

staff of workmen and to pay Indians as well for their services. The amount of assistance to be given for each house was based on a careful estimate of the cost of the material to be given. From Mr. Lewis' correspondence it is gathered that a certain portion of this grant could be used for wages, and ~~therefore~~ the Department would not object to the engagement of a Foreman to assist the Indians. Mr. Agent Lewis had no authority from the Department to engage a large staff of men.

No unnecessary work should be undertaken this winter and at the same time we should be prepared to prevent suffering or hardship if at all possible, even when it has arisen from the action of the Indians themselves in parting with their holdings at an inconvenient time.

Kindly instruct Mr. Semons to deal with this matter promptly and exhaustively, and in enquiring into the subject he should have the co-operation of Agent Lewis.

Very obedient servant,

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Secretary.