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## Letter from the Indian Trade Office to George Sibley, July 11, 1814

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George B. Sibley Esq.

Indian office

U.S.. factor Osage

Georgetown 11 July 1814

Sir

Herewith you will receive invoice of merchandise the last of which left this office for your factory on the 27 ull amount of 6,798.88 including an invoices which was intended for the Osage annuity – the greater part of these goods were sent off early in April, the balance remained here until 27 June swing to the impossibility of obtaining either wagons or boats to convey them on sooner. We attempted to make up an assortment for the Osages annuities agreeable to your request but after packing several \* we found it impossible in these scarce and difficult times procure sufficing of suitable articles I have added the whole to your trade invoice I must request that you make up for them the best assortment you can out of your factory stock & send me invoices of the same receipted as heretofore adding the 16 per cent for transportation several packages of the goods, which were intended for the Osage's annuity have been packed since 1812 and deposited with the quarter master General at Pillsbury – they were first intended for the \* annuity but swing to that tribe becoming \* to the U.S. they were stopped at Pittsburg – these goods will be found 3373 per cent cheaper than most of the other goods sent you this season – It was impossible to procure anything like such are assortment of goods as you called for this year in the United States – your full proportion of the most suitable articles which could be obtained for Indian trade had been sent you and I hope will enable you in case there should be an opening for trade with the Osages carry on an advantage traffic with them during the approaching season – I have ordered from Brownsville the 5 barrels whiskey you requested – I have not been able to get your packing \* made – M. Shaw with whom now left the description after \* has declined undertaking to make one in consequence of his not having the proper tools to complete it – The boats as they pass shipping port will take in 5 kegs procured of 50 each for trade and kegs of 25 each for annuities you will receive the whole on trade goods amount as jm : 1125;2

Your favor of 25 April 16 & 18 June have been