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Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, March 12, 1808

John Mason

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Office Indian Trade

Geo. Town / Washington / 2 March

Sir

I have seen and approve of the
Locks you have bought of Galt & Thomas and
agree with you that these at 11/3 are the
best at the price. you may however take
all he has left say 96 at 14/ 36 at 12/6 & 96
at 11/3.

I wish you also to buy 100 Locks
where you can best get them single bridled
such as sent from Courtney & Thomas at or
about 27 cents let them be as nearly of a size
as possible and as much alike. This will
complete the order for gun locks. I have
found the Cartouch knife among the sam-
ples General Clarke sent me in enclosed
Paper. see sketch on the other side exactly
imitate it. ⁱⁿ the size length & shape. the
handle is of wood dyed red split & riveted
on a flat half. If you can find such
purchase 30 doz on the best terms you can
the sterling price cost in London quoted
by Gen Clarke is from 44/ to 60/ per doz
Yours &c

The muskox traps
are I suspect impated &
sold as rat traps

J. M. Lept JN

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