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Letter from J.B. Brant to George Sibley, July 14, 1829

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Asst. Quartermasters Office,
St. Louis, 14 July 1829.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 9th Instant I have to inform you in reply, that no order from the War or other Department of the Government was secured as was expected when the issue of the tents etc., was made.

It would seem from the tenor of the second auditors letter, that he requires you to account for the property secured--this you can do by exhibiting the auctioners bill of sales and crediting the government with the proceeds arising there from as of the tents; tent and poles etc. now worn out lost or otherwise state the facts in the form of a certificate;--This is the course generally pursued in the army, and it is presumed would be satisfactory in the present case.

I know of no other evidence at the time that you would be able to furnish unless the signature of either of the Secretary or other Commissioners on support of the fact.

I return you the letter of Mr. Lewis and likewise annex copies of your receipt and certificate to me in the case of the tents referred to.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. B. Brant

George C. Sibley, Esq.
St. Charles, Mo.