

Washington City January 3, 1857.

Hon Amos P. Granger,

Sir,

In addition to the statements made by me to you in relation to an appropriation for the completion of the Territorial Capitol of Utah, I beg respectfully to submit to you that Congress has appropriated towards the erection of those buildings the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and one wing has been erected. It is an excellent and durable structure of brown stone, resembling the material of which the Smithsonian Institution is built. For the completion of these buildings I respectfully ask the Committee on Territories to report an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars, which sum it is thought will be sufficient. This amount is not so much as has been appropriated to some other territories for a like purpose; territories too in which the cost of labor and material is not greater than in the Territory of Utah. In this Territory mechanics receive from two

dollars and fifty cents to five dollars a day, lumber brings fifty dollars a thousand, lime from eighty to ninety cents per bushel, and paints, oils, glass, locks, hinges, screws, and nails, and other iron used in the building, are necessarily transported from the States across the plains at great cost. Labor is high because the cost of living is high. Sugar and coffee are forty cents a pound, and other articles in proportion. In short California prices generally prevail. One source of expense has been occasioned by the construction of a road into a gorge or canyon of the mountains to get at the stone, and the opening of a quarry whence the stone is transported some distance to the Capitol.

The appropriation which has been heretofore made has all been expended, the accounts for which have been adjusted at the Treasury. Mr. Comptroller Whittlesey's letter to Governor Young will be laid before the Committee to show that the amount has been properly expended.

If the Committee shall desire any

further information it will afford me pleasure to communicate it.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John M. Bernhisel,
Delegate from Utah.