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Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, April 22, 1811

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Mr. Geo C. Sibley Factor for the US Fort Osage Indian Trade Office George Town 22 April-11

Sir,

The Secretary of War has so far consented to the plan suggested by you in your letter to me of the 27 January--that has directed the annuity for the Osage Indians to be supplied for year from the Factory. experience will shew whether it had best be continued – you will then deliver on application of ** Clarke and to his order – in value at the cost, as shown by the invoices sent from this office and in such articles as he may require goods to the amount of One thousand dollars for the great Osage and of five hundred dollars for the little Osage tribe – you will make distinct invoices for each duplicate get them except ; by Gen. E. Clarke and forward them to me – by these settlement can be obtained at the mail office – without a draft as by a late law all the annuities are in future be supplied by orders from the secretary of war there this office.

You will be careful to make up these annuities of good merchandise and such as will give satisfaction to the Indians – at the same time so far as Gen. Clarke may find it right to yield to such a selection to make it with as little injury to your assortment for hate as can be done.

JM