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## Letter from George Sibley to Martin Cantonment, September 16, 1819

George Champlin Sibley

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Fort Osage Sep<sup>r</sup> 16 1819.

Sir,

I will thank you to forward to this place by the first safe conveyance a set of blacksmith's tools which Col. Atkinson directed to be laid aside before he left Martin Cantonment, and sent here for the use of this Agency, agreeably to the pledge of the Gov.<sup>t</sup> contained in an article of the Osage treaty. Col. Atkinson in a letter to me dated the 2<sup>d</sup> Ins.<sup>t</sup> says. "The tools are laid off and will be sent accordingly" -- they consist of 1 p<sup>r</sup> Bellows. 1 Anvil -- 1 large vice -- two Sledge hammers 2 hand hammers -- 2 p<sup>r</sup> tongs -- 1 screw plate and taps -- 2 large files -- some tools for shoeing horses and sundry other small things -- the small tools were put in Capt. O'Fallow's kitchen, and the bellows & anvil close to the kitchen outside -- I am informed tho' that some or perhaps all of

these Tools have been Since Removed from the kitchen and placed in an old Smiths Shop -- M<sup>r</sup>. Alley by whom I Send this will be able by verbal explanations to Satisfy you as to any further particulars Respecting the Tools in question --

I have only further to Remark, that the omission to Send those tools by Capt. O'Fallon's boat (by which I had every Reason to expect them) as directed by Col. Atkinson may very probably prove of Serious injury to the public Service --

Respectfully Sir

I am Y<sup>r</sup>. Mo. Ob<sup>t</sup>. Sv<sup>t</sup>.

G. C. Sibley

United States Factor & S Ag<sup>t</sup> of  
Ind<sup>n</sup>. Aff<sup>rs</sup>.

Commanding Officer

Martin Cantonment



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