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Letter from George Sibley to [William Clark], January 22, 1818

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F.^t Osage Jan. 22.^d 1818.

This day Mo-no-soo-jee a Man of the G.^t Osage Nation put into my hands a paper which he Says was presented to him last Summer in Canada, whither he and Several other Indians of the Osage and Kansas Tribes had gone on a visit by particular invitations - The following is a literal Copy of Said Paper

"To the chiefs & Warriors of the Osage, Maiwatees
"& Kansan Nations inhabiting west Side of the Missouri River:
"Brothers -- I have the Satisfaction to congratulate you and

"all your Neighboring Nation to the Setting Sun -- I had endeavour'd this few years back to disperse the heavy Cloud which was pondering over your Villages -- My endeavours was not neglected by the Great Spirit above -- As I have the Gratification to announce to all the western nations Nations -- That I have Succeeded in that grand object of uniting all Nations together.

"Brothers -- My advice to you is, never to interfere in point of Political View where white People are concern'd.

"Hold fast your lands, dont Suffer yourselves to be Deluded by the Bright Metal to induce you to part with Land where you hunt to maintain your Women and Children -- endeavour to be on the most friendly terms with the Traders who will venture to your Country.-- I hope the Great Spirit of life will always Protect you and your Red Brothers who resides at the Rising of the Sun, that you may all travel on the Road of Tranquility & Peace and be Strong in your Mind. -- Dont be persuaded by the White People to take hold of the War Club as your Brothers have experianced in this country very much injured themselves themselves by embracing the War Club."

"Adieu Brothers, Remember me when you are at home -- I am a half Indian & a friend to all Indian Nations.

(Signed) B. Caldwell

"Once belonging to his Brittanic Majesty Service in the late Indian Department. Upper Canada Amherstburg 8th August 1817.

Which paper I returned to the Indian with the following endorsed thereon.

F^t. Osage 22^d. Jan. 1818.

"I have taken a literal copy of this address to be transmitted
"to the Gov.^t In the mean time I must warn the Red People of the
"Missouri to be extremely cautious how they make visits to the
"British or Spanish Authorities, they Cannot possibly be pro-
"ductive of any good, tho' they may produce very evil effects to
"the Indians -- The above address is not by any means to be re-
garded as coming from a Source entitled to any particular re-
spect -- It ought more properly to be considered as an idle and
meddling interference in their Affairs on the part of a foreign-
er who has no Right of intercourse with them except by permis-
sion of the President of the United States.

(Signed) G. C. Sibley

S. Ag.^t Ind. Aff.^{rs}

Acc.^t of Provisions drawn from The Contractor at Ft. Osage for the Ind.ⁿ Department

Date of Returns	For whom drawn	Time Drawn for	Remarks
1817		Inclusive	
Dec. 1	Paul Loise Sen. ^r Interpreter	1 ^t Nov. to 31 ^t Dec.	1 61
" 17	A. Crane, Armorer	10 Nov. to 31 Dec.	1½ 78
1818			
Jan. ^r y 2	Paul Loise	1 ^t to 31 ^t Jan. ^y	1 31
1817			
Dec. ^r 25	5 Ioway Indians	two days	1 10 Visitors
1818			
Jan. ^y 4	Same	Same	1 10 Visitors
" 27 ^d	A. Crane, Armorer	1 ^t to 31 ^t Jan. ^y	1½ 46½
Feb. 2 ^d	Paul Loise	1 ^t to 28 Feb.	1 28
" 2 ^d	W. ^m S. Williams, Interpreter	1 ^t to 31 ^t Jan. ^y	1½ 46½ For U. S. Trading House
" 12	A. Crane, Armorer	1 to 28 Feb.	1½ 42
" 28	W. ^m S. Williams Int. ^r	1 to 28 Feb.	1½ 42 For U. S. Trading House
Mar. 1	Paul Loise Sen. ^r Interpreter	1 to 31 ^t Mar.	1 31
" 10	W. ^m S. Williams Int. ^r	1 ^t to 10 th Mar.	1½ 15 For U. S. Trading House
" 11	A. Crane, Armorer	1 ^t to 31 ^t "	1½ 46½
" 31 ^t	W. ^m S. Williams	1 ^t to 31 "	1½ 31½ For U.S. House
April 1 ^t	W. ^m S. Williams	1 ^t to 30. April	1½ 45
" "	A. Crane, Armorer	1 ^t to 30 "	1½ 45
" "	Paul Loise Sen. ^r	1 ^t to 30 "	1 30
May 8	W. ^m S. Williams Int. ^r	1 ^t to 31 ^t May	1½ 46½ For U.S. House
" "	A. Crane Armorer	1 ^t to 31 ^t "	1½ 46½
" 18 ^d	Paul Loise Sen. ^r	1 ^t to 31 ^t "	1 31
June 2 ^d	W. ^m S. Williams Int.	1 to 30 June	1½ 45 for U.S. House
" "	A. Crane Armorer	1 to 30 "	1½ 45
Forw. ^d			833 20

Acc.^t of Provisions drawn from the Contractor at Ft. Osage for The Ind.ⁿ Dep.^t ----- Continued

Date of Returns	For whom drawn	Time drawn for.	Remarks.
1818		Bro. ^t Forw. ^d833 20	
July 9	Paul Loise Jun. ^r Interpreter	1 ^t to 31 ^t July Inclusive	1 31 For U. S. Trading House
Aug. ^t 1	Same " "	1 ^t to 31 ^t Aug. ^t D. ^o	1 31 Same
"	A. Crane Armorer	1 ^t to 31 ^t July D. ^o	1½ 46½ Ind. ⁿ Dep. ^t
Sept. 6	Same " "	1 ^t to 31 ^t Aug. ^t D. ^o	1½ 46½ Same

Sept.	17	Paul Loise Jun. ^r Interpreter	1 ^t to 30 Sep.	D ^o	1 ¹ / ₂	45	U.S.Trading House
Oct.	2 ^d	A. Crane Armorer	1 ^t to 30 Sep.	D ^o	1 ¹ / ₂	45 ¹ / ₂	Indian Dep. ^t
"	" ^d	Same "	1 ^t to 31 Oct.	"	1 ¹ / ₂	46 ¹ / ₂	Same
"	3.	Paul Loise Jun. ^r Interpreter	1 ^t to 31.	Oct ^t	1 ¹ / ₂	46 ¹ / ₂	U.S.Trading House
Dec. ^r	3 ^d	A. Crane Armorer	1 ^t Nov. ^r to 31 ^t Dec. ^r		1 ¹ / ₂	91 ¹ / ₂	Ind. ⁿ Dep. ^t (2 returns)
"	30	Jo. Renoe Interpreter	27 to 31 ^t Dec. ^r		1 ¹ / ₂	7 ¹ / ₂	U.S.Trading House
1819							
Jan.	1	Jo. Renoe "	1 ^t to 10 Jan.		1 ¹ / ₂	15	" "
"	11	Same "	11 to 20 "		1 ¹ / ₂	15	" "
"	21	Same "	21 to 31 "		1 ¹ / ₂	16 ¹ / ₂	" "
"	27	A. Crane Armorer	1 ^t to 31 ^t Jan.		1 ¹ / ₂	46 ¹ / ₂	Ind. ⁿ Dep. ^t
Feb.	4	6 Osage Indians	4 to 7 Feb.		1	24	Attendants on Sansorville, Sick.
"	11	6 Osage Indians	8 to 11 "		1	24	Same Same
"	15	Same	11 to 15 "		1	1 24	Same Same
"	25	Jo. Renoe Interpreter	1 to 28 "		1 ¹ / ₂	42	U.S.Trading House
"	25	A. Crane, Armorer	1 to 28 "		1 ¹ / ₂	42	Ind. Department
Mar.	19	Jo. Renoe Int.	1 to 20 Mar.	Incl.	1 ¹ / ₂	30	U.S.Trading House
"	"	A. Crane, Arm. ^r	1 to 31 D. ^o	D. ^o	1 ¹ / ₂	46 ¹ / ₂	Indian Department
"	28	Jo. Renoe Int. ^r	21 to 31 D. ^o	D. ^o	1 ¹ / ₂	16 ¹ / ₂	U.S.T.House
Apr.	30	A. Crane Arm. ^r	1 ^t to 30 Apr.	D. ^o	1 ¹ / ₂	45	Ind. ⁿ Department
"	"	Jo. Renoe Interp. ^r	1 ^t to 30 Apr.	D. ^o	1 ¹ / ₂	45	U.S.T.House
May	24	A. Crane Arm. ^r	1 ^t to 31 ^t May	Incl.	1 ¹ / ₂	46 ¹ / ₂	Ind. Dep. ^t
"	"	Jo. Renoe Interp. ^r	1 ^t to 31 ^t May	"	1 ¹ / ₂	46 ¹ / ₂	U.S.T.House
June	18	Jo. Renoe Interp. ^r	1 ^t to 30 ^t June	"	1 ¹ / ₂	45	Same
"	30	A. Crane Arm. ^r	1 ^t to 30 June	"	1 ¹ / ₂	45	Ind. ⁿ Dep. ^t
Forward					1812 ¹ / ₂ 92		

Acc.^t of Provisions drawn from the Contractor at Fort Osage for The Indian Dep.^t --- continued.

date of returns	For whom drawn	Time drawn for	Remarks
1819		Bro ^t Forward . . .	1812 ¹ / ₂ 92
July 20	A. Crane Arm. ^r	1 ^t to 20 July Inclusive	1 ¹ / ₂ 30 Indian Department
" "	Jo. Renoe Interp. ^r	1 ^t to 20 July "	1 ¹ / ₂ 30 U.S.Ind. ⁿ Trading House
Total drawn			1872 ¹ / ₂ 92

The following drawn from Commissary Gov.^t Department.

Sep ^t	12	A. Crane & Jo. Renoe	21 July to 31 Aug ^t Incl ^s v	3	126	Ind. ⁿ Dep. ^t & Osage T. House
Dec ^r	23	A. Crane & Jo. Renoe	1 ^t Sep ^r to 31 ^t Dec ^r "	3	366	Ind. ⁿ Dep. ^t & Osage Tr. House
1820						
Mar.	12	Same Same	1 Jan to 31 Mar	3	273	Same Same
June	18	Jo. Renoe	1 ^t April to 31 ^t May "	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Same Same
Aug ^t	21	Jo. Renoe	1 June to 31 July	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Same
Sep ^r	11	A. Crane Arm ^r	1 ^t Apr. to 31 Aug ^t	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	97(?)	Ind. ⁿ Dep. ^t & Osage T. House
Oct.	1	Jo. Renoe	1 Aug ^t to 30 Sep ^r	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Same
Nov ^r	18	Jo. Renoe	1 Oct. to 30 Nov.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ind. ^m Dep. ^t
"	"	A. Crane Arm ^r	1 Sep ^r to 30 Nov.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1821						
Feb.	28	Jo. Renoe	1 ^t Jan. to 28 Feb.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	Osage Tr ^o House
May	5	Same	1 Mar. to 30 Apr.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Same
"	"	Same	1 May to 31 May	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	Same
July	1	Same	1 June to 30 June	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	45	Same
					$\frac{1}{2}$	

Register of Traders and others passing Ft. Osage with or without Licence when Passed
 Names of Principals
 Licence
 date of
 where li- cenced to trade and with whom
 nations particularly excepted in the li- cence

No. of Men Licenced
 Quantity of Whiskey Licenced
 Miscellaneous Remarks

Memorandum of a preliminary arrangement (for the purchase and Sale of Lands) made on the 30th day of Sep^r 1818 at Fort Osage, between G. C. Sibley S. Ag^t of Ind.ⁿ Affairs for the U. States, acting in this matter under Instruction from His Exc.^{cy} Gov.^r Clark, on the one part, and the Chiefs and Head Men of the Kansas Nation on the other part --

Proposition by G. C. Sibley -- The Governor has directed me to inquire of the Chiefs and Head Men of the Kansas Nation, whether they are willing to Sell a portion of their Lands to the United States? and if they are, to know of them the extent of the Tract they will Sell, and the Terms? --

The Said Chiefs and Warriors having had the above proposition under their consideration for two days and having consulted with nearly all the principal persons of their Nation (who are also here present) and have themselves heard the proposition; now come forward freely without the least persuasion or compulsion, in the presence of nearly the whole of their nation, and of many respectable white Persons, and Say,

That they are willing to establish the following lines as the bounds of the Territory which they will Sell to wit -- Beginning at the mouth of the Nodoway River on the Missouri, and from thence running in a direct course to the Mouth of the River La Plane, a branch of the Kansas River, thence thence due South to the Nee Osho River, thence direct to the most Southwardly head branch of the Tabo River, thence down Said Tabo to the Missouri, thence with the Missouri up to the beginning -- All the right, title and claim which they the Said Kansas Nation have to the Territory embraced within the bounds above described (and

also all the lands they own or claim Northeast of the Missouri River) they will Sell and transfer to the U. States forever, on the following terms and conditions to Wit --

At the Signing and Sealing of the Treaty of Transfer of the above Territory, The U. States Shall pay to the Kansas Nation \$1000. in Suitable Merchandise at fair prices, and Annually in the month of September ever after, at Such place as Shall be agreed on, the United States Shall pay to the Said Nation the following articles, or an equivalent, in Cash or other merchandise at the option of Said Kansas, to Say -- 100 3 p.^t Bkts. -- 150 2½ p.^t D.^o 150 l.p.^t D.^o -- 150 yds. Strouds Ass.^d -- 20 yds. Scarlet Cloth -- 200 yds. Callico Ass.^d -- 20 lb. Vermillion, 40 Fusils--300 lb. Gunpowder--600 lb. Lead--\$100 value in Wampum and Trinkets, \$150 value in Kettles, Hoes, Axes, Knives, Flints, Awls & Tobacco All the Said Merch.^{ds} to be of good quality and the Said Chiefs and Head Men in behalf of their Nation give Notice, that they Shall further Stipulate in the Treaty of transfer above mentioned, for the particular protection of the U. States and for their aid and Counsel in effecting Amelioration of their present condition -- A Blacksmith to mend and repair their Guns, Hoes, Axes &c., will be particularly Stipulated for.

In testimony of the above, the Said chiefs and Warriors have affixed their marks to this Mem.^o having a full and clear understanding thereof.

Shone ge ne gain - head chf.	x	mk
Ca,he,ga,wa,ton e,gan-Son of l. ^t chf.	x	mk
Wau,kun,che,ra	x	mk
Big Neck	x	"
Big Soldier	x	"
Petit Maijer	x	"
Waw,ken,Dugg	x	"
Pow,a,gon,he	x	
Couro,mo,nee	x	
Maw,No,Wa	x	
Waw,Stron,gee,a	x	

In the Presence of

W.^m L. Clarke

F. L. Gray

A.J. Bruce

M. Eley

Paul Loise Ind.ⁿ Interpreter