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## Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, February 20, 1808

John Mason

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Office Int<sup>l</sup> Trade<sup>s</sup> 39  
Geo Town 20 Feb 1808

Sir

I have rec<sup>d</sup> your two letters of the 13<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>  
Just and to day the two for Calicoes from Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Mc Bulloch. your letters are full and satisfac-  
tory on Monday I shall answer them and  
insert in detail, in mean time as you ob-  
serve properly the most essential is to get forward  
with the Calicoe Business

It will simplify accounts, and be more  
agreeable to me, to purchase the calicoes of  
those gentlemen ready printed, and in order  
to make the article come to us as low as possible  
and to do them justice I have no objection at this  
time, and from time to time when an order is  
given henceforward to make them an advance  
in cash to about the cost of the cloth in white  
to enable them to lay it in with cash & on the  
best terms they making a suitable deduction  
in the price of the printed stuff when executed,  
you will then immediately on receipt of this make  
the proposition to them, if acceded to on such  
deduction as you on estimation find reasonable  
you will at once from the list you have make  
out an order, of the calicoes, I shall be  
want printed, for the calicoes calculating  
on the coarse stuff so as that more now wanted  
shall exceed 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts (delivered) pd & some of  
them be under that price - in varying & fixing  
the patterns & colours I leave it to your judgment  
except that I advise mixing yellow with red in  
some of the patterns, this done communicate  
with those gentlemen, get the lowest prices  
they will furnish at with the advantage of  
the advance send me your order with their

propositions on each article & the sum in cash  
 expected in advance on this order. If approved  
 I will immediately give the order, and make  
 the advance in obtaining information &  
 comparing prices. I remark with the pleasure  
 the attention to detail you have used, in  
 adjusting the outlines of this business as I  
 shall at this distance only to have to  
 confirm a request. I need not tell you how  
 much must depend on you, when you  
 reflect, that the arrangement will be the  
 basis of future orders, & I am in a hurry  
 for gun locks, to be used here, I beg you  
 will purchase & send me of 4 or 5 kinds  
 from 8<sup>cts</sup> to \$2. ea. That the size of the locks  
 be not very large <sup>nor</sup> the springs too  
 strong is desirable, stating the cash  
 price by the quantity to each sample

Very respectfully Sir

Your M<sup>o</sup>. C<sup>t</sup>

J. M. Sneyd, Jr.

of Mr Geo. C. Sebley

Baltimore