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## Letter from George Sibley to Samuel Sibley, August 20, 1815

George Champlin Sibley  
*St. Louis*

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Saint Louis August 20th, 1815.

My dear Brother,

My last to you was written from Brownsville Penna. I think. I have since written to Henry from here, informing you all of my arrival here, prospects, etc.

Nothing has occurred here since then, of importance enough to justify my writing you (until last night) interesting to any of you. My voyage up the Missouri is still a doubtful matter as to where and when I shall go, and somewhat doubtful whether I shall be this fall, or not, having rec. us instructions yet on the subject from Gov. Mason, and in addition to that, our Indian affairs generally are yet in a very unsettled state, and a very strong probability of their remaining so for some yet.

Several of the most powerful Indian Nations of the upper Mississippi threaten a continuance of their hostility towards the U.S. and we are informed (I hope truly) that Genl. Jackson is preparing a force to carry on very active and energetic war in the Indian Country. Altho the Indians of my agency are peaceable and well disposed, yet I have some doubts as to the expediency of my going among them without a competent military force to protect my establishment from the predatory parties of the hostile tribes that will in all probability, as heretofore, infect the Missouri where I shall be obliged to pass, and that part of the Osage Country where I propose to locate myself, that force I am told cannot be spared me this fall. It seems very probable therefore that, I shall not more from here till next spring, or if I do go this fall, it will be merely to make a temporary visit, either of those arrangements, you will allow presently, will suit my convenience better than if I were to move up this fall, for you must know my dear Father, Brothers and Sisters, and all others interested, that I was married yesterday evening at 7 P.M. to Miss Mary Smith Easton, the eldest daughter of the Hon. Rufus Easton of this place, I may confidently ask all your congratulations on this event. I have had the singular good fortune to obtain a young lady to be my friend and companion thro life, who I am very confident will not deceive my hopes of happiness. Her amiable disposition, mental acquirements and personal accomplishments, and most excellent bringing up, eminently qualify her for the task she has with pleasure & zeal undertaken, to make me happy. Such are the qualifications of my wife. She will be sixteen in January next, about the size and appearance of Ann Elisa, when I say her last, but somewhat handsomer. Her fortune I know nothing about, I never enquired, her father is reckoned very wealthy, he has seven children, and every prospect of having as many more.

I anticipate the question from you all in one breath "do you intend to take this charming wife with you among the Indians?" and I answer you all, yes -- She has long ago expressed her perfect willingness to live anywhere with me and until I can withdraw from the Indian Service, she will willingly share with me the privations of a forst life. I mean to have a very comfortable establishment, and make us doubt we shall pass the time quite happily in the "howling Wilderness."

I shall write you again, some of you, soon, at present I am in excellent health, and as you may suppose in pretty good spirits.

Mr. Saml. Alden is still in this vicinity, he will leave here in a few days I believe for Natchitoches.

Give my love to all the family and kiss all your little ones for me, and then tell Margeret to give them each a hearty smack for my Mary, and another for me. .

Write me soon. I am quite disappointed from not hearing from you since my return to this country.

Mr. Samuel Hopkins Sibley,  
Natchitoches, La.

Yr. . Affectionate -  
G.C. Sibley.  
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