To Geo. C. Sibley Esq.

Indian Office

Geo. Town 20 Sept. 1816

Sir,

I have to-day received your return for the quarter ending the 31st June last, accompanied by your receipt for expending in the erection of your buildings.

The retrenchment in your expences, which you say will take place in a day or two by the discharge of all your workmen save one man, whose business it will be to take care of the spare hatters, when connected with the increased activity of your trade, will tend, I hope, to throw the balance on the other side of the sheet, in your next return. This to ac-

To accomplish this, I have no wish that you sus-
pend the completion of your additional improvements, which I am sure will be neces-

sary for the erection of a shelter in

who may come, during the winter from a distance to trade. — There is but one item of disbursements that seems to me to be large for the nature of the service performed — and that is, the price paid the undertaker at St. Louis for his services, and the services of his men for the trip to the stage.

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In all points where a just economy can be obtained, I am sure you will regard it, and in this instance, I am satisfied that you made the best bargain in your power.

I have addressed a letter to Mr. Kennedy at Saint Louis, by the mail of to-day respecting said Erasme. But seems to have miscarried. I hope he will be able soon to recover it, from its lost course and put it in its proper channel.

It is gratifying to learn that the Indian chiefs in your neighborhood are all well disposed, expecting such only as are usually inclined to be troublesome, are there no means of pacifying these Indians, or are they helpless, as their long habits of being so, and without any desire to enjoy the pleasures of a better humor?

Respectfully T. L. W.