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Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, February 27, 1808

John Mason

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Office Indian Trade
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Dear

I wrote you yesterday and enclosed you an order for the m^{rs} Lannys, in addition to the few little articles then directed to be purchased. I now annex a list of such things as you may go on to purchase immediately & the sooner the better. For any thing amounting to more than \$100. or there way, draw on me at sight, and your bills shall be paid, forwarding Bill parcels at each time to show the am^t, regularly by post, that I may have the advices respectively as the bills appear. where I have not mentioned the price, I expect the article to be bought at the terms expressed accompanying your letter of the 12th as far as designated by you, and where this is not the case you must get on the best terms you can, I wish you to purchase those marked thus x first as they

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are the greatest object, should however any
of the sellers increase in price unless it be but
a trifle let the purchase of such articles alone
untill they come to their senses or me try else-
where, yet I wish you to secure as early after
the recd of this as you can the articles marked +
unless they attempt an increase in price
any thing that is an object, I hope wherever
the amount is an object of any one person you
will be able to get a draft for the cash paid
at the bottom of the bill. should there
be any difficulty in passing drafts on
me at sight. you will as I before stated
leave the goods till paid. or get Mr Cooke
to do me the favor to go with you to au-
ree for you which I am sure he will
readily do on showing him this letter. I
shall send you the \$100 you ask on your
account on Monday & 2 or 300 in cash to
assist you in these purchases, I have not
yet completed the list of purchases to be
made by you but nearly so. advise me
regularly every Post what you are doing
Yours respectfully
J. M. Sept 8. 2.

21/69 Geo. C. Sibley Esq

at Baltimore