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## Letter from George Sibley to William Clark, November 30, 1813

George Champlin Sibley  
*Arrow Rock*

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Ft. Praelle

Arrow Rock 30 Nov. 1813

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Sir,

I enclose you herein report on the subject of the Osage Trading House. Since my arrival here I have endowed (?) by all ----- my power to alter the wishes of the Osage on the subject.

At first I desired the chief and head men to talk the matter over in their village council and friendly meeting. I also desired the Interpreter to introduce and discuss the subject on all proper occasions, but by no means to express any opinions of their own (mine I have expressed) – In this way the thing went ---- for two weeks during which time, I had a fair oport. to learn the wishes of the chief and leader of both ---- - On Sunday last I requested them to take me in form the result of their deliberations, which they did. And which you will find in the enclosed report, written exactly in the style of form in which they addressed me - And which you will amounts to no decisions at all- I found them so account to the ----- that I would no mention the project to them of placing the trading house there. They are afraid of the Cherokees, and ---- persons has told them that the Lacques (?) and Hopies are to take possession of their country of they so own to the Arkansas, which seems to have excited very great fears and jealousies among them. I fear sir that the Arkansas Project must be abandoned. As well on account of the difficulties and great inconvenience of making an establishment there, as of the aversion of the Osage to having it placed there.

Respectfully Sir

(signed) G.C.Sibley

His Excellency

Gov. W. Clark

St. Louis

[On the Side]

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G. C. Sibley

Gov. W. Clark

Nov. 30 1813