I wrote you yesterday on the subject of the Osage annuity for 1812.

Your letter of 25 June from Louisville of 20th July and of 22nd August and 22nd September from Fort Osage with their enclosures all which shall be attended to in due time. For the present, the principal object of this is to say, that the Secretary of War having left it in the discretion of Governor Howard to evacuate Fort Osage in the event of such a state of things with the Indians in your quarter of six by opinion may make it necessary should such an order be given, which I trust however will not be found necessary by the Governor you will pack up the public goods and other property in your charge and move with
with them to the Camp together with your officers.

Beck, Paper I - giving me by intelligence immediate
information of such movement and writing at St. Louis
for orders. I hope no such state of things will occur
but, lest they should it will be best to keep as
much of your forces, Petra's and
ready to move as you conveniently can. It will
be prudent to give no intimation to the Indians of
such possible intentions or indeed to any person
left it get abroad as no doubt the Governor will
not let his discretionary powers be known unless he
has mean to use it. You will therefore consider thy
of as confidential communication to be used in
cases of need.

Mr. Rawlings, your assistant has requested leave
of absence to see his friend this fall or next spring.
I have written him this day and ascertained to his
request for 1 month to take place the fall
or next spring in your discretion as to the
time of leaving the Factory which you can
direct judge of from its affairs.

You will hope receive from your neighbors
the Osage good account of their treatment
here on their late visit to the President. Much
attention was paid them and their presents
were considerable. I like the men, their
profession, and I strongly flatter myself
they will keep at peace with us as well
of the rest of the Tribe in your vicinity

[Signature]