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Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, February 26, 1808

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Office of Indian Trade
Geo Town 26 Feb 1808

Sir

I received last night yours of the 23rd. I enclose you an order for Messrs Lanneys exactly taken from the one you sent me, and I commit to your judgment. The describing of the figures yet to be engraved let some of them be exactly like the patterns rec^d from Gen^l Clarke and particularly the one of the same ps with the shirt I have here.

I enclose you a check for \$700 from the Branch Bank in Washington on that in Balto to the order of Messrs Lanneys which you will deliver them and take their receipt as per form enclosed with Mr McCalllocks guarantee at bottom, which you will tell him & them, it is requisite for as a publick officer to require being a stranger to the Messrs Lanneys - you will also understand with them that I agree to quit them of expence in getting the goods from Baltimore to this place, but they must put them on board at their expence and be at the trouble of shipping taking Bills Lading and forwarding them to me, pray arrange with them immediately and hurry them as you can in the execution.

I have rec^d the gun Locks, these are but of the qualities I suppose No 2 at $\frac{128\%}{100}$ & No 4 $\frac{87\%}{100}$. These last will answer well for the S. W. Guns, which I am getting imitated here you will their purchase at once the $\frac{4}{2}$ doz they acknowledge to have of that kind, as to the no 4 I would willingly ^{take} 100, but I think you had better not touch his $\frac{4}{2}$ doz, as yet or any others of that quality, & tell him that as yet his no 2 is only suit, the english

Locks at Galt & Thomas if they are double
 brided and pretty well finished buy 2 or 3
 dozen. and send me samples of one of each
 kind if I like them will direct the whole
 to be taken. you had better buy at once
 the childrens bells you describe. say the
 whole parcel and with the cash in your
 hand get them as low as you can. If the
 cotton stripe (Siamore) you describe be like
 the stripe ~~you~~ enclosed and yd, wide or
 lacking not more than about an inch
 you may at once buy the three pieces. and
 draw out me at sight for the amt. which
 is the mode I wish to pursue for any thing
 over 1 or 200 dols. for small things I will sup-
 -ply you with cash. the Bank of Balt^o or
 Union Bank will readily take the dfts for
 collection. send them to our Bank & when
 paid credit them there. & if they are shy
 of you you can leave the goods till they
 know of payment. by this means I shall
 have my payments according with many
 Bills & receipts which you will always take
 in duplicates.

I now enclose you a check of this
 date to your order from the office of disct &
 deposit Washington on that in Balt^o for
 \$300 to supply for you for small cash
 purposes for which you will account -
 I shall now go on as fast as other business
 of the office will permit me to authorize you
 to purchase & to supply you with cash or
 credits on me as occasion requires - the packing
 & shipping you will leave to the last that
 it may be done readily. in mean time
 go on giving me such additional

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information as you may collect - as on the list
you sent me on the 11th there are yet many blanks.
Tell me in your next if you know what
cost of silver pins are, also what you can get
silver made done for particularly broaches, such
as you took a sample of 4 of ear bobs, say for
an order of about 5000 broaches & 3000 ear bobs
by the gross or hundred.

Very respectfully Sir,
J. H. Supt. S. D.

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W Geo C. Sibley
Baltimore

N B. The above letter with its enclosures was put
in the Post Office by M. S. T. (signature)