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## Letter from Henry Dearborn to George Sibley, August 17, 1805

Henry Dearborn

*United States Secretary of War*

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Mr. Geo C. Sibley

H. Dearborn, Sec. of War.  
August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1805

War Department  
August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1805

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> current, I have to remark, that, as the Factory to be established at Natchitoches will be on a small scale compared with the one at St. Louis, there will be no assistant at the former, other than a young lad, on a salary from two to three hundred dollars a year. You will herewith receive an appointment, as Assistant Agent or Factor, to the Factory established at St. Louis, with a bond to be executed by yourself and two Sufficient Sureties; and also the form of an oath of Office, which you will subscribe and swear to, before some competent Magistrate. The bond and oath, when duly executed, you will please to return to this office. If an advance of two hundred and fifty dollars will be useful to you, previous to your setting out for St. Louis, you may have it, by drawing a bill for that amount, payable at sight on, William Davy Esquire, Principal Agent for Indian Factories, at Philadelphia.

Your compensation as Assistant Factor will be Five hundred dollars a year salary, and one hundred eighty dollars annually for subsistence. You ought to arrive at St. Louis by the 10<sup>th</sup> of October next. Mr. Rodolph Tillier is the Principal Agent for that Factory; and will probably meet you there on your arrival. If however, he should not have arrived when you reach that place, you will report to the Governor, General Wilkinson.

I am respectfully, Sir,

Your Ob: Serv<sup>t</sup>.

H. Dearborn

Sibley Mss. V. II

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