I may be permitted to remark further, that it should not be thought strange that apparent discrepancies are found, or that there really exists a difference in the reports, which may be accounted for in this wise. When Mr Seys first received the Recaptives, he had the greatest difficulty in trying to keep them from straying off; hundreds wandered throughout the country, and it was not until the Government had received the custody of them, that they were recovered; and this recovery arose from the Government offering three dollars for each African recovered; nearly all of them were brought in, and consequently, there could be nothing strange, if one quarter's report differed from the report of the next quarter.

I have furnished Mr Seys with a copy of the letter of the Secretary of the Interior. This gentleman is now on a visit down the coast, on his return, he promises to aid in any way to compare the discrepancies and adjust them, and then to make such other statements as will be correct, and will justify the Department of the Interior of the U.S. in settling the accounts.

In the meantime our embarrassments continue, and the Government is placed in a rather unpleasant position,

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