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Fort & Sage

Sir,

Your letter of July 22d with your accounts up to the 30 June, and enclosing copy of letter from you to Gen: Blake, has been received: the reference has been made to the President of the cause of hostility which you have described - I regret that you, Blake, was not at St. Louis when you wrote to him. I think the course you took a very proper one - and no injury could have resulted had you acted in Gen: Blake's absence more definitely.

On the subject of removing the factor buildings or repaving them, I have to remark that until the company shall act definitely in relation to the speculation, I can authorize no refunding except such as shall be applied to the preservation of the property. The making of boards, &c., for that to help the buildings from getting down, must of course, be attended to. This as one of the evils of keeping the system but partially used, and that only from year to year.

I have submitted the propriety of issuing an order by the War Department, to Gen: Blake, to receive any goods from the factors that can be used in the way of presents, &c., and should it be recognized, you will add to the original cost $6 per hundred, or all that may be taken by the Governor for such purposes.

I hope to hear that a more specific temper has succeeded to the present turbulent one, and that not so much evil has been done as was anticipated. When one from time to time, as occurred, may make it
The Government has recognised the wishes of the
Assay to have a branch of a factory located at the
Grand Bar or the Assay River, or, on any other
point that the agent who may go to select the spot
may choose, that will combine the convenience of the
Indians, and the nearest means of access to it by water.

I have written to a young man who has been some
time with Mr. Rawlings to accept the appointment of
Factor, and if he accepts the offer he will be off,
I trust, so as to get his building up by the next
spring. I shall send a plan of them.

This establishment being a branch of the one in
your charge, all its functions will stop this year,
as the one at De Musin, unless Mr. Johnson
like it was constituted independent of him. I shall
send copies of my directions to you, and shall expect
to hear this year of all the proceedings, and that
the factor will report by duplicate to you.

I believe this will be useful, at least to the
Osages. Their annuity will be paid to them out
of this factory, but on directions from me through
you. I will write you more fully when the
thing is about to be put into motion. — (Signature)