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Letter from William Clark to George Sibley, May 12, 1818

William Clark

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George C. Sibley esquire
U. S. Agent for Indian Affairs
at Fort Osage

William Clark
May 12th, 1818

per Mr. Crain

Rec'd 16 and Ans'd 18th by Paul Loesi
by whom sent two Horses, one a Black
belonging to Adams, the other a Dun,
belonging to Maurice, both recovered
from Osages.

Saint Louis May 12th 1818

D. Sir

Your favor of the 28th ulto I had the pleasure of receiving a few days ago- By Paul you will receive a medal for Tallow Back.

Since my return Mrs. Clark has been, and continues so dangerously ill that I can only absent myself from her a few minets at a time, which prevents my writing you a more lengthy letter at this time- A Bill has passed both houses of Congress for the admission of Illinois as a State, and a Bill has progressed to a Second reading for the admission of Missouri- I think it more than probable that we Shall have a War with Spain-

It is the wish of government that a good understanding Shall be brought about between the Osage & Cherokees, for that purpose I Shall find employment for Paul Louis, if you can Spear him please to Send him down as Soon as possible- The Governm^t. has ordered establishments to be made high up the Missouri, for that purpose 500 men is placed in requisition to move this Summer

A principal Indian Agent will also be appointed for the Missouri Tribes & will ascend this year, I do not know the man to be Selected, as the appointment is not yet made- please to inform me of Such important occurences as may have come to your knowledge or information lately relative to Indian affairs-

Please to make my Compliments acceptable to Mrs. Sibley and
accept the assurance of my highest respect and esteem

Your Mo Obdt Ser

Wm Clark

Mr. Geo C. Sibley
U. S. F.