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Letter from George Sibley to William Clark, May 4, 1811

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Fort Osage May 4th. 1811.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I have Sent you a Bill of Exchange drawn by Wilson Pl
Hunt April 9th. 1811 on John Jacob Astor Merchant New York payable
at ten days sight to my order for Four Hundred and Twenty two Dollars
Ninety eight Cents and endorsed by me- This Bill, I have to Request
you to negotiate for Cash and dispose of as follows.

Fifty Dollars to discharge my Dft: on you of this date payable on Demand to Jn ^o . G. Comegys or order-----	\$50.00
Thirty Seven Dollars to discharge my Dft: on you of this date payable on demand to James Callaway-----	37.00
Three Hundred Dollars to be Sent up to me by the Return of Mr. Audrain, or by any other Safe conveyance on or before the 30 th of June if possible-----	300.00
Thirty-five Dollars and 98 Cents Retain in your hands Subject to my Dfts:-----	35.98
	422.98

As good Bills of Exchange are almost always in demand in St. Louis,
I do not apprehend any difficulty in procuring the cash for this
one. It was taken in payment for Mer^{ds}. Sold to Mr. Hunt and is the
property of the U. S. else I Should not trouble you with it- when you
pay my Dft: in fav^r. of James Callaway, I will ~~thank~~ thank you to take
his Signature to the enclosed Rec^t. and Send it to me by Some conven^t.
opp^y.

I am extremely gthankful to you for the Medals and Flags which you
have Sent me. I hope to be able to make Such a distribution of them a
as well will be beneficial to the Service. I am only waiting for the
Contractor's Boat to arrive to Set off on my tour- A number of the
Osages are to go ^{with} ~~with~~ me, Sans Oreille is very keen for the expedition
and will be very useful as he is known and Respected by all other Tribes

and is a firm and Steady friend to the policy of the U. States- The Kansas & Pawnees are at war, and have lately had an affair in which Several of the former were killed. I Shall make it a main point to Settle their quarrels if possible.

10th.

Mr. Audrain declines going down, but an express will leave here tomorrow, by whom I Shall Send my dispatches- I Shall also Start tomorrow for the Kansas- The Ioways or Some of the Mississippi Indians, have lately been committing Some pretty Serious deprdations here, they have Stolen about 20Horses from the Little Osages, 2 from me and 2 from Mr. Audrain, and are Still lurking about here- It is Supposed there must be a Strong party of them- One of their Spies was caught on the night of the 5th. by the Osages, within 300 yards of the Garrison, and was instantly cut into at least 50 pieces- They Suppose him to have been an Ioway- Yesterday all the Osages left here for the Buffalo ^{hunt} ~~hunt~~, they had just finished planting their Corn, and were afraid to Remain here any longer ^{but} ~~but~~ more of theirHorses Should be Stolen- We learn that the Chief of the Little Osages (who has lately Removed from this place with about half his Tribe to the Osage River) has been gone Some days with a pretty Strong party against the Ioways- He was the prinnipal cause of the last Stroke upon that people, and it ought in justice to be represented to the Chief of the Ioways, that the few Osages who Remained here were entirely opposed to the measure, and are inclined to make a lasting peace if possible. I hope at all events there may be Some measure taken to prevent their making this vicinity the Seat of War, and that the depredations latterly committed on the property of the Whites, may be atoned for- My Horses I value at 40 Dollars each, and Shall add 20 Dollars for damage (as they were intended for my expedition & their Loss obliged me to procure others) making 100 Dollars which I Shall insist on full payment of, with legal interest till paid- Mr. Audrain's Horses are much more valueble & what

makes the thing more Serious, were taken out of his enclosure near his House.

Y^{rs}. &c.

G. C. S.

Gen^l. W^m. Clark

S^t. Louis.