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## Letter from Thomas Mather to George Sibley, August 26, 1828

Thomas Mather  
*Kaskaskia*

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Kaskaskia Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1828

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. Is received. I did not go to Washington as early as was contemplated when I last had the pleasure of serving you. It was sometime in April before I reached them, and I was sorry to find that the account just on had been mislaid, before any particular examination of it had been made. The dispatch which had been retained I presented and Mr. Barlow assured me that the balance should be sent up to congress for an appropriation which would doubtedly be made if it could be got into any of the appropriation bills then pending. The contingency fund of the department was exhausted and the only hope was upon an appropriation. I left Washington fully believing this and would be appropriated, and why it was not I cannot say. It is necessary to forward all our vouchers. If there is any in your possession from Tracy and Wahrendorff, please forward them.

Gen. McComb had just been nominated to the office of maj. Genl. And was much occupied in making interest for his confirmation. He expressed great satisfaction with our report and read it two or three times. He also wondered that it was not called for by resolution from the House of Reps.

There is no doubt an appropriation will be made for the next session of congress. Or perhaps if you would write to Mr. McKinney who is a warm friend of yours (and by the by has the cohort of the Indian Bureau) he would make some arrangements for paying the balance from some of the funds of the department.

Mr. Mck. & Gernl. McComb both suggested the propriety of sending in the vouchers, as the auditor might suspend the accounts for want of them.

With Great Respect

I remain Your

Obt. Srvt.

Thomas Mather