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Letter from Thomas Mather to George Sibley, August 25, 1829

Thomas Mather
Kaskaskia

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Kaskaskia August 25, 1829

G. C. Sibley esq.

Dear Sir,

I recd. Your favor some time since requesting a copy of the account forwarded to Washington for settlement. I should have ___ sooner, but for an attack of the fever which has confined me for some time. Upon examination I find that the accounts are all at Washington except your ___ cannot with the commissioners, which I have

I send you a copy of a letter I have just received form the 2nd candidate by which it appears our accounts are not closed. If it should be necessary to furnish the workers, as it appears from this letter it with. I presume all we have, many he found at Tracey & Wahrendorff, I was much surprised at the receipt of the letter, as I had suppose, the accounts were all passed as a matter of course.

I think the difficulty has grown out of the two accounts viz the Indian & Engineer. I ___ with Mr. Mr. Lewis immediately informing him that a statement of our accounts was furnished Genl. McComb as the head of the engineer dept. in the War office and Mr. McKinney the head of the Indian Bureau. Would it not be well for you to write to Mr. McKinney?

I saw Mr. Petties the other day. He inquired of me in relation to the excess of our expenditure. I explained the matter to him, and he says will do everything in his power ro procure the appropriation, or something to this effect.

Yours __,

Thomas Mather

[copy of letter]

Juas. Depart.

2nd andc. Office

3rd Augt. 1829

Sir,

Finding the sum of sixteen thousand Dollars standing to your, debit on the Books of this office since the year 1826, as commissioners for holding treaties and marking out a road from Missouri to Mexico; and it being very desirable to know all such accounts closed in anticipation of the general statement of Indian affairs required to be had before congress at their next meeting, I have to request that you will forward with the least probable delay as statement of you disbursements; accompanied by the necessary vouchers for passing the amount to your credit.

I am very respectfully

Yr. obt. Srvt.

W. B. Lewismssrs.

Reeves, Sibley & Matter

___ of Genrl.

Wm. Clark

St. Louis