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*Copies of Letters to
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Supt. of Indian Affairs
St. Louis*

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2 To His Ex^{ty} Gov Clark Prairie des Chien
Supt. of Ind Affairs June 1st 1820

Sir I have the honor to trans-
mit my Estimates for the 3^d Quarter of the
present year

For Presents Dollars 82 $\frac{1}{4}$ = 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cts
Agents Salary - - Ditto 325
Interpreter - - Ditto 92 amounting
to the total sum of twelve hundred and forty
one Dollars and fifty seven and one half
cents

With much Respect
Sir I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servant

Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian Agent
Upper Mississippi

To Gov. W. Clark
Sup^t. In Affairs

P. des Cheins³
12th June 1820

Sir

I now the honor to say that since the date of my last letter, the Winapapung have delivered up the Prisoners three in number after a long and tedious examination which was handsomely conducted by Col. Leavenworth in presence of three other Justices, and many witnesses. The young man was being justly released the other two as justly detained. They are now in close confinement within the Fort. —

The four Chiefs were promptly released on the delivery of the Prisoners. all the proceedings had in the case with the names of the prisoners offenders — are forwarded to you by W. B. Bellwin which contains all the Councils at different times the Speeches &c. Col. Leavenworth & myself leave this on Wednesday next — Wabisha is here and will hop up the River with me to his village. I find him to differ widely from the common Chiefs of other Tribes.

I must confess to that I feel but little confidence when I reflect on the small handful of goods in my possession —

4 for so many thousand Indians. I shall
have even do my duty and attend
strictly to the best interest of my
country — If my Estimate for the 3^d
Quarter of this year cannot be forward
to me in time — I should ^{be forced} like to cross
St. Louis with a view to obtain a
set of Belk Smiths tools, and a Boat
for my Agency, be so good as to imp.
vise on the mind of the Hon^{ble} Secretary
the necessity of a years supply in advance
for my Agency, and the necessity also
of a large supply. —

With sincere respect
Yrs Sam^l G. H. Tarr

Law. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
F. Upper Mississippi

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To His Ex^t. Gov W. C. Clark Indian Agency
Sup. of Ind. Affairs St. Peters 10 July 1820
Sir

I herewith transmit my
Estimates for the 4th Q^r of 1820 for the Sioux
above. The Chippeways have visited me 28
in number with their Chief
They were here a short time before my ar-
-ival at this Port and smoked the Pipe
of Peace with the 3 Bands of Sioux
nearest this place by Ruelson, Le Crow
and the Sin^{is}. I have not at this date
seen the two first mentioned Bands
The Sin and part of his band left me
this morning highly accepted. I have
succeeded with the Indians well from
Pravau as Chino to this place, but
expect to be visited shortly by many
Bands from above and my goods
are more than one third gone.

If my Estimates for this Quarter

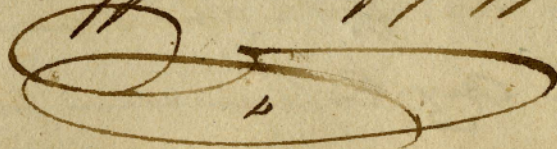
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Could reach me by or before the 15th of
October I could effect much for the
Interest of my country. I am encouraged
in saying so, by my late unlamented for
success & reception - Col. R. Dickson
informs me that if I succeed in comple-
=ting the peace between the Sioux
& Chippewas that the latter to the
number of from 250 to 300 will visit
my agency I think 1200 dollars per
Annum will answer to prevent either
party from striking again beyond

I have the honor to be with an
Respect Sir your Obedt. Servant

Leav. Talpino

Yours a just

Wm. L. Talpino



To His Ex^{ty} Gov. Clark
Sup. Mt. of the Affairs 3

Indian Agency
T. P. July 10. 20

I have the honor to address you on the
subject of a visit to the Seat of government by some of the
Chiefs of the Sioux Nation. Very Warbushaw the principal chief
of the Sioux Nation, Pemsnow, and a very important Chief
at the head of the River St. Peters, name not recollected strongly
recommended to me by Warbushaw - as a sensible & intelligent
Indian - Warbushaw has requested me to make this
application and in his own words (I should like to
take with me two of the best and most sensible
Chiefs of my Nation and should not like to go
without them). - Col. Leavenworth informs
me that he is decidedly of opinion if the Govern-
ment wish any thing like a footing or influence
in the Red River Country that the most influ-
ential should be selected and permitted to
visit the City with Warbushaw. This idea orig-
inated with the Col. him and if adopted would
be of essential advantage to the Government and
to our progress and safety in this Country. The
Col. will doubtless address a letter to the City on
the subject. Much could be said on the subject,
but your knowledge of such matters induces me
to let the propriety of the case rest with yourself.
With much respect Sir

I have the honor to be your Old Friend

Prof. Taliaferro
An Agent

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To His Ex. Jos. Wile Clark,
Supt. of India Affairs
Sir

Indu Agency 9
St. Peters & Delly 20

Enclosed herewith I forward
two accounts quarterly embracing different
specified purposes. First my pay for self and
and interpreter, a yearly to order - 2^d an
account embracing amounts as presents to
Indians, you will see the form, if not
required, please have the same returned
to me - I am shooting at random at
present, but hope ere long to move in the
proper channel, any instructions
relative to format of accounts
that you may think proper to give
will be thankfully & gratefully received.

I have the honor to be Sir
With much respect Y^r Obedt Serv^t

Lave Taliaferro
Indu Agent
Upper Mississippi
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To His Ex^t. Gov. Clark
Supt. of Indⁿ Affairs
Sir

Indⁿ Agency
St. Peter 15th Sep 1820

Enclosed herewith I have
the honor to forward for your atten-
tion my Quarterly Returns & Estimates
for goods &c required for my
Agency for the 1st Quarter of
the ensuing year 1821. —

With much Res^t Sir
I am Your Obedt Servant

Saml^l - Juliopino
Indⁿ Agent
Wm Clark Esq

To His Ex^t Gov. Clark
Sup^r in affairs.

Indian Agency (1820)
St. Peters Oct 1st

Sir

I beg leave to say to your Excellency that by a return party from the Council Bluffs on the 1st last month, I received a communication from General Wilkinson Commandant of that Post, on the subject of two persons being killed, viz Isadore Poupon a half Indian and Joseph F. Andrews a Canadian & that all H^{ts} and that two mules & two horses were taken from them, and that five Public Horses were also stolen, supposed by the Sioux of the White Rock on the River St. Peters. On the 21st of Sept I started a young Indian to the Council Bluffs of the Sissetons and Wahpacotos to invite the Chiefs to see the agent at this Post. They have done so, and without suspecting my views.

The Council was held ^{Wednesday} in presence of C. Snelling and it was agreed that as the Prisoners were not to be had, we would detain two of their principal young men as hostages for a speedy and more certain delivery of the murderers of the two men on the Missouri — They will be at this post perhaps in fifteen or twenty days. They were not

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as well pleased with the prompt measures
adopted towards them, but left us
without doing mischief — I will further
remark that they the Saps and Washpa
acknowledged that a party from each
Band were actually concerned, and
killed the two men before mentioned,
but they deny stealing or bringing to
them respective belongings more than
two mules & one horse. one of the
Mules is at this Post — and has a running
ulcer as described. The others will be
returned in all probability when the Mur-
ders are delivered up to Col Snelling at
this Post. No difficulties have occurred
within the limits of my Agency as yet.

With much respect Sir

I am your obedient servant

Leut. Taliaferro

In app

St. Peters

Up Mts —

