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Letter from Thomas McKenney to George Sibley, et al, August 9, 1820

Thomas McKenney

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Sir

August 9th 1820

I wish you to give me information on the following points as soon as you can.

1. What Tribes of Indians hold intercourse with the Factory in your charge
2. Where located? In how many villages? and where are their hunting grounds?
3. Their numbers, distinguishing the warriors from the rest, and noting the number of women and children in each tribe.
4. Their employments - whether they rely entirely or partially on the chase - and if not altogether hunters, on what do they subsist? -

and generally any information which you may deem useful in illustrating their progress towards agriculture, and civilization, and whether they see the necessity of exchanging their habits for those of civilization.

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Henry Thompson Esq
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Indian Trade office
Geo. Town Aug. 16th 1820