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## Letter from William Clark to George Sibley, August 19, 1809

William Clark

*St. Louis*

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George C. Sibley Esquire  
U. S. Factor at  
Fort Osage

Genl. Wm. Clark  
St. Louis Augt. 19, '09  
Recd. Sept. 17, '09.

Forwarded by Mr. Isaac Rawlings

St. Louis August 19th 1809.

Dear Sir,

I have this day Shipped from this place on Board the Contractor Boat Missouri Packett, Joseph Moran Patron, one hundred and eighteen packages of Goods and four Barrels of Whiskey for the U. S. Factory under your Direction. all Marked and Numbered agreeably to the enclosed Invoice, which Capt. Willsons Receipt is thereunto anexed.

I am not instructed fully as to the mode of paying for the transportation of those Goods, if you are instructed on that Subject, I shall presume that it was Genl. Masons intention that I should (?) those Charges.

I beg leave to refer you to Mr. Isaac Rowlings the young gentleman who will hand you this letter, for every particular Respecting those Goods; as also all interesting occurrences, both of this quarter and the Eastward.

I send you 5 gallons of Oil, a vial of Turpentine which is all I can procure, the Lamblack and Clover Seed I cannot get, I will procure the Clover Seed from Kentucky in time to sow.

You will receive a packet accompanying this letter from Genl. Mason- I have about 120 Beaver traps not much good, 300 lbs Cut Nails, a few lights of Window Glass, remaining of the Articles delivered to me by Mr. Tillier, which I am at liberty to turn over to you and Mr. Johnson, Should you wish such articles, please to inform me if any of those earticles are such as you are in want of. I had the pleasure to receive your letters of the 11th, 16th & 31st of July, The Furs & Pelteries agreeably to your Invoice of the 16th were received in due time consisting of Two Packs of Beaver, one Pack of Beaver & Otter, one Pack Racoon Cat and Wolf, five Packs of Bear Skins, nine Packs of Deer Skins & Eighteen Bearskins for Covering- Your dispatches for government were sent by the post imediatly, after I received them- I hope after Mr. Rowlings gets up, you may have a little leasure and pay Saint Louis a visit.

When the Kanzas were here with the Osages a Short time past, I made the enquiry segusted in your letter of the 11th July- they confirmed what you had written me, &. I have Sent a talk to the Nation, and given them untill the Snow falls to Clear up a little with other Nations, and prove to you and the Agent that they will Conduct themselves properly, otherwise all their Enemies of other Nations will be

permitted to attack them from every direction; if this plan is Strictly adhered to those Banditti might be brought to a true Sense of their Situation a Great Portion of them may become good Indians.

The Speach made by the young Panee Chief to you, Shews the probable Situation of his nation. The presents which you have given him meets my approbation and the account Shall be Referred to the Secy. Of War- which I believe will be the mode required by the present Secretary.

Gov. Lewis leaves this in a few Days, he refused to grant Licences to trade or hunt in the Kansas Country, and inclines a little to your ideas of the way those bands ought to be treated to produce in them a proper Sence of their Situation.

Please to accept the Assurance of my Highest Respect & Esteem

Yrs. Ob. &

Wm. Clark

G. C. Sibley Esq. U. S. F.