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## Letter from James Kennerly to George Sibley, May 4, 1821

James Kennerly  
*St. Louis*

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George C. Sibley Esquire  
Fort Osage  
politeness of Mr. P. Balio

Ja. Kennerly  
May 4. 1821  
Ans. 19 June

St. Louis May 4. 1821.

D Sir

Mr. Paul Balio s going to your post as Factor for the Osage River affords me an opportunity of writing you a few lines- Since Mrs. Sibley left us our Town has been dull, however I have been So busily engaged that I could not have joined in any amusements.

The governmt. has made Some considerable changes in the indian Dept- Such as I fear will be very injurious to the Sistim heretofore pursued. The Strict Econemey of the Govt. makes it necessary that all Sub agents & many Interpreters & Should be dismissed from the Department and these with Some other circumstances has induced Gov. Clark to Resign. Majr. B Graham is Transferred from the Illinois to Missouri and is appt. agent for the Osages. among whom he is ordered to Reside, The amt of Presents to be given to Indians is very much curtailed. and in fact every other expence in that Dept. Majr. O. Fallon has Started 5 days since for Counsil Bluffs, and Mr. Taliaferro to the River St. Peters with George Kennerly who is gone on a Trading expedition. Some articles were forwarded to you by Capt. O. Fallons Boat. before we knew of the Washington going, I do not know what our legislature will do when it convenes in June, to better the Situation of the People. Some talk of a Stop or Property Laws, but the Most appear to be anxious for a Loan to be obtained from the Eastward for Establishing a Bank, to be a State Bank. for my part I fear this will not be practicable. The election of President & Directors of our bank comes on Monday. and afterwards If I am Re-elected I expect to go to Franklin to Superintend establishing a Branch of this Bank-

Mr. Mc Kenney has writen me nothing Respecting the new Factory to be established- we have no news here. The general cry is hard times & worse comeing. I hope you met Mrs. Sibley and found her in health. & I hope in a few months you may be in as fair a way for having an heir as I am. Eliza sends all her love to your good Lady Requests to hear from. & be remembered to her- Please give my Respects to her and Believe me Respectfully

Your friend &  
Jas. Kennerly

please say to Mrs. Sibley that Mr. Harding seems to wish that she should take one of the likenesses-