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Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, July 1, 1811

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George C. Sibley

Indian office

Georgetown 1 July 1811

Fort Osage

Sir

I wrote you last on the 22 April – dup. herewith – directing payment from the factory of the annuities of the great and little Osage for the year 1811 – I have just received an order from the secretary of war to pay to the same nations an annuity for the year 1810 and authorizing the issuing thereof from your factory – this is in consequence to instruct you – provided it can be done without materially injuring your assortment for the trade to deliver on application of Gen. William Clarke and to his order in value at the cost – goods to the amount of one thousand dollars for the great Osage tribe in articles such as he may require taking care that they be of good quality – but selected as stated in my order for the annuity of 1811 as much as to kind as can with propriety be done with a view to preserving your assortment for trade – you will make out your invoices separately for each nation and forward them to me by duplicate as directed in my letter of the 22 April last – and you will as no doubt can be readily done by attending property to the detail at an assorted store – both as relates to the annuity heretofore ordered for the year 1811 and the present, deliver to the precise amount fixed in cash for the annuity of each nation – as it was not determined until very lately that the annuities for the Osages for the year 1810 should be paid as now contemplated – I have some apprehension that your supplies on hand may not be sufficient to enable you to give out at once the amount of 3000, without much effecting the * , of this you will judge and inform me immediately that I may if require endeavors to send you an additional quantity of goods this fall.

I am _____