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St. Louis

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George C. Sibley to John Mason

St. Louis June 21st 1814.

Sir,

Herein I Send you Sundry Duplicates Vizt

Invoice of Sundry Furs & delivered on 13th Inst to Ja Kennerly

Am to \$3499: 83 ½ / 100

Statement of my personal Account for the last quarter.

Letter of Advice my Bill of Exchange No 20. for \$228.93.

Letter of advice my Bill of Exchange No 21. for \$120.

J. Mason's Invoice 50 Kegs Powder am to \$1500. With my receipt thereon

J. Mason's Inv Rifles and Kettles am \$603. with my rect thereon.

Invoice of Sundries delivered to John Johnson U. S. Factor on the 19th Feb last Am to \$208.93 1/2 with Johnson's Rec annex'd thereto.

Voucher for \$11. Pd last quarter on Contingent Acct.

Since my last (of the 16th Inst) I have had some conversation with His Excellency Governor Clark concerning Osage Affairs--- The Governor is decidedly of opinion that I ought to continue to furnish the Osage Indians with Goods as nearly as possible in conformity with the Treaty, and he has desired me to apply without delay to you for Instructions to that effect,

In the meantime I have determined (unless previously otherwise directed,) to set out from here in August next, for the Osage Towns on the Osage River, Taking with me as many of my Goods as will be necessary to Supply the Osages, and if required to pay off their Annuities for 1804--- In the firm persuasion that you will approve of my acting under the advice of Govr. Clark, and the conviction that it is necessary to prepare in good time for the expedition, I have already commenced my preparations--- Altho I Shall continue to do the best I can for the Service, under the discretionary advice received last year from you thro' a letter from Mr. Bronaugh, yet I need not tell you Mr. Bronaugh informs me in a private letter of the 15th of March, in Summer as nearly in conformity with my last List as possible---If those few trifles---Whether they are Sent or not, I Shall be able to make out pretty well this yearm as my Assortment is yet pretty good.

Indian Goods are now extremely scarce here, and are immensely dear. Were it necessary now to Sell off my Stock (The law establishing Trading-Houses being now nearly expired) I could at this time make a very handsome Sale of it, and would strongly recommend, should it be so determined, that an order to that effect should be here by the middle of August.

I have the honor to be very respectfully Sir your Mo. Obedt. Servt.

G. C. Sibley U. S. Factor

JOHN MASON Esquire Supt. of Indian Trade George Town Columbia

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