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Letter from John Mason to George Sibley, May 19, 1813

John Mason

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79 Geo: C Sibley Esq
factor at St. Ouge

Indian office
Georgetown May 19 - 1813

Sir

The accounts of your
assistant (Mr. Rawlings) & your Interpreter (Pierre
Lorr) being included in your general salary account
from their commencement to the 30 June 1810 and
no receipts for payments made them during said
period being rendered, it will be impossible to get
your accounts passed at the treasury without their
separate accounts signed by themselves. I must
therefore request that you have an account stated

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for each of these from their commencement to the 30th June 1810 & forward them to this office by duplicate as early as practicable - Their accounts rendered subsequent to that period are in proper form & will pass when the accounts asked for above are received to accompany them.

Annexed is a statement of several items in your accounts which I doubt not are correct but being unsupported by vouchers they will be rejected at the Treasury - as these sums were paid by you into the Factory Fund it will not be in your power to render receipts for the exact expenditure of each item. The only plan I can devise for you to get them allowed is to make a statement by duplicate of the different items with explanations and make oath to it & forward them to me with the certificate of the Officer before whom you make the affidavit annexed to each. One of these certificates shall accompany your accounts & will I presume be deemed sufficient to entitle you to the credits at the Treasury. -

The Goods for your supply this present year were forwarded from this office by way of Cumberland on the 11th instant. They could not be forwarded sooner in consequence of the low state of the water. I shall inclose you Invoices in a day or two. You may pay the Charges annexed out of the Factory the present year without further advice from me, forwarding Invoices & Receipts as usual for them to this Office. -

Very respectfully

Yr. obed^t Serv^t
J. M. S. J.

The following items in Geo. C. Sibley's a/c rendered prior to 30 Sept 1810 require further explanation

a/c - 30 June 1809 - Cash disbursed by him on public a/c since 1st Apr^l see cash book p 149.35

a/c 30 Sept 1809 This sum disbursed by him since 1st July - p 36.12

31 Dec^r - 1809 This sum disbursed on public a/c since 30 Sept last see copy p 80.50

31 Mar: 1810 - This sum assumed to the army contractor by G. C. Sibley for provisions furnished the Interpreter - p 35.

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30 June 1810 ~ This sum disbursed by
G. C. Sibley on public acc since the 1st of 5/77
On examining the copies of the Cash Book
& Journal rendered by Mr. Sibley the explanations
therein found are ^{no} fuller respecting the above charges
than those in his salary acc
