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## Letter from George Sibley to William Clark, July 9, 1813

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Gov<sup>r</sup>. Clark

Geo. C. Sibley

Saint Louis July 9, 1813.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to hand you my Report concerning the Osage Affairs- It is hardly necessary to Say that those Indians have never forfeited by their misconduct the indulgence of the Government. On the contrary, I think their Steady adherence to us entitles them to every accommodation that we can conveniently afford them- and independent of the obligations under which the Treaty lays us towards them, I think it is our best policy to keep up the influence of Trade over them, by means of which they may be Retained as friends and kept out of the reach of the intrigues of the Hostile Indians & British Agents.

In the course of this month I Shall have at my disposal near \$20,000 worth of prime Indian Goods (first cost) intended by Government for the Indian Trade, at Fort Osage- Perhaps it may fall in with your Excellency's views concerning the Osages to have them furnished with Goods this fall, as near as can be in conformity with the Osage Treaty- The object of this note is to inform you that I will with pleasure cooperate in any measures your Excellency may advise for the purpose of furnishing those Indians and will do myself the honor of communicating to the Supt. of Ind. Trade whatever plan you may recommend or sanction for Reestablishing of the Osage Trading House.

I have the honor to be

Sir, Y<sup>r</sup> Mo. Ob<sup>t</sup>. Ser<sup>t</sup>.

His Ex<sup>y</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Clark

G. C. Sibley