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## Letter from William Clark to George Sibley, April 4, 1817

William Clark

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George C. Sibley  
U. S. F. & Agt.  
Fort Osage

Gov. Clark  
4 April, 1817

Missouri Territory  
St. Louis, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1817.

D Sir

I received your favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> Feby the contents of which shall be attended to- I am well convinced of the hostility of our Traders towards the Factories, but no hostility must exist in the Conduct of public agents. If the Osage Smith does not go emediate-ly to Fort Osage he will be dismissed and no pay will be allowed to him. Please to send him this information if you have an opportunity- The Cherokees have declared war against the Osage, and I suspect are joined by the Quapaws, Choctaws & many from their old nation. In your last you mention that the Osage have been invited to the Mississippi for no good purpose. It is reduced to a certainty, that all the Lake Indians are unfriendly and that war belts have been passing amongst them and those of the Mississippi the greater part of the winter, we are apprised of this disposition and I expect the Con-(?) Genl. will take such Steps as may put them Down in time.

The Guns, Powder and Lead which you mentioned in your letter to Mr. J<sup>o</sup>. Kinnerly, as deficient in the Osage annuities (except Such as were used by the Commissions) are in the hands of Mr. C. Chouteau and will be sent up by the first opportunity

Please to give my Compt<sup>s</sup>. to your Lady and accept my sincere  
Respects

YR. MO. OBT. HBL. Servt.

Wm. Clark

Sibley Mss. V. I  
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