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Letter from George Sibley to John Mason, September 19, 1813

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John Mason, Esq.

Geo. C. Sibley

St. Louis September 19, 1813.

Sir,

I wrote you a few lines on the 16. by Mr. Reuben Lewis, in whose charge I have sent you a very fine Horse of the wild breed our Western plains, which I accedentially met with, & very gladly purchased expressly for you agreeably to the promise I made you when last in Georgetown. I shall be very glad to hear that you are pleased with him, and think you will be- Mr. Lewis will be able to give you every information Respecting him that you can desire- He means to travel leisurely & will probably make Some Stay in Virginia before he goes to G. town, so that you may not See him perhaps 'till the middle of Nov.^r or 1^t. of Dec.

The Horse was 5 years old last May & was Raised on the banks of the Missouri by the man of whom I purchased him- His pedigree is pretty well authenticated, & is Simply this- His dam was caught wild on the Arkansaw when with foal (with him) was purchased by Mr. Parmer & Soon produced this colt- She was a very fine formed animal as I am informed, & was undoubtedly of the true wild breed- I hope this colt may reach you safe & in good condition, & I trust he will, for I have full confidence in the care and attention of Mr. Lewis- If he reaches you safe, he costs you \$154 including 8 weeks keeping at this place by way of gentling him.

I am Sir

Very respectfully

Yr. Mo. Obd. Sert.

John Mason Esq.
Georgetown Col^a.

G. C. Sibley

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