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(George C. Sibley) Jere. W. Bronaugh

Geo Town January 27th 1814

Dear Sir

Owing to your being so far from a post office & no chance of any communication with Saint Louis during the Winter months, I have postponed writing an answer to your favor inclosing the draft on Gen!. Mason for the purchase of the Horse until now. The Horse was delivered by Mr. Lewis safe & sound in the Month of Novem. last- Gen!. Mason desires me to tender you his thanks for your kindness in this affair- Your draft on him at three days sight for the amount of the Horse & including the \$15 due from me will be duly honored-

Nothing has as yet been done with Indian affairs in Congress- As the Law establishing Trading Houses expires on the 1st April next something must be done before Congress adjourns. I shall give you the earliest information, should any alterations be made in Indian affairs- We have nothing domestic, new but a great deal of bad news from Europe. Bonaparte has been entirely defeated by the Allies & has retreated into france with the Remnant of his Armies I fear this will make against our getting a favorable peace with England shortly- The British have proposed sending Plenepotentiaries to Gottenberg to treat with us- which offer has been accepted by our Govt. & Mr. Clay of Kentucky & J. Russell of Rhode Island have been appointed to proceed thither to act in Conjunction with Mr. Bayard & John Q. Adams- They will soon take their departure from N. York. I hope a favorable peace may grow out of the Mission but I fear the overture from Britain is done more with a view to prevent our making preparation for the next Campaign than a disposition to make a treaty.- In haste

Yrs truly,

Jere. W. Bronough

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