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## Letter from William Clark to George Sibley, March 17, 1814

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George C. Sibley

Gov. Clark  
17 March 1814

St. Louis March 17th, 1814

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 8th by Mr. Bridger I had the pleasure of receiving to day, in which you mention, that the Chief Object of the letter was to inform me of your deturmonation to Shift your quarters to the great Osage Towns, or the Osage River.

I must observe to you that the great Osage have killed Several Citizens of this Territory, a conduct for which they must account- A report has been laterly made to me that the Arkansaw Band did last Spring kill three white men on the River Arkansaw- young Mr. Chouteau writes from the Osage Towns a letter which was received a few days ago mentioning that the Big Osage had laterly killed two Frenchmen on a Branch of the Osage River- Last Saturday a man by name of Elijah Eastwood reported to me that himself and his brother were fired on by the Osage on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, his brother was killed, and himself and his Brother Abraham lost 2 horses, saddles bridles 2 Rifles, 8 Steel Traps 7 Beaver Marked AE.EE This Murder was Committed on the head of a Branch of White R. with the Gascinade-

I have order the Agent PF. Chouteau Esq. to proceed imediately to the Osage Vilage, and Demand the Murderers agreeably to the Treaty, and if they are not delivered up to derect all the Traders to leave the Osage Villages & Mr. Chouteau will set out tomorrow or next day. The Osage depredations have become so frequent, that an example must be made of some of them, and the Sooner the better.

As you will be acquainted with the late outrages committed by the Osage, I have not a doubt but you will act in a way best Calculated to promote the public good.

I have not received any letters from Washington relative to the Trading establishments, I should myself prefer the old plan.

The Big Soldeir Walking Rain & others were at this place a few days ago, and Spoke on the Subject of the reestablishment of the Trading house at the old place, and expressed some jealousy as respects the Sacks, which I believe was done away.

The Sacks will remain on the Missouri this Summer. We hear nothing to induce a belief, that the Indians towards Prairie deChien intend to be on friendly terms, indeed a party of Indians (supposed to be Kickapoos) wounded Mr. Reckton very badly about the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. near the U. S. Saline.

As to News there is a great deal of foreign news as well as internal occurrences in the papers which you will probably soon receive in your papers- I write you in haste as my family is calling my attention every moment. Mrs. C. & my son Lewis now in bed Sick & four others also Sick with Measles & pleurisy

Accept the Assurance of my highest respect & esteem

Yr. Mo. Obedt. Sert.

WM. Clark

Mr. G. C. Sibley

Your papers are sent to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.