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Letter on Journey up the
Missouri River, Fort Mandan,
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by William Clark

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To Mr. W. Croghan.

Gen. W. Clark's Journey to the Pacific.

1805.

Fort Mandan in Lat. $47^{\circ} 21' 47''$ N. Long. $101^{\circ} 25' 10''$.
April the 2nd 1805.

Dear Major

By the return of a party of Souldan and french men who accompanied us to this place for the purpose of assisting in transporting provisions &c. I have the pleasure of sending you this hasty scrawl, which will do little more than inform you where I am. My time being entirely taken up in preparing information for our government and attending to those duties which is absolutely necessary for the promotion of our enterprise and attending to Indians deprives me the satisfaction of giving you a satisfactory detail of this Country. I must therefore take the liberty of referring you to ~~the~~ my brother, to whom I have enclosed a Map, and some sketches relative to the Indians. Our party has enjoyed a great share of health and are in high spirits. We shall leave this place in two days on our journey - Country & River above this is but little known our information is altogether from Indians collected at different times and entitled to some credit. My return will not be so soon as I expected, I fear not sooner than about June or July 1806 every exertion will be made to accomplish this enterprise in a shorter period. Please to present me most respectfully to my Sister Lewis & the family, and accept the assurances of my sincere affections &c.

Wm Clark

I send my Sister Croghan some seed of several kinds of Grapes.