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Letter from William Clark to George Sibley, April 14, 1816

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Gov. Wm. Clark

St. Louis April 14th, 1816.

D Sir

I received your favor of the 29th the night before the last, from your information such other Statements as I have received relative to the conduct of the Osage, it is necessary that a close watch be kept over the Osage, and an emediate Check to their vicious acts- The Big Osage has stolen horses and other property from the white people near the Arkansaw and the Arkansaw Band has killed two men & wounded one- application will be made emediatey for the murderers as also the Stolen property- if the property is not returned a Deduction from their anuites must necessarily be made- The Big Osage has killed 2 Cherokees and I believe a war will take place between them, which I certainly Shall not prevent without full indemnification is made, and murders of Whites delivered imediatey-

The Blacksmith will again be ordered to Fort Osage, and I have no objection to your making repairs to houses for the Osage Interpreter & B. Smith to the amount of a hundred dollars or thereabouts-

Majr. Dorman has certainly acted in Conformity to the Spirit of the Law of Intercourse, in preventing any white person passing into the Indian Country without a permission- If I had one day the Law of Intercourse should be Copied and Sent to the Majr.

Preparations will be made I expect to receive your packs.

The feathers you mention shall be procured if possible, agreeably to your wishes.

We have nothing of much importance to give you in the way of News.

Mrs. Sibley was in good health yesterday, my family has not been well for the last week.

Accept the Assurances of my highest Respect and Esteem.

Yr. M^o. Obt. Sert.

Wm. Clark

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