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## Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, March 24, 1810

John Mason

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Geo. C. Sibley Esq  
United States Factor  
Fort Osage

Indian Trade Office  
Georgetown 24<sup>th</sup> March 1810

Sir

I have received a letter from the Military agent at Philad<sup>a</sup> enclosing a letter from Capt<sup>n</sup> Clemson an acc<sup>t</sup> against your factory and observations as herewith - as also your account for articles furnished Capt<sup>n</sup> Clemson for \$50.05 dated 25<sup>th</sup> Aug: 1809 - Mr. Linnard claims the allowance of Clemson's acc<sup>t</sup> against the factory as a set off against yours but states that you had refused to do so - the subject has been referred to me from the War Dept<sup>n</sup>. I beg you will give me an early explanation of this business -

Most of Capt<sup>n</sup> Clemson's account seems to be founded on estimates merely of wear and tear of tools implements & employed about the factory buildings, and of course vague & conjectural it is very desirable however that for whatever may have been rec<sup>d</sup> from the agents of the War Department - some settlement could take place between you on the spot where all must be better understood in detail -

I have the satisfaction to inform you that the furs collected by you arrived here about a fortnight since together with those from Le. Minn by the way of the Ohio & the Potomack in remarkably good order I am now preparing your goods and soon expect to get them off -

I have rec<sup>d</sup> yours of 24 Jan<sup>y</sup> from St<sup>louis</sup>, you will let me know the issue of the examination of the goods via Pittsburg so long detained that I may lay the fault in its right place - - at foot is a minute of the acct app<sup>d</sup> & paid from you since my last -

The diff<sup>n</sup> subjects of your letters of last fall shall be replied to when I forward you the duplicate dispatches relative to your supplies for this year -

very Respectful

J. W. Cox

turn over

List of drafts presented & paid

Jan 20 Oct 1809	dft favor a shirt	150
" 23 " " "	" Gen' Clark	242
" 23 " " "	G. Bourne	200
" 2 Jan 1910	" " Denny St,	109.59
" 3 " " "	Robinson	349.06
" 1 Feb " "	Robinson	100.-
" 17 March " "	Comery	400

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