

The mail leaves in the morning and I have been unable, through press of work, to carefully estimate the cash outlay the Department would be put to in building the proposed house but as I hope to get sufficient lumber from the toll received from this spring sawing and logs can be got out by the Indians for rations and a small cash outlay there should be nothing left to purchase beyond shingles tarpaper windows doors locks nails stovepipes &c which I think would cost from \$125 to \$150 laid down at Whitefish Lake.

The necessity of this house has only been brought to my notice within the past few days and as the time is short before the house will be required I would ask to be informed if the Department will sanction the building of the house in order that I may make preparations.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
W. Gibbald
Indian Agent