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Letter from Henry Atkinson to George Sibley, September 2, 1819

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Mr. Geo. C. Sibley Fort Osage Col. H. Atkinson Sept. 2, 1819

Cantonment Martin Sept. 2nd, 1819

Dear Sir,

If Joseph has delayed a day, or two it has been my fault. I am sure, however, you will pardon me. The tools which I told you should be sent back are laid off for the purpose & will be forwarded accordingly.

We are loading our boats & will be off for the Council Bluffs in a day or two. The Steam Boat Expedition stops here, but I shall be able to take up her cargo. Every thing promises a favorable issue.

You will probably have heard that the Pawnee Indians robbed Maj Biddle & party of every thing but their arms. I found him and the party here on my arrival.

I must beg of you to make my respects acceptable to Mrs. Sibley, to whom I am under many obligations, as well as to yourself.

Joseph has conducted himself with much propriety & has been very obedient & attentive.

With great respect & esteem Sir, I have the honor to be

Your Mº. ob. Servt.

H. Atkinson

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