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Letter from Thomas Mather to George Sibley, June 2, 1829

Thomas Mather
Kaskaskia

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Kaskaskia June 2. 1829

Dear Sir,

On my return from New Orleans a few days since I forwards your favor informing me of the failure of the application for an appropriation to cover the balance of the expenditures of the surveying, etc. ___ more surprised at the circumstances, as I had learned that some 12 or 15,000 dols. Had been appropriated to Capt. Kennerly for expenses incurred, as I suppose under similar circumstances – there can be no doubt of a successful appropriation I think at the next session.

The situation of my own affairs at the moment is such as to render is improbable for me to comply with you request. I am however disposed to do every thing in my power for your relief

Our representative Genl. Duncan is intimate with secretary of War, and I am confident I can procure exccrations in in the affair. A precedent if any should be wanting, will be found in the treaty about to be had at Rock Island. The Secy. of War has requested Col. Menard to hold one although no appropriation has been made. There will be large expenditures, which must depend upon the next congress for payment.

I remain with great respect

Your obt. Srvt.

Thomas Mather