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Letter from George Sibley to Mr. Melvin, November 30, 1817

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Mr. Melvin
Mercht. Tailor
George Town Cola.

Geo. C. Sibley

Fort Osage 30 November 1817.

Sir,

When I was last in Georgetown, I requested you to take measure of me for Coat Pantaloons & in the expectation that after my return here, I should occasionally find it convenient to procure a supply of Clothing from G. Town thro' your means. I hope you have preserved my measure for I am now in need of your assistance, and shall be not a little disappointed if you fail to serve me on this occasion. I want you to furnish me the following articles. 1st. Coat & Pantaloons of Dark Green or Navy Blue Cloth, whichever you can procure of the best quality. Coat and Pantaloons to be both from the same piece. 2nd. Surtout and Pantaloons of Dark Grey Cloth, both from the same piece. Surtout to be lined all through with good Silk of suitable color. 3rd. two Vests of Black Silk Vesting of different patterns.

All these to be made of the very best materials, in the very best manner, and in the most genteel fashion- to be neatly and securely packed up and directed and delivered to M^r. Jeremiah Bronaugh at the Indian Office, who will discharge your Bill.- I have every confidence in your doing me justice in this order; not only as respects the mechanical part but in the Choice of the materials, in which last particulars, I beg you will take a little extra pains. I wish you to be governed by Mr. Bronaugh, as to the time when to have these Clothes ready. I want them forwarded with the first Goods sent off from the Indian Office for this place. Do not, if you please Dress me in the extreme of your City fashion, nor

yet quite out of the fashion. Send me such Clothes as a plain
modest man, may wear with propriety either in City or Country
Town.

I am Respectfully Sir

Your Mo. Obedt. Servt.

Signed G. C. Sibley

Mr. Melvin
Mercht. Tailor
George Town Cola.