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Letter from William Clark to George Sibley, December 15, 1813

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George C. Sibley Esq^r.
Arrowrock

Governor Wm. Clark
St. Louis, 15 Dec. 1813.

Mr. Williams

St. Louis December 15th, 1813

Sir

I had the pleasure of receiving your Letter of the 30th Nov^r. with its inclosures by Mr. Williams this evening- I have Signed the Invoices and inclose them herewith, your letter to Gen^l. Mason shall be forwarded by Mail, had it arrived two days sooner I could have sent it on as far as Kentucky by General Howard-

The Idea you mentioned in your letter of the Sacks & foxes passing the Osage Lands is new to me and reminds me of a letter I received a Short time ago from a Cherokee Chief who mentions that he had tried to make peace with the Osage who Said a friend of theres advised them not to make peace with the Cherokees who were no better than the Virginians- Your conduct towards the Kansas is such as I think will be serviseable to them, and lern them how to respect our Citizens-

I have received a letter from Mr Bronough but none from Gen^l. Mason Since I Saw you. Your letters which have been received has been forwarded, we have had no Mail lately and in course no letters or news from the Eastward, The latest accounts from the N. E are not very auspicious It would seem that Wilkinson was detained by bad weather, between Sackets Harber and Grenardier Island till the 1st ulto. that on that day he had proceeded down the river and had arrived at Ogdensburg on the 8th ult Harrison was at Fort George- Accounts from Plattsburgh, Boston, Albany and Burlington V^t, and all probably originating from the former place, state an action to have taken place on the 27th or 28th of Oct. between Hampton & Provost, that Hampton after drubing Provost has fallen back to

the four corners! The accounts are very contredictory as to de-
tails Wilkinson afloat on the S Lawrence and the Stream rapidly
bearing him down on the Enemy- Provost is Confident of Success
or menaced in his manner, he would withdraw to Quebec- The
Struggle will be Severe- and Wilkinson must be victorious or
find a grave at Montrale.

I send you this letter by Mr. Williams

Accept my highest respect and esteem

Your Mo Obdt Servt

Wm Clark

PS. Please to purchase from the Indians for my private use about
300 lbs of good Tallow and oblige

W C