*William Clark Letters: Superintendent of Indian Affairs*

*Card 1 A/B*

Title: Letters

Dates: August 16-17, 1830

Volume 6, Page 5: Microfilm Reel MS-95

Authors: Lawrence Taliaferro, US Indian Agent, St. Peters

Recipients: William Clark, S. I. A. St. Louis

*Card 1A*

(Circular) Indian Agency St. Peters

August 16th 1830.

Recent occurrences at this Post, and adjacent to it, has made it my duty to notify all persons engaged in the Indian trade within the limits of this Agency, that in no case whatever will either high wines or whiskey, be permitted to he introduced into the country by them in future - a violation of this notice will be viewed as a contempt for the existing laws and regulations in force for the government of trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and will subject you to the penalties of the Acts of Congress of March 30th 1802, and an act supplementary to the same passed April 29th 1816.- Your attention is particularly called to the 2nd Section of the amended "act" of the 30th March 1802, which was approved by the President May 6th 1822 The necessity as well as the causes which have made this notice necessary at this time for your government, will forthwith be reported to the Department of War for the information of the President of the United States.

I have the honor to be,

To Your Obt. Servt.

Joseph Rolette Lau: Taliaferro

Alexis Bailly Ind: Agt. St. Peters.

Alex Culbertson

&c . &c . &c .

*Card 1B*

Indian Agency St. Peters,

August 17, 1830. Sir,

I have taken the responsibility upon myself (as you will perceive by the enclosed Circular, addressed on the 16th inst. to all the principal traders within this Agency) to direct that in future no high wines or whiskey would be permitted to be introduced into this country. The ill effects resulting from its use by the traders has been seriously felt here as well as elsewhere, and it is a well established fact that almost every outrade which has been committed by the Indian tribes within the last twelve years can be safely traced to whiskey as the direct, or primary cause. I earnestly hope that as my only object is to preserve peace, and harmony, that my course in this Important matter may meet the views of the Department, and that final Instructions may reach this Agency from the President giving the Agent and Commanding Officer full powers upon the subject. Opposition in the trade still causes hostilities on the part of the Sioux against the Chippeways -for this, and other considerations of equal weight I beg leave respectfully to suggest the only plan at present known to me, by which, it may be put a stop to - that of breaking up the trading Location on the Military reserve near Fort Snelling -this plan being carried into effect in conjunction with the total exclusion of whiskey - there will then be no farther obstacles to "be surmounted in the way of a pleasing, and efficient discharge of my various and complicated duties. If other Agents have not reported the injurious effects of ardent Spirits upon the habits, and morals of the Indians with-in the limits of their respective Agencies, you may be assured, Sir, that it is not. because the evil does not exist to a great-er or less extent with them. The Traders under existing regulations are permitted to take into the Indian country, one gallon of whiskey pr. month for each engagee in their employ respectively - but under this plea is cloaked Kegs, and Barrels of high wines, for purposes of trade with, and to corrupt the Indians - as their men do not positively get or see one third of this pretended allowance, and not even this small quantity except at the rate of from Sight to Sixteen dollars per gallon - this fact I have frequently had from many of the most respectable, and best informed among them. Be pleased to forward copies of the enclosed letters to to the Hon: Secretary of War - for the information of the Pre-sident of the United States.

I have the honor to be

With the highest respect,

Genl Wm. Clark Your mo: obt. Servt.

Supt of Ind: Affs. (signed) Lau: Taliaferro,

At St. Louis Ind: Agt at St Peters

*Card 2*

Title: Letter

Date: October 8, 1830

Volume 6, Page 16: Microfilm Reel MS-95

Authors: Pierre Menard, US Indian Agent, Kaskaskia

Recipients: Wm. Clark, S. I. A. St. Louis

Kaskaskia, 8, Oct: 1830.

Dear Sir,

Inclosed, you have, agreeably to your request, an Es-timate of the probable expense attending the emigrating Shaws nees & Senecas from the State of Ohio, and the Miamies from Indiana, for the year 1831. If the information I lately recd by the last party of Emigrating Senecas, is correct, the number stated in the Estimate will not fall short.

The calculation is made from the supposition that, as usual, they will remain few days to rest and by detention for crossing the Mississippi and from thence to the Kansas River, at $7.50 for each, person, supposing one horse for each person. The merchandise to be given is uncertain; it depends entirely upon the season in which they move: - Although there is no obligation to clothe them; yet it is impossible to refuse clothing to many women and children, suffering in cold weather. Nothing is said about lost horses in their travels; but the past has proven that, in their journey when emigrating, number of horses have been stolen by our citizens, and more especially when they are crossing the Mississippi, our bad men steal them, and many others hide them in order to get a reward for bringing hack what they have unlawfully taken. When their horses are stolen, and no hopes of getting them, then the Indians demand other horses in lieu of those stolen from them, and say if our white brethren had not compelled us to move from our native land, our horses would not have been stolen, and we cannot travel with our wives and small children without horses. The emigration of the Delawares in 1820, '21 & '22, and that of the Shawnees in '27, has sufficiently proved that they cannot move without losing horses.

With respect & consideration,

Your Obt. Servt. (Signed) Pierre Menard

*Card 3*

Title: Letter

Date: February 15, 1831

Volume 6, Page 111: Microfilm Reel MS-95

Author: John Dougherty, U. S. Indian Agent, Cant. Leavenworth

Recipient: William Clark, S. I. A., St. Louis

Cant. Leavenworth 15th. Fbry. 1831

To Genl Wm Clark

Superintendent Ind. Affairs

Having understood that certain Individuals were moving West of the State of Missouri and were about to Settle within the limits of the Country purchased of the Kansas Tribe of Indians I in obedience to Instructions from You, under date of the 1st. February 1628. repaired on the 10th. Inst, to the place where the Settlement was said to be making, and proceeded on the matter, and with those Settleing there as you will see by reference to Notices which I gave to the Individuals concerned, Copies of which, I have the honour herewith to enclose. On my return to this post, I reported the facts which had occured in relation to the business, to the Commonding Officer at this Post. A Copy of which, I have also the honour herewith to enclose. Which Report, together with the notices enclosed and refered to will present fully to Your view the precise state of the matter, and leaves me therefore but few additional observations to make. I beg leave however to remark, that should the Commanding Officer fail to remove those Intruders, and they be suffered to remain, that it may result in a difficulty between the Indians who are in a constant habit of hunting in that Country and who have reason to consider that they have a right to do so, and those white Intruders, which may extend its bad effects to the peaceable Citizens on the Border Settlements of Missouri . I will also remark that should those Men be permitted to remain, it would at least be a Tacit Licence to others to remove and Settle in that Country, and I apprehend that the number desirous to Settle there, is not small; so that in a short time it is possible, that that Country would be filled by white Settlers.

Very Respectfully Your Obdnt. Svnt. (Signed) John Daugherty Indian Agent.

*Cards 4A/B*

*Card 4A*

Title: Excerpt from Prairie du Chien Treaty

Date: May 10, 1831

Volume 6, Page 201: Microfilm Reel MS-95

Author: John Dougherty, U. S. Indian Agent, Cant. Leavenworth

Recipient: William Clark, S. I. A., St. Louis

Saint Louis May 10th 1831. Genl Wm Clark Sup't Indian Affairs.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I left my Post on the 1st Inst: and arrived in this place yesterday. My business down is to procure the Annuities payable by the United States, to the Indian Tribes of my Agency, in accordance to the Stipulations of the Treaty concluded at Prairie du Chien on the 15th day of July 1830, I have the honor of enclosing also, herewith, the Requisitions, of the Omahaw, and Otoe Tribes, of the kind of articles, in which they wish to be paid, said Annuities.

Very Respectfully

Your Obed't Serv't

(Signed) John Dougherty

Ind. Agent.

We the Undersigned Chiefs and Head men of the Ottoes, tribe of Indians in Council assembled at Cant: Leavenworth on the 15th March 1831, do by these presence Request that the amount of Annuity payable by the United States, to our said Tribe, in accordance to the Stipulations of the treaty concluded at Prairie Du Chien on the 15th day of July 1830. may be paid to our Said Tribe in goods, Consisting of the following Articles, (Viz.) Blue Strouding, Blankets, Calico, /Kettles, Sheet Iron, Tin, brass / powder, Lead, London Guns, Butcher Knives, tobacco, Hoes, Axes, Gun worms, flints, mockasin awls, fire steels, Vermillion, Looking Glass, worsted Binding, Witness our hands in presence of Witness (Signed)Stephen Julian

U. S. Interpreter

Show -mo -nee-kar-thee X Prairie Wolf

Waw-ro-nee-saw. X The Encircler

Sanse-tonga X The Big Kansa

Noe~kee-sa-kau X The one that strikes two

Chaw-kee-wa-no X Running to the mound

Wam-shee-ka-taw-na Waw-Sa-nee

*Card 4A cont’d*

Ka-he-ga-igne

Ish-ka-ta-pa

O-ra-ka-pee

Ka-nau-ho-ka

Show -Cha - igne

Waw-ha-gai

Ah-ho-han-ja

Chair-o-to-igne

See-nau-ta-ya

Waw-tchai -Wan -ka

Tcha-o-tcha

Hrah-tee

Mook-kau-sa-ga

Wa-ga-g e-he-wosh-kaupe

Pai-Ska-wanee

Wee-rap-ai-ignee

Paih-tchai

Waw-hree-taka

Waw-roee-on

Wing-pa-nansh-kana

Tan-a-roo-Chai

Man-ho-igne

Warn-Shee-ka

x The Great Man

x Medicine Stick

x Resembles the Racoon

x The little Striker

x Little Chief

x Him that Speaks.

x Brocken turtle Speell

x Little Smoke

x Makes them w

x The Big Wing

X The Little Buffaloe rib

x The Sore Feet.

x War Exploits Counter

x Hunts death.

x The War Eagle

x The fast running bear

*Card 4B*

We the Undersigned Chiefs, and head men of the Omahaw tribe of Indians in Council assembled the 12th of April 1831. at the American Fur Company's Establishment do by these presence Request, that the amount of Annuity payable by the United States, to our said tribe, in accordance to the Stipulations of the treaty concluded at Prairie du Chien on the 15th day of July 1830. may be paid to our said tribe in Goods; consisting of the following Articles (Viz) Blue Strouding, Blankets, Calico, (Kettles, Sheet Iron, Tin, and Brass.) Powder, Lead, London Guns, Butcher Knives, Tobacco, Hoes, Axes, Gun worms, flints, Mockasin awls, fire-steels, Vermillion, Looking Glass, Worsted binding,

Witness our hands &c in presence of, -

Witness

(Signed. J. F. Sandford

(Signed) Cabanne

(Signed) Joshua Pilcher

Ish-ta-ton ga

Wash-com-ma-na

Tes-son

A-ge-ta-ky-he-gai

Pa-je-gy-he

Mom-pe-manne

Wa-shin-ga-sab-ba

(Signed on 13 Apl— )

x Big Eyes

x Big Walker

x White Cow

x the Chief Soldier

x Fire Maker

x Walking Cloud

x Bastard Black bird

*Card 5 A/B*

Title: Letters

Date: July 18, 1831 and August 7, 1831

Volume 6, Page 280-281: Microsoft Reel MS-95

Authors: William Myers, Colonel Pierre Menard

Recipients: William Myers, Colonel Pierre Menard

*Card 5A*

(Instructions from Col Menard to Wm Myers)

Kaskaskia July 18 1831.

Wm Miers

Sir: On your arrival at the Indian Camp in the Swamp after you will have explained to them the subject of your mission and read and explained the different documents,

in your possession, begining with the petition, No 1 and so on in rotation. My talk to them to he the last. You will sound their minds on the subjects of moving to their land, if you find them disposed to accept the proposition, stated in my first Instructions. You will make an estimate of the prohahle amount to he expended in their removal; you will also take & make an estimation of the probable quantity of corn each one of them may have in their respective fields, and ascertain as near as possible the number of horses that would absolutely be necessary to remove them, that is in case they were willing and ready to move - if the necessary assistance was offered to them, you will also try to get, as near as possible a correct enumeration of the number of those that are willing to move including men, women, and children, & ascertain the time they will be ready to start and to join their nation.

(Signed) Pierre Menard

*Card 5B*

August 7th 1831

Col. Pierre Menard

U S Sub Indian Agent

Sir,

Agreeably to your instructions of the Supt to you and your own of the llth July last, I proceeded to the Indian Gamps in the Swamp, about 15 miles below what is called the West Prairie in the County of New Madrid, I reached there by water of the 28th of same month, and on the first day of August, I met the Indians in Council, and explained to them the object of my mission, and read and explained to them the object of my mission in my possession, They seemed very much surprised when they heard the complaints lodged against them, and could not imagine that the white people could fabricate such falsehoods. They However - the day after, and after some consultation among themselves, informed me they would join their people on the Kansas river, and would move as soon as assistance was offered to do so, that through the severity of last winter they had lost the greatest part of their horses. I have carefully examined their situation, there will be about ninety two persons to be removed, the greatest of them being Delawares of Chief Anderson's family & relations together

I am of opinion it would require from 20 to 22 good pack-horses to transport them they will also want a person to accompany them and procure provisions for them during their journey, some -ammunition will also be necessary - There is a part of the senecas that are willing to move on the same principles as the Delawares, there is also a good many half muscoes & half Shawanoes who are not willing to move till next Spring, but they wish to move towards the Arkansas river. Chillitaka their chief told me that he was willing to move now if he could dispose of his property; he has about 200 head of hogs besides a great many cattle. Those who intend to move will be ready to move on the 1st day of September. Exertions will be made to retain them, but I believe it will not prevail with the Delawares.

With Respect Yr Obt Sert W Myers

Eunumeration of the Indians residing in the Swamp in the County of New Madrid and belonging to the Superintendency of Genl William Clark.

16 families of Delawares amounting to \_ 49 persons

12 do " Senecas " " 32 ditto

4 do of Shawanoes " “ 13 do

The Balance are as before stated of half breeds of Shawanoes & Muscoes, when they move they will join their nation the Muscoes or Greeks on the Verde Gre a Branch of the Arkansas River.

After a careful examination of their corn fields they

contain fully as follows.

Lesarkoxey . . 75 Bushells Kochetowais . . 75 do Moonshine . . 50 do Jos: Smith - - 60 - do

Wm Myers