

Smith died. The administrator wishing  
to dispose of the house for the benefit  
of the children applied to me for a  
deed. On looking over the books I  
found that nothing had been paid by  
Mr Smith for the house and thought  
it ought to revert to the Society again  
The Society of course paying Smith's  
heirs the amt expended in making the  
aforesaid addition. This is explained  
and I hope satisfactorily. The \$43.50  
matter. If I have acted wrongly in  
my proceedings, it is an error of  
the head and not of the heart.

I have given notice  
of your instructions respecting the draw-  
ing of Drafts. I had however previously  
signed drafts in favor of Gov & Secretary  
for their salary for the past six months  
ending Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1855. I had also drawn  
one for Doctor and one for myself  
all of which if they have not been sent  
out of the Colony I will destroy and  
draw others according to your present  
instructions. Excuse my hasty scribbling  
I write surrounded by a host of  
noisy natives.

Yours very truly  
J. J. Gibson

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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