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Indian Trade office  
19 May 1809

Since mine of the 15th inst. I have had an interview with the Secretary of War on
The subject of the building requisite at your Post. The author wishes as to the necessity of having them completed before winter, and that to effect this, the Felling must be employed, so far as your own duty or other indispensable circumstances will permit us doubt. The good sense of the post's location of yourself will readily produce the proper understanding on the subject.

The postmaster required and as thought it but just, I readily agreed, that a compensation, as in fatigue duty should be allowed by this department to the men, while employed by the factor. It has been fixed at ten cents and a pint of whiskey per day, which you, I pray accordingly shall equitably return thereof, as well as the number and names of the men so detached.

I have directed my agent at Brunsville to send you under care of Mr. Rawlings four Barrels of whiskey for this service, which I presume will be enough for the present year.

Enclosed is a copy of an order from the Secretary of War to be commanding officer at Ft. Osage, which has been by mail and St. Louis.

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