osages, they having paid nearly all their credits.-

Saturday 30th day fair and pleasant.

Sunday 31st.

a violent hail Storm about 11 O'Clk: after which it cleared off but continued windy- day quite cool.

Monday April 1st. 1811. day disagreeably cool

Tuesday 2nd. fine day.

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Wednesday 3rd.

To day Lieu^t. Brownson very unadvisedly and very improperly had one of the Warriors of the Little Osage punished by 10 or 12 lashes on his bare back in the Garrison, for infringing Some petty Regulation or

take them off - About 100 Gages immediately crossed, and in a short time returned to the bank opposite here with all the horses, (4 of which were mine) they found them in the water under the bank, utterly unable to get out, and it was so seasonably relieved by the Indians (who had to dig a hole to them with their knives and tomahawks) would all have perished inevitably - I distributed 2d. Vermillion and a Bill of about 10 to the Indians for their activity in bringing back my horses - with which they were well satisfied - a Porcupine arrived from the Nation just at dark owned by Habsdoux. (sic)

Thursday 28th. March 1811.

Day very disagreeable, sometimes fair, sometimes rainy, at sundown a tremendous storm of rain and hail with thunder and lightning. I never saw it fall harder than it did for about 10 minutes; and for about one minute the Hail Stones fell very thick, the size of Pigeon's eggs - the storm continued, with frequent intermissions until 8 o'clock when it cleared off and continued warm.

Friday 29th.

The day fair and pleasant. - began to trade to day with the Gages, they having paid nearly all their credits.

Saturday 30th day fair and pleasant.

Sunday 31st.

a violent hail storm about 11 o'clock after which it cleared off but continued windy - day quite cool.

Monday April 1st. 1811. day disagreeably cool

Tuesday 2nd. fine day.

other, which has very much irritated and offended the whole tribe.-

Thursday 4th.

To day Some of the young men of the Osages Shot Some Cattle (belonging to Mr. Audrain it is Supposed) in Revenge for the indignity offered their Tribe yesterday by punishing one of their Warriors- This affair Seems to have caused much alarm and irritation among the Indians and in the Garrison, and a Report is in circulation that the Osages design to attack the Garrison to night which has caused unusual vigilance. I have not learned the grounds of the Report nor can I find any cause of alarm- The Osages are certainly greatly offended with Lt. Brownson for his harsh and improper conduct towards them; but are firm in their attachment to the U. States I believe. Lt. B. does well however, I think to Shew alertness, on the occasion. It is making Sure of tranquillity at all events.

Friday 5th.

There was no alarm last night, nor any unusual Stir among the Osages except what was occasioned by their own apprehensions of an attack from the Ioways, founded on Some Suspicious noise heard over the River by one of the Sentries.

Saturday 6th.

The Osages have agreed to pay for the damage done to Mr. Audrain & Lt. Brownson (by killing Hogs- Shooting Cattle &c.) in Horses.

Sunday 7th.

fine day- The Osages danced to day before the Factory House.

Monday April 8th. 1811.

Day cool and changeable.- Mr. Wilson P. Hunt arrived by water from St. Louis which place he left on the 5th. of March, by him I Received 2 Letters from John G. Comegys, and Sundry Articles as Flour, Medicine &c. also a few newspapers up to 23^d. January.

Tuesday 9th.

Some of the Kansas Arrived yesterday to Trade.- Some of the Big Osages

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arrived to day (Sans Merf and Jo: Ma Lambero are along) they have come to eat.- pretty good day.

Wednesday 10th.

Rainy day- This Morning ^{Mr.} Hunt and party pursued their voyage-

There are two Gentlemen Naturalists with Mr. Hunt, ^{Mr.} Bradbury from Liverpool who is making Researches under the patronage of Sir Joseph Banks- And ^{Mr.} Nuttle from Philadelphia, Sent out by Doctor Barton- The former is an elderly Gentleman, the latter quite a young man; both Men of Science and indefatigable in their Researches- ^{Mr.} N. will probably go to the Pacific- ^{Mr.} B. no farther than the Mandanes.

Thursday 11th. April

day cool and changeable

Friday 12th.

Rainy day.

Saturday 13th.

a fair day but very windy.

Sunday 14th.

Late last night ^{Mr.} F. Audrain arrived from St. Louis which place he left the 3^d. Inst.- Letters Rec^d. by him

2 from Gen^l. Clark dated 1^t & 2^d. Inst.

2 from R. H. Price Ap^l. 2^d. & March 24th

1 from Jn^o. Sibley " " 1^t Feb^y.

and 3 Washington papers up to 19 Feb^y. also Rec^d. from Gen^l. Clark
p. ^{Mr.} Audrain 8 Indian Medals 5 Small & 3 Middle Size-

Monday 15th. April 1811.

About half of the Little Osage Village set out for the Osage River to day with the Chief- Some disputes of an inimportant nature with the Garrison and Some pretended fears of their enemies, have occasioned this Sudden change in the plans of this people, for but a few days ago they were unanimous in their determination to Stay here and the Chief

Seemed to be the most determined of any.

The Rest of the Tribe (about 60 families) have Resolved to Stay here till Sans Oreille and the Big Soldier arrive, who are now out hunting-

19th.

Sansoreille arrived and has advised his people not to think of moving and they will most likely follow his advice-

The weather changeable; a good deal of rain- River Rising
Note. Gagare lost 8 days in March by Sickness-

Thursday 25th. April 1811.

Nothing Strange has occurred Since the 19th, the Weather has been very Changeable.

Mr. Manuel arrived in 21 days from S^t. Charles, on his way up to the heads of the Missouri- A Mr. Brackenridge is a passenger with Mr. Manuel and intends going as far as the Mandanes from whence he will Return (in Septem^r.) with Mr. Bradbury, who has gone on with Mr. Hunt- Mr. B's object appears to be chiefly to indulge his curiosity in a view of the Country, its productions and Curiosities &c. and account of which it is Said he intends to publish- He is Said to be a young Gentleman of handsome acquirements and to possess a happy facility in writing-

By Mr. Manuel I Received 1000^{lb}. of Bar Lead- 1 Tea Canister and 3 Flags Sent me by Gen^l. Clark, with a Letter from the Gen^l. dated 1^t. Inst^t.- He has Sent me no Invoice of the Lead.

Friday 26th. April 1811.

It Rained hard all night and had not done 'till 10^o Clk: to day Mr. Manuel pursued his voyage this morning-

Saturday 27th.

The Big Soldier arrived to day from his Beaver Hunt- owing to the wet weather his party were only able to take about 40 Beavers- The Big Soldier pretends to be very much dissatisfied with his Town for leav -

ing this place; and Says positively he will not go.-

Sunday 29th.

had a long conversation with the Big Soldier to day- he is certainly a man of good Sense, but is not as decided and firm in his measures as many others- He appears to have Suffered his confidence in our Gov^t. to be in Some degree impaired, by Some of the measures taken by Gov^r. Lewis to assemble all the Osages near this place having either failed, or been changed in favor of Mr. Chouteau's plan of Recollecting them at the Osage River- And hinted more than once that the Americans are afraid of Chouteau and dare not oppose his measures, and offers this as a Reason why the Osage affairs are in Such confusion

Tuesday May 1^t. 1811.

To day I bartered with Mr. Audrain (or Rather exchanged) Horses as follows

Dr.

1 Sorrel Horse which I bought in St. Louis Feb^y. 1810 from Mr. John G.

Comegys for ----- \$90.00

1 Bay Horse which I bo^t. from Mr. Audrain 24th. last Feb^y. (See page

97) Stands me in ----- 60.00
\$150.00

Note- the Sorrell is Rather a delicate animal and fit only for light Service.- The Bay has a fistula coming, which may be twoublesome.

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1 Bay Horse (nicknamed Faddy) worth fully -----\$35.00

1 Bay Horse (late F. Audrain's) ---better worth----- 35.00

1 Mouse Col^d. Dun Horse----- 30.00

1 Cal^o. Stallion (Indⁿ.)----- 30.00

1 Black Stallion----- 20.00
150.00

This is what the 5 actually Stand me in-----

my motive for making this exchange, is to procure a number of hardy

tackies for an excursion I am preparing to commence in a few days into

the Indian Country- Neither of my two Horses will answer, besides I Require four or five- Four of the above are proved to be very hardy-

(Pages 127, 128., 129, 130 torn out of the diary)

frequent intercourse between them and this place- Gen^l. Clark has furnished me with three Flags and Eight Medals to be distributed at the Several Nations in his Agency that I may visit in Such manner as I may think best, and he has Requested me to Speak to them in his name, in a Style Suitable to the principles and policy of the Gov^t. of the U. S.-

Having seen these Nations, I propose to visit and examine the celebrated Salines beyond the River Arkansaw- to visit the Several Tribes and bands of Osages at their Hunting Camps, and if not too inconvenient, to Return home, by way of the Towns of the Chaniers and Big Osage.

I Shall note whatever Remarkab^l may fall within our view, make Some enquiries concerning distant objects of curiosity, and inform myself generally as to the country, its inhabitants, productions and Resources- I take with me Pawnee & Osage Interpreters, also a few active Osages as Hunters and Scouts, and Shall carry a few articles of Merchandise, as Cal^o., Paint, Scarlet cloth &c. as presents, Should I find it fit to make any.

An express is to Set out from the Garrison Tomorrow for St. Louis, by whom I Shall forward to Gen^l. Clark, my public Acc^{ts}. for the last quarter (for him to forward by mail) also Some private Letters which I have written

- To The Sup^t. of Indⁿ. Trade (under cover with Acc^{ts} &c)
- To John Sibley
- To Gen^l. Clark
- To James Callaway
- To John G. Comegys and

To Risdon H. Price- for copies of all which (except the 2^d.) See Letter Book- Pages 38-46-48-54 and 58.-

Friday 11th.

Rainy Morning- Mr. Audrain called to tell me that he had lost two more of his Horses, and had Reasons to Suppose they were taken by Some of the Osages who left here on the 9th.- He Said he thought those people had taken the two others also and Requested me to make Some enquiry when I overtook the Osages- I cannot for a moment Suppose the Little Osages took any of those Horses- If they are Stolen, it is by Some other people.-

Friday May 11th. 1811.

It having cleared off a little at 2 O'Clock, we Set out from Ft. Osage- Party consists of the following persons Vizt, G. C. Sibley- James Henderson Hostler and waiter- Gabriel Lorr Osage Interpreter- Sansoreille chief warrior of the Little Osages- Little Fire and Cow-tail two warriors of L. Osage who go as Hunters and Scouts- Besides the above there are two other Osages in company who are going to join the Village. My cavalry consists of 4 Horses- one apiece for Serv^t. Interpreter and Self, and one to pack, all fat and in good health and Spirits- Baggage- 2 Small packs of Goods for Indⁿ. presents (Am^t. \$100.) weighing each 25 lbs. and about 50 lbs. of clothing, ammunition and Provisions- The Indians are all afoot-

July 11th.

Returned to Ft. Osage, having completed my tour much to my Satisfaction and without any material accident.

July 13th. 1811

Settled all accounts with Jas: Henderson and paid him in full to this day- Hired Jas. Henderson to cook and wait at \$18 per Month to commence tomorrow.

17th.

W^m. Wells arbitrarily imprisoned by Lt. Brownson-

20th.

20th.

Closed my public acc^{ts}. under this date.

Wednesday 24th.

Sent Mr. Rawlings to St. Louis with public dispatches &c. Mr. Ira Gottle went with him.

Sat. 27th.

Mr. Bradbury & Mr. Brackenridge arrived this Morning in 2 Barges of the St. Louis Fur Company in 40 days from the Recaras where they left Mr. Hunt & party preparing for an overland journey to the Columbia River- purchasing Horses from the Recaras for that purpose- Mr. Bradbury Related that Some indications had been discovered of a design of a number of Mr. Hunt's men to desert. Mr. B. saw Mr. Reuben Lewis at the Mandans in May, who was in good health & proposed to descend the River to St. Louis in Septem^r.- Mr. Bradbury has been extremely diligent and active in his botanical pursuits, having collected upwards of 1500 new plants &c. more than a thousand of which he has yet in a vegetative State in Boxes &c.-

Wednesday 7th. August.

It is very Sickly at this place- I was attacked to day with ague & fever

Thursday 8th.

Took an emetic this morning- just at Sundown the Public Boat arrived, having on board Capt. Clemson & family &c.

Friday 9th.

In the evening Mr. Rawlings arrived from St. Louis- Letters Rec^d. by him

- 1 from S. H. Sibley dated 3^d. June '11
- 1 from Sup^t. of In. Trade dated 1^t. July
- 1 from Sage " 2^d "
- 1 from Gen^l. Clark " 30th. July
- 1 from Same " 31^t. "
- 1 from R. H. Price " 30th "
- 1 from J. G. Comegys " 31^t. "

and Washington papers up to 6th. July.-

Saturday 10th. August 1811.

Rec^d. a Letter to day from R. H. Price dated 17th. June, enclosing Sundry
Acc^{ts}. to collect. I had another fit of the ague yesterday.

Tuesday 13th.

W^m. Wells was Released from confinement this evening- I missed my Ague
to day and hope it has entirely left me.

Sunday 18th.

Sent by Mr. Z. Woods to day a packet of Letters under cover to Gen^l. Clark
care of Col^o. Kibby St. Charles. Letters in the packet

- 1 to D^r. Jn^o. H. Robinson Kaskaskia.
- 1 to Gen^l. Clark
- 1 to Mr. R. H. Price
- 1 to Mr. J. G. Comegys
- 1 to Sup^t. of Indⁿ. Trade, for copies of all which See Letter Book.

Monday 19th.

A Trading Boat passed to day for the Sioux- 10 Kansas arrived here yest-
erday from their Village, to See a little Tallow for Powder &c.

Friday 23^d. August 1811.

To day 4 Osages arrived from the Little Osage Village on the Nee Osho-
they Report among other things that a young Creole by Name Legaire has
been killed by the Pawnees or Some other tribe living beyond the Arkansaw.
A Mr. Kyowan arrived in 7 days from St^t. Louis, Reports that Mr. Chouteau is
not coming here- that ab^t. 50 of the Big Osages are at St^t. Louis on
business with the Governor- the weather has been Remarkably cool the last
5 or 6 days.

Sat^y: 24th.

Mr. Longuett arrived this evening from the Mandans- He Says that Mr.
Lewis was only waiting for Mr. Henry who was soon expected in, & then they
Should set out for St^t. Louis- Mr. Cottle & Family are to go down in this
Boat- Mr. C. having Sold out all his Stock at this place, and Resolved to
Return to his former Residence near the Mississippi- Some personal disputes

over

Saturday 10th, August 1811.

with a Lieu^t. Brownson, it is supposed have caused Mr. Cottle to give up his pursuits here.

Tuesday 12th.

Mr. Wells was released from confinement this evening - I missed my agent to day and hope it has entirely left me.

Sunday 13th.

Sent by Mr. J. Woods to day a packet of letters under cover to Gen^l. Clark care of Colo^l. Ripley St. Charles. Letters in the packet

1 to Dr. Jno. M. Robinson Kaskaskia.

1 to Gen^l. Clark

1 to Mr. R. H. Price

1 to Mr. J. G. Comery

1 to Gen^l. of Ind^o. Trade, for copies of all which see letter book.

Monday 14th.

A Trading Boat passed to day for an hour - 10 Kansas arrived here yesterday from their Village, to see a little Talior for powder &c.

Friday 18th, August 1811.

To day 4 Canoes arrived from the Little Osage Village on the Red River they report among other things that a young triole by name Legaire has been killed by the Pawnee or some other tribe living beyond the Arkansas. A Mr. Elyson arrived in 7 days from St. Louis, Reports that Mr. Chouteau is not coming here - that 50 of the big canoes are at St. Louis on business with the Governor - the weather has been remarkably cool the last 3 or 4 days.

Sat^h 19th.

Mr. Legaire arrived this evening from the Mandans - He says that Mr. Lewis was only waiting for Mr. Henry who was soon expected in, A man they thought at one for St. Louis - Mr. Cottle's family are to go down in this boat - Mr. G. having sold out all his stock at this place, and resolved to return to his former residence near the Indian - Some personal dispatch

Sunday August 25th.

Wrote pr. Mr. Sanguinett to Gen^l. Clark See Letter Book page 81.

Friday 6th. September

About 30 families of the Little Osages arrived this evening with Sansoreille from the Nee,osho the rest of his band are to be here in a few days.

Saturday 7th.

This Morning Settled all accounts with Jas. Henderson and paid him \$32.40 in Cash, being in full. Ab^t. half past Ten, Henderson departed for Saint Louis (on his way to Pennsylvania) in a Canoe with ~~le-----~~ ^{Sawyer} and other persons- Letters Sent by Henderson vizt.-

- 1 to Jn^o. Sibley (7 Sheets) dated 18th Aug^t. & 6th. Septem.
- 1 to Gen^l/ Clark " 4th. and 7th Sep^t.
- 1 to Risdon H. Price " 7th. Sep^t.

for copies of which See Letter book pages 25-135- 159.

Wednesday 11th.

A boat owned by Sundry persons arrived to day from S^t. Louis, which place they left ab^t. the 1^t. of August - this boat is going to the Pawnees &c. & is owned by Rukedous, Papan &c. they have but a Small ass^t. of Indⁿ. Goods.

Thursday September 12th. 1811.

To day I went down the River with Two Hunters in a canoe as far as the mouth of Fire Creek, (which is about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles) and Returned early in the afternoon.

Friday 13th.

Early arrived a Batteau from S^t Louis with a Small ass^t. of Merchandise for the Indian Trade above here.

After Breakfast, I took another trip up the River about 6 Miles to the mouth of Straw Cabin Creek.

Tuesday 17th.

An Eclipse of the Sun to day about Noon. Another party of the little Osages arrived to-day from the Ne-osho.

Thursday 19th.

To day a Soldier (by name Porter, was committed to his mother earth- He died yesterday- this is the 2^d. death that has occurred here, among the whites, for 3 years- Porter was aged and infirm.

Friday 20th. September 1811.

Just at Sun Set arrived Mr. Auguste Chouteau from S^t. Louis in a Small Barge- Letters Rec^d.

1 from Gen^l. Clark dated 31^t. August (Covering orders to pay the Osage annuities &c.)

1 from Gov^r. Howard dated 3^d. Sep^t. covering Osage Treaty.

See files.

also Rec^d. from Gen^l. Clark p. Mr. Chouteau 3 packages of Merchandise & 19 kegs Powder for the Factory- and 1 Pair of Pistols & \$165 in Cash. Mr. Chouteau Reports that the Canoe which left here on the 7th. containing Sundry persons, got upset about 20 miles below here and that two of the persons in her (Mr. Smith's wife and child) were drowned, and the baggage of the whole totally lost- of course the letters &c. that I Sent by Jas: Henderson (See page 138) were all lost-

Mr. Chouteau has come her to assist in the payment and delivery of the Osage annuities for 1810 and 1811.-

Saturday 21^t. Septem. 1811.

This day I dispatched 2 Runners to the Osage River to call all the Osages there to this place to Receive their annuities.

Tuesday 24th.

This evening arrived the Chief and leading men from the Osage Towns, in compliance with my message on the 21^t.

Wednesday 25th.

After dinner I delivered in presence of Mr. Audrain & Mr. Chouteau,

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Merchandise to the Am^t. of \$1000 Cost to the Big Osages and to the Am^t. of \$500 Cost to the Little Osage, in full discharge of the annuity due them from the U. S. for the year 1810.

Thursday 26th.

This day I delivered in presence of Mr. Audrain and Mr. Chouteau, Merchandise to the Am^t. of \$1000 Cost to the Great Osage and to the Am^t. of \$500 Cost to the Little Osage, in full discharge of the annuity due them from the United States for the year 1811, agreeably to the 5th. Article of the Treaty between the U. S. and the Osages (See Copy page 101.)

As the band of Osages Residing on the Arkansaw was not Represented; I prevailed on the Chiefs and head Men of the Big Osages who were present to preserve a due proportion of the two Annuities for that tribe- and they left about half thereof (Say to the value of \$1000 Cost for them- This they left in my hands to be delivered on demand to the peoprt Representatives of that tribe.-

Friday 27th.

This morning the Chiefs and head men of the G^t. & Little Osages Signed Triplicate Receipts for the Merchandise delivered them yesterday & ~~this~~ the day before- I took occasion to make Some enquiries of them by desire of Gov^r. Howard Respecting the Mill, Block Houses &c.- but could obtain from them no decisive answer to them- It appears tho' most probably they they would generally prefer to have those things at the Osage River- Rather than at this place- However they are divided on the Subject; and the wishes of the band Residing on the Arkansaw (which constitutes a full half of the Osages) is unknown- No doubt they would prefer that the Mill, Smith, &c. Should be fixed in their Town- Perhaps a Strict compliance with the Treaty would be best after all- for the 3 Tribes will hardly ever agree to any one place- and it would be useless to fix those things in their Villages, where it would be impossible for them to be kept in Repair without Some person was kept there for the purpose &c. &c. &c. &c.

Saturday 28th.

Mr. Chouteau Started to day for St. Louis with him went Mr. Bissell and Mr. F. Audrain- By Mr. Chouteau I Sent a Trunk and Package to address of Gen^l. Clark- The Trunk contains Some Clothes &c.- The Packet, oSundry Letters Vizt. 1 to Gov^r. Howard- 1 to Supt. of In. Tr: 1 to Jno. Sibley Gen^l/ Clark- 1 to Mr. Price- 1 to Mr. Comegys- 1 to Jno. Sibley, which were all written in Haste and copies kept of only the one to Supt. In. Tr.-

Sunday 29th.

To day, all the Osages departed, for the Winter Hunt, leaving us at Fort Osage in peace and quiet.-