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This volume includes copies of some outgoing letters sent by William Clark (of the Lewis and Clark Expedition) who served as Indian superintendent for the central superintendency from 1807 until his death in 1838. Many of these letters were sent to the Secretary of War, John H. Eaton and Lewis Cass, and United States Treasury Department. A searchable, full-text version of this volume is available by clicking "Text Version" below. Partial funding for the digitization of these records was provided by the National Park Service.

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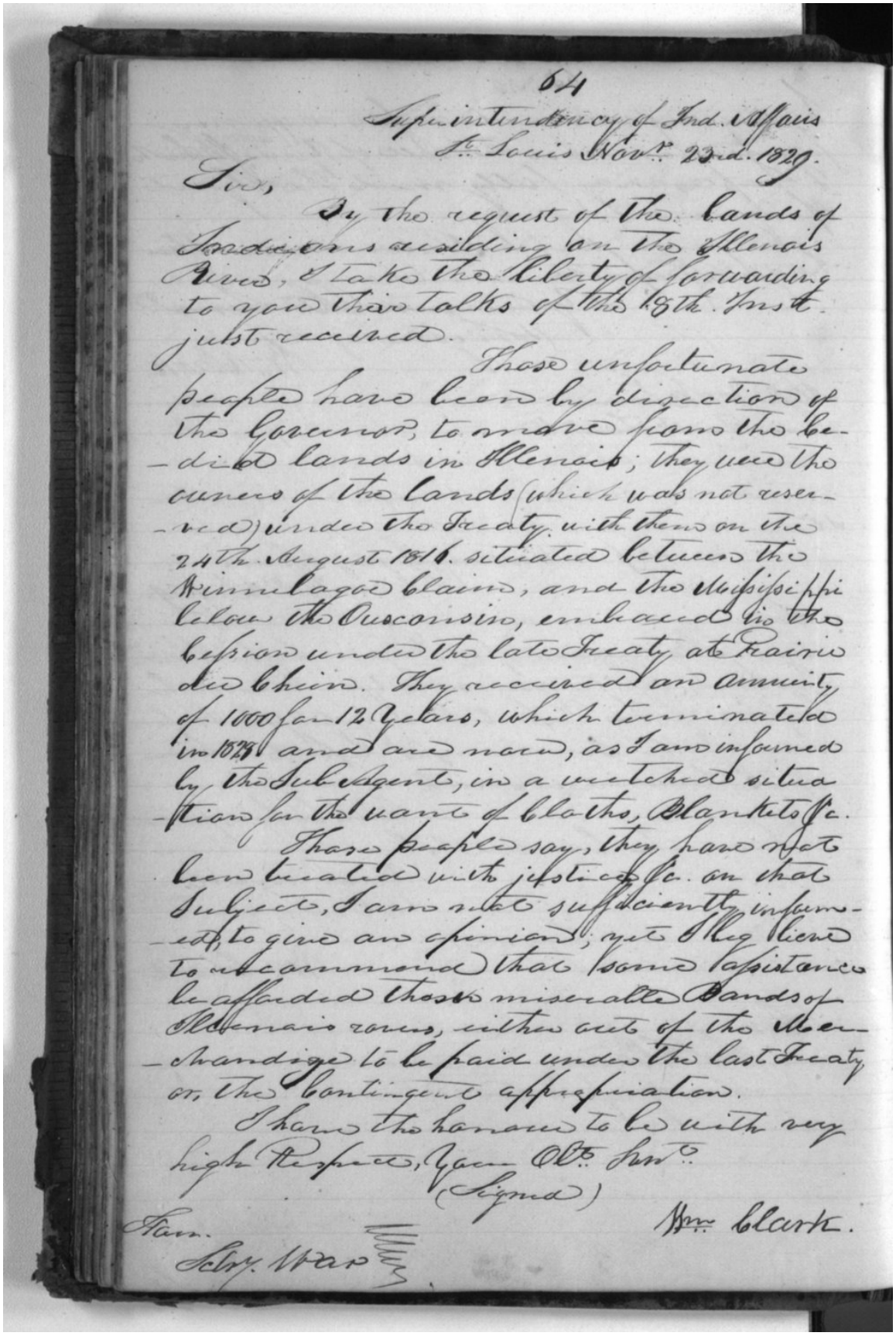
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Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Nov.r 23rd. 1829.

Sir,

By the request of the Lands of Indians residing on the Illenois River, I take the liberty of forwarding to you their talks of the 18th. Inst. just received.

Those unfortunate people have been by direction of the Governor, to remove from the bedied lands in Illenois; they were the owners of the lands (which was not reserved) under the Treaty with them on the 24th August 1816. situated between the Wimnebago claims, and the Mississippi below the Ousconsino, embraced in the cession under the late Treaty at Prairie du Chien. They received an annuity of 1000 for 12 years, which terminated in 1828 and are now, as I am informed by the Sub Agent, in a wretched situation for the want of cloths, Blankets &c.

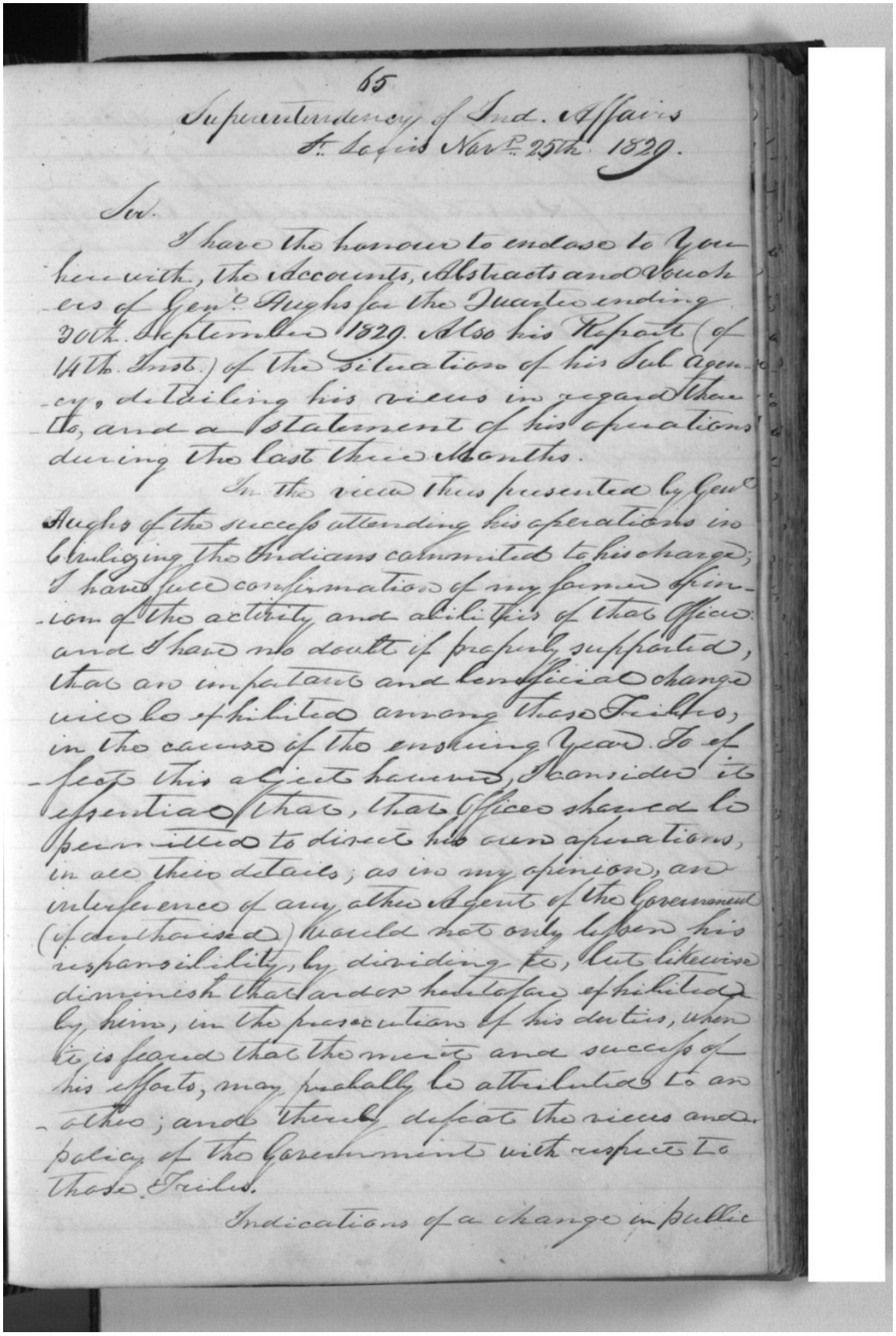
Those people say, they have not been treated with justice &c. on that subject, I am not sufficiently informed, to give an opinion, yet I beg leave to recommend that some assistance be afforded those miserable Bands of Illenois Indians, either out of the Annuity to be paid under the last Treaty, or the Contingent appropriation.

I have the honour to be with very high Respect, Your Obt. Sert.

(Signed)

Wm. Clark.

Hon.
Sec.y War



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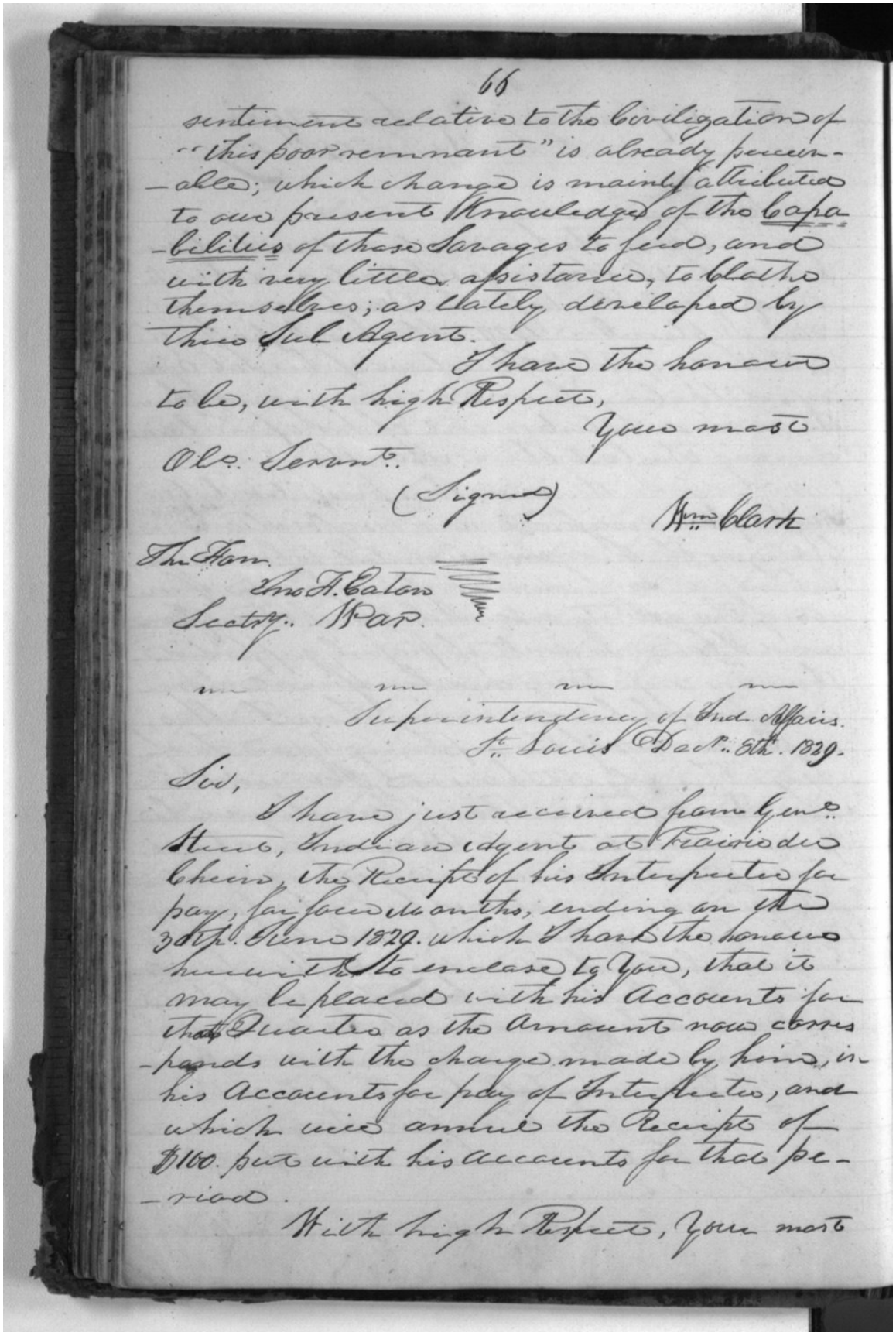
Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Nov. 25th 1829.

Sir.

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith, the Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers of Genl. Hughes for the Quarter ending 30th. September 1829. Also his Report (of 14th. Inst.) of the Situation of his Sub Agency, detailing his views in regard thereto, and a Statement of his operations during the last three Months.

In the view thus presented by Genl. Hughes of the success attending his operations in civilizing the Indians committed to his charge; I have full confirmation of my former opinion of the activity and abilities of that Officer: and I have no doubt if properly supported, that an important and beneficial change will be exhibited among those Tribes, in the course of the ensuing year. To effect this object however, I consider it essential that, that Officer should be permitted to direct his own operations, in all their details; as in my opinion, any interference of any other Agent of the Government (if authorised) would not only lessen his responsibility, by dividing it, but likewise diminish that confidence heretofore exhibited by him, in the prosecution of his duties, when it is feared that the merit and success of his efforts, may probably be attributed to another; and thereby defeat the views and policy of the Government with respect to those Tribes.

Indications of a change in public



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sentiments relative to the civilization of "this poor remnant" is already percep-
-able; which change is mainly attributed to our present knowledge of the capa-
-bilities of these Savages to feed, and with very little assistance, to cloath themselves; as lately developed by this Sub Agent.

I have the honour to be, with high Respect,

Your most Obt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm Clark

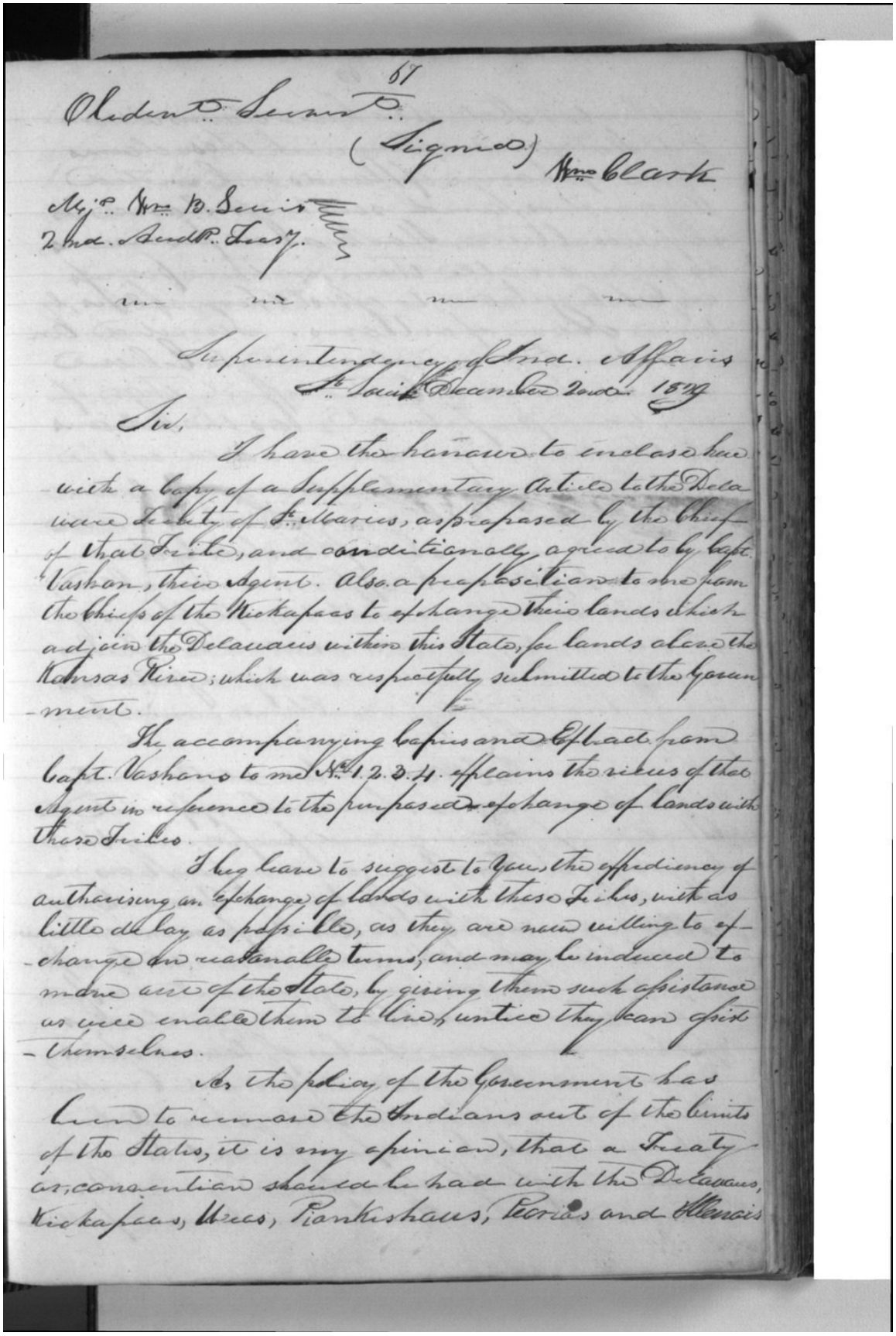
The Hon.
Thos A. Eaton
Secty. War

Superintendency of Ind. Affairs.
St. Louis Dec. 8th. 1829.

Sir,

I have just received from Gen. Sturs, Indian Agent at Prairie du Chein, the Receipt of his Interpreter for pay, for four Months, ending on the 30th. June 1829. which I have the honour herewith to enclose to You, that it may be placed with his Accounts for that Quarter as the Amount now corresponds with the charge made by him, in his Accounts for pay of Interpreter, and which was annul the Receipt of $100. but with his accounts for that pe-
-riod.

With high Respect, Your most



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Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm. Clark

Majr. Wm. B. Lewis
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Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis December 2nd 1824

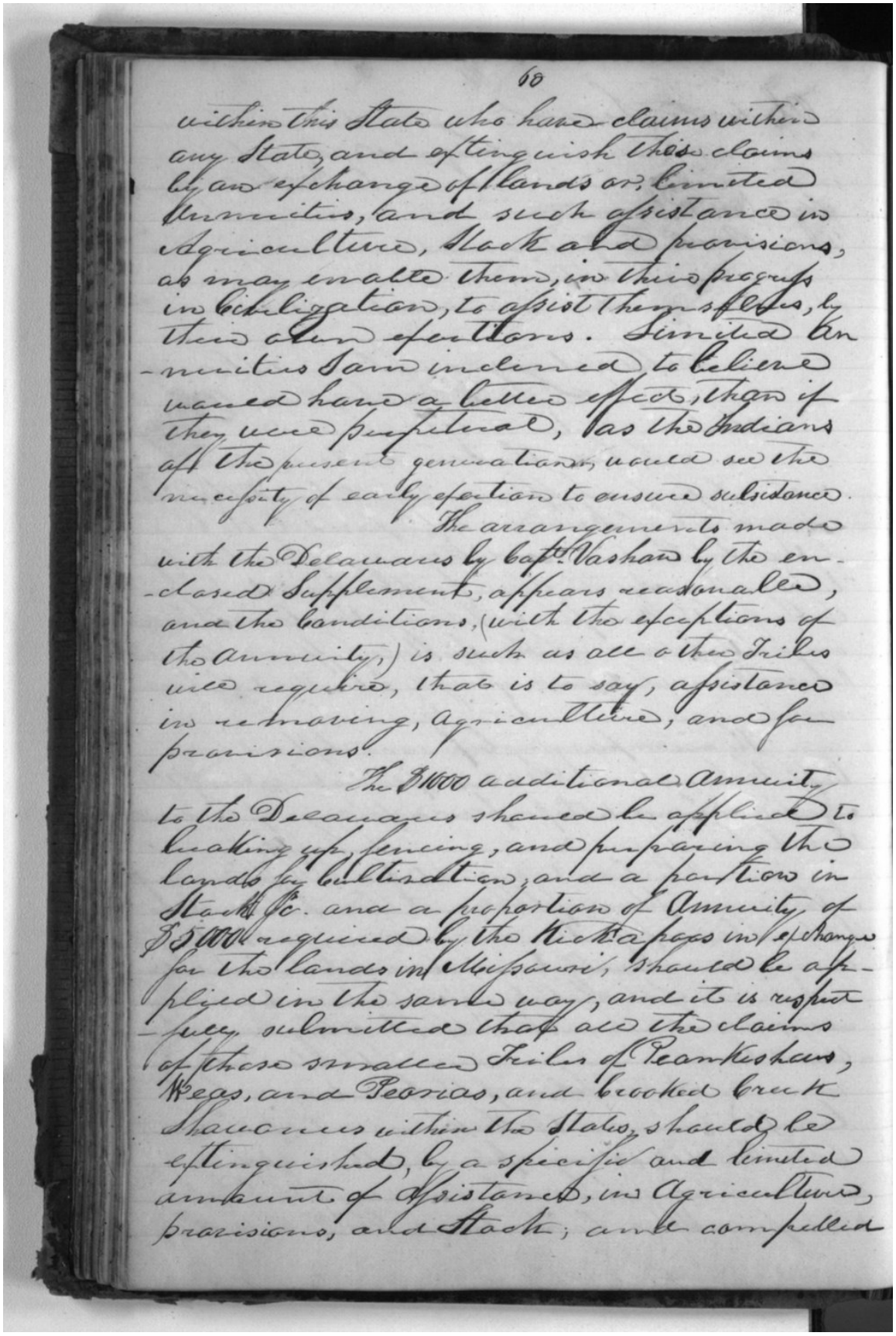
Sir,

I have the honour to inclose herewith a copy of a Supplementary Article to the Delaware Treaty of St. Marys, as proposed by the Chiefs of that Tribe, and conditionally agreed to by Capt. Vashon, their Agent. Also a proposition to the same Chiefs of the Kickapoos to exchange their lands which adjoin the Delawares within this State, for lands above the Kansas River; which was respectfully submitted to the Government.

The accompanying Copies and Extract from Capt. Vashons to me No. 1. 2. 3. 4. explains the views of the Agent in reference to the proposed exchange of lands with those Tribes.

I beg leave to suggest to You, the expediency of authorising an exchange of lands with these Tribes, with as little delay as possible, as they are now willing to exchange on rationable terms, and may be induced to move out of the State, by giving them such assistance as will enable them to live until they can assist themselves.

As the policy of the Government has been to remove the Indians out of the limits of the States, it is my opinion, that a Treaty or Conventian should be had with the Delawares, Kickapoos, Weas, Piankishaws, Peorias and Illenois

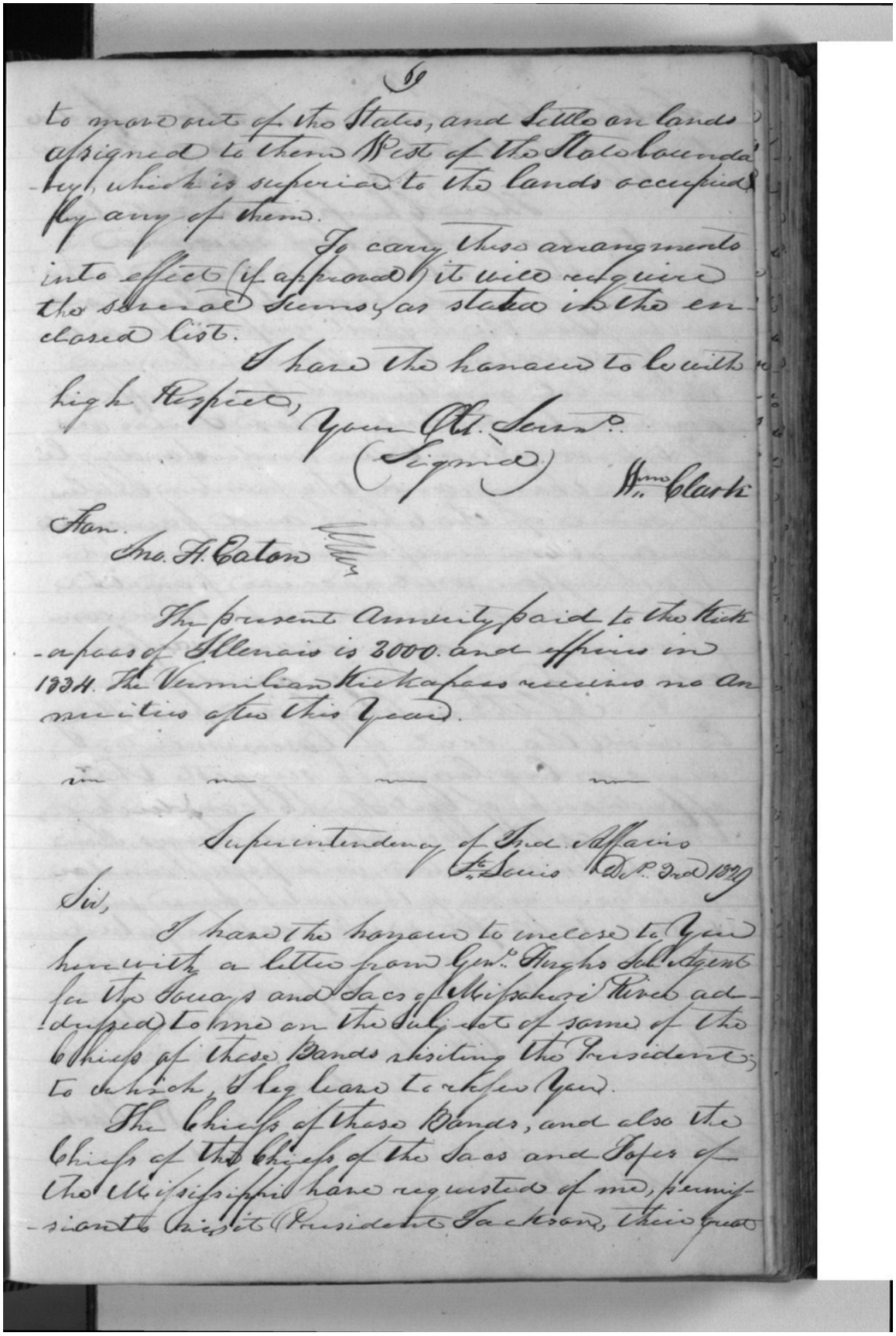


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within this State who have claims within any State, and extinguish those claims by an exchange of lands or limited Annuities, and such assistance in Agriculture, Stock and provisions, as may enable them, in this progress in Civilization, to assist themselves, by their own exertions. Limited Annuities seem inclined to believe would have a better effect, than if they were perpetual, as the Indians of the present generation, would see the necessity of early exertion to ensure subsistance.

The arrangements made with the Delawares by Capt. Vashon by the enclosed Supplement, appears reasonable, and the conditions, (with the exceptions of the Annuity,) is such as all of the Tribes will require, that is to say, assistance in removing, Agriculture, and for provisions.

The $1000 additional Annuity to the Delawares should be applied to breaking up, fencing, and preparing the lands for cultivation, and a portion in Stock &c. and a proportion of Annuity of $5000 required by the Kickapoos in exchange for the lands in Missouri, should be applied in the same way, and it is respectfully submitted that all the claims of these small Tribes of Peankeshaws, Weas, and Peorias, and Crooked Creek Shawanees within the State, should be extinguished, by a specific and limited amount of assistance, in Agriculture, provisions, and Stock; and be compelled



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to move out of the States, and settle on lands assigned to them West of the States boundary, which is superior to the lands occupied by any of them.

To carry these arrangments into effect (if approved) it will require the several sums, as stated in the enclosed list.

I have the honour to be with high Respect, Your Ob. Servt.

(Signed) Wm. Clark

Hon. Jno. H. Eaton

The present Annuity paid to the Kickapoos of Illenois is 3000. and expires in 1834. The Vermilion Kickapoos receive no Annuities after this Year.

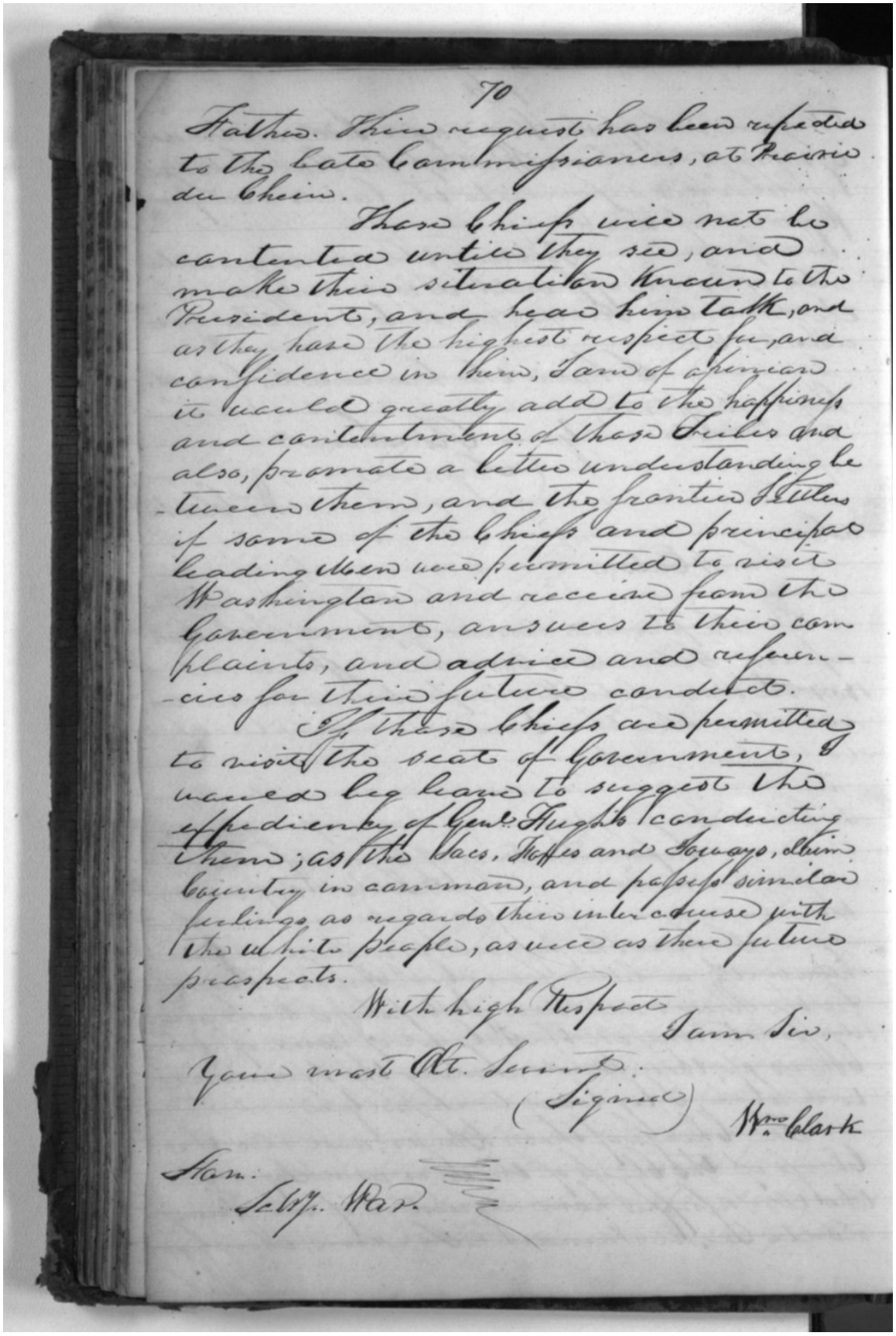
Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Mo. 2nd 1829

Sir,

I have the honour to inclose to You herewith a letter from Gen. Hughs Sub Agent for the Iowas and Sacs of Mississippi River addressed to me on the subject of some of the Chiefs of these Bands visiting the President; to which, I beg leave to refer You.

The Chiefs of these Bands, and also the Chiefs of the Chiefs of the Sacs and Foxes of the Mississippi have requested of me, permission to visit President Jackson, this year

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Fathers. This request has been repeated to the late Commissioners, at Traverse du Sioux.

These Chiefs will not be contented until they see, and make their situation known to the President, and hear him talk, and as they have the highest respect for, and confidence in him, I am of opinion it would greatly add to the happiness and contentment of these Tribes and also, promote a better understanding between them, and the frontier settlers if some of the Chiefs and principal leading Men were permitted to visit Washington and receive from the Government, answers to their complaints, and advice and instructions for their future conduct.

If these Chiefs are permitted to visit the seat of Government, I would beg leave to suggest the expediency of Genl. Hughes conducting them; as the Sacs, Foxes and Ioways, claim Country in common, and possess similar feelings as regards their intercourse with the white people, as well as their future prospects.

With high Respect
I am Sir,
Your most Ob. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Clark

Hon.
Secy. War.

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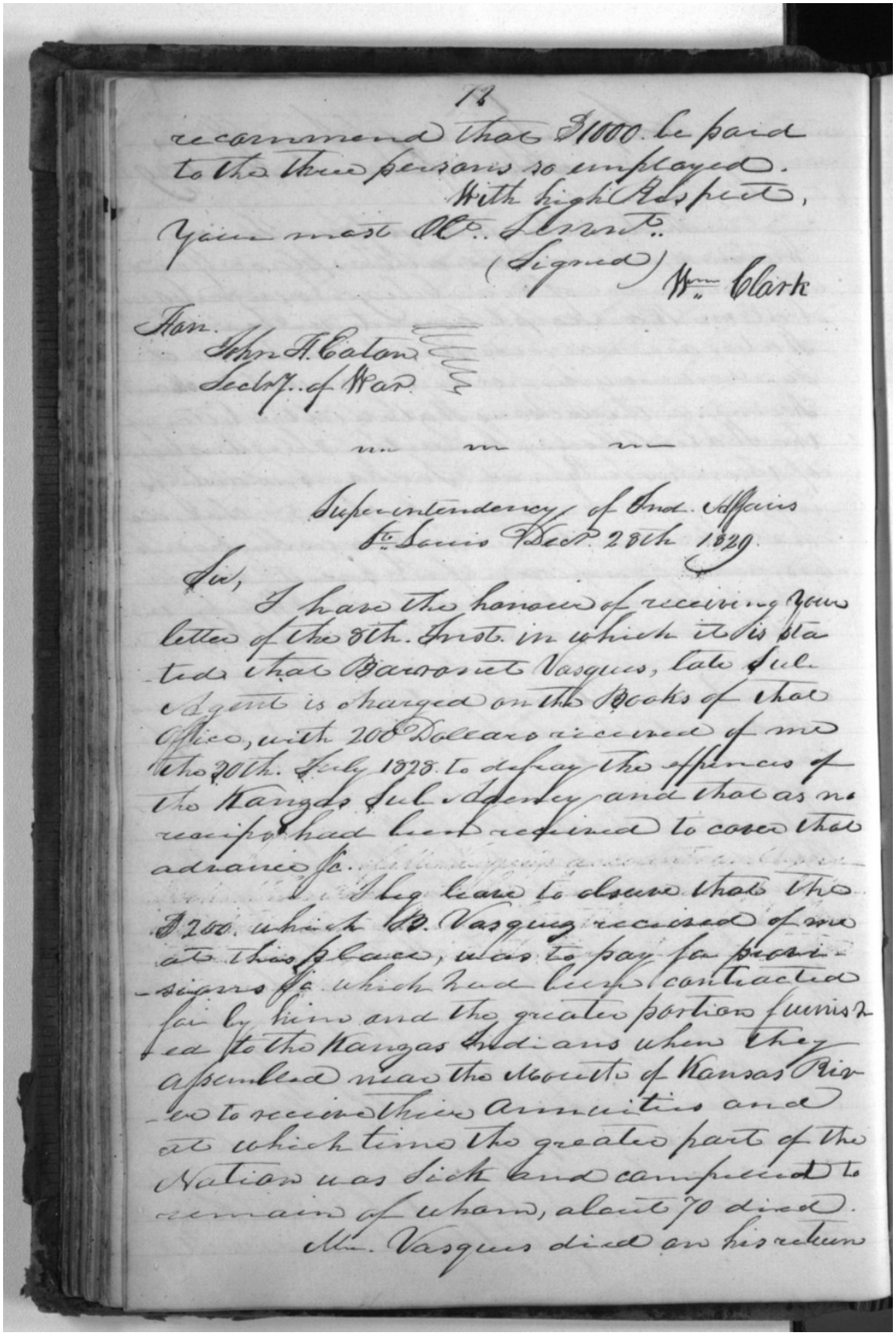
Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Decemb 5th 1829.

Sir,

The two Chiefs and four Young Warriors, committed at this place for the murder of our Citizens in a Canoe - lost in Randolph County within this State, are now in Jail in the Town of Fayette, and will not be tried until next Term for the reasons stated in the letter of the States Attorney herewith. The situation of these unfortunate Indians, is distressing, and claims compassion: they do not consider themselves as the aggressors, and complain of the severity with which they are treated by the Whites in confinement, and the delays of Justice.

However much the recent aggression is to be regretted, the Indians considered themselves, ought not to be capitally punished.

The feeling evinced on this subject by the people of Randolph and the adjoining County, is, I believe pretty much confined to that section of the Country and differs in that respect from all other parts of the State. I have received a communication on this subject from James H. Burch Esqr. a copy of which is herewith enclosed. From the views which he takes of the subject, I am of opinion that two Lawyers in the upper Country, should be employed by the Government to aid in their defence, in addition to the one already employed by them (Judge Shannon, of this place) and would



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recommend that $1000. be paid to the three persons so employed.

With high Respect,
Your most Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Clark

Hon. John A. Calhoun
Secty. of War

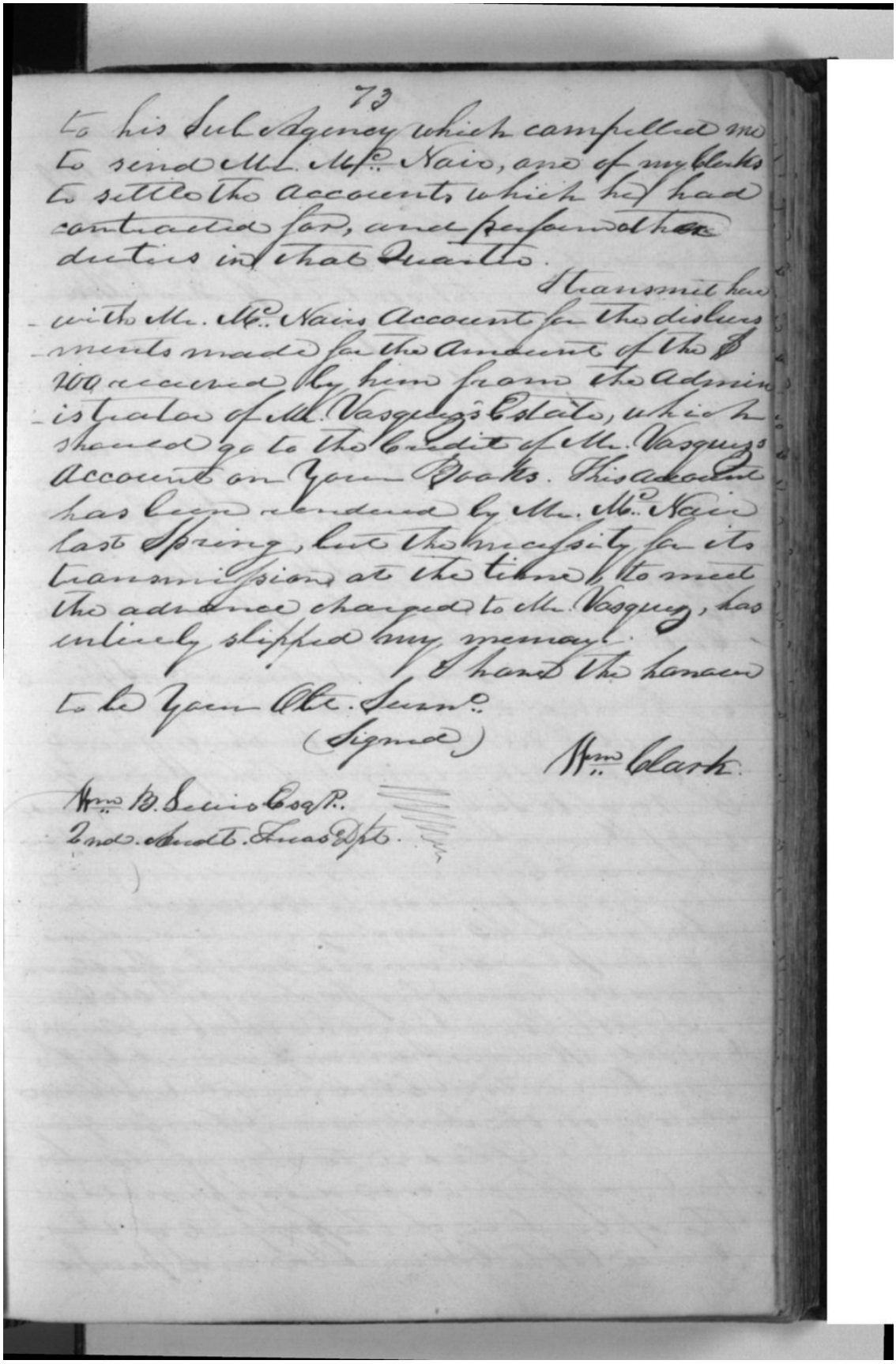
Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Dec. 28th 1829.

Sir,

I have the honour of receiving your letter of the 8th. Inst. in which it is stated that Baronet Vasques, late Sub Agent is charged on the Books of that Office, with 200 Dollars received of me the 20th. July 1828. to defray the expences of the Kanzas Sub Agency and that as no receipt had been returned to cover that advance &c.

I beg leave to observe that the $200. which Mr. Vasques received of me at this place, was to pay for provisions &c. which had been contracted for by him and the greater portion furnished to the Kanzas Indians when they assembled near the Mouth of Kansas River to receive their Annuities and at which time the greater part of the Nation was sick and compelled to remain at whom, about 70 died.

Mr. Vasques died on his return



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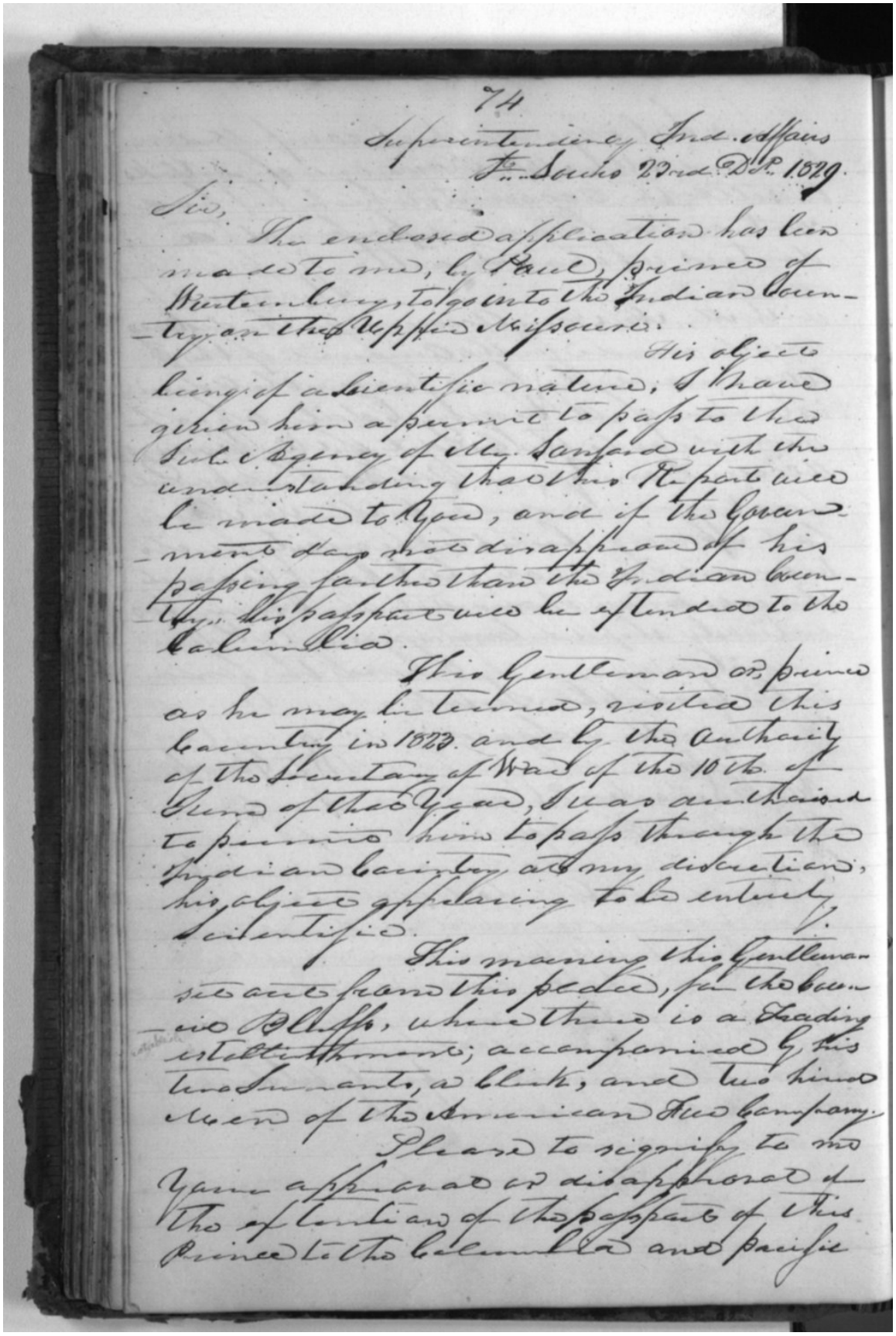
to his Sub Agency which compelled me to send Mr. Mc. Nair, and of my blanks to settle the accounts which he had contracted for, and performed those duties in that Quarter.

I transmit here with Mr. Mc. Nairs Account for the disbursements made for the Amount of the $ 100 received by him from the Administration of Mr. Vasquez's Estate, which should go to the Credit of Mr. Vasquez account on your Books. This Account has been rendered by Mr. Mc. Nair last Spring, but the necessity for its transmission at the time, to meet the advance charged to Mr. Vasquez, has entirely slipped my memory.

I have the honour to be Your Obt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm. Clark.

Wm. B. Lewis Esq.
2nd. Audt. Treas. Dept.



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Superintendency Ind. Affairs
St. Louis 23rd. Dec. 1839.

Sir,

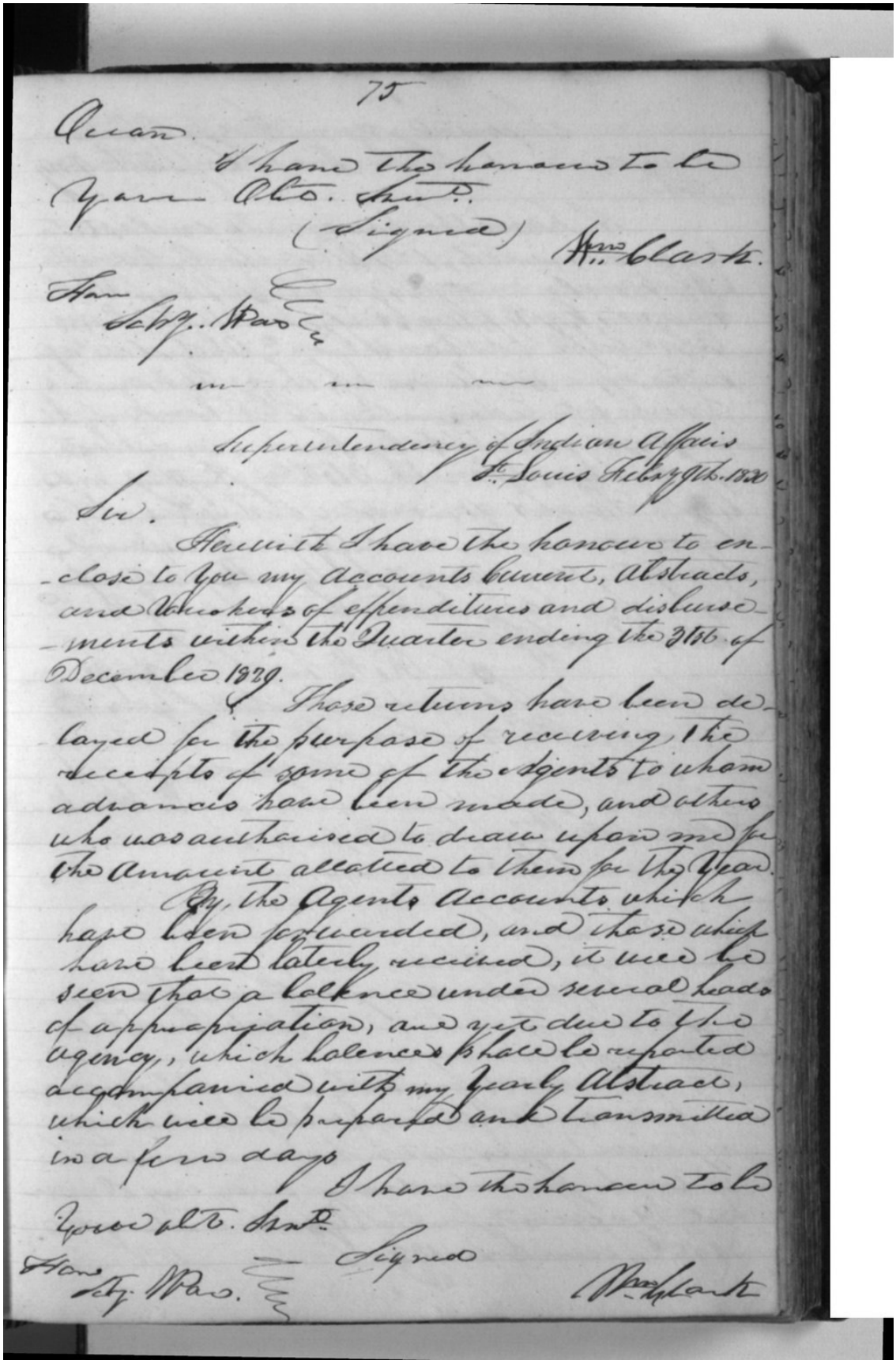
The enclosed application has been made to me, by Paul, Prince of Wittenberg, to go into the Indian Country on the Upper Missouri.

His object being of a scientific nature, I have given him a permit to pass to the Sub Agency of Mr. Sanford with the understanding that this Report will be made to you, and if the Government does not disapprove of his passing further than the Indian Country, his passport will be extended to the Columbia.

This Gentleman or Prince as he may be termed, visited this Country in 1833. and by the authority of the Secretary of War of the 10th. of June of that Year, I was authorized to permit him to pass through the Indian Country at my discretion; his object appearing to be entirely scientific.

This morning this Gentleman set out from this place, for the Council Bluffs, where there is a Trading establishment; accompanied by his two Servants, a Black, and two Interpreters of the American Fur Company.

I have to signify to you my approval or disapprobation of the extention of the passport of this Prince to the Columbia and pacific



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I have the honour to be
your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Clark.

Hon
Secty. War &c

Superintendency of Indian Affairs
St. Louis Feby 9th. 1830

Sir.

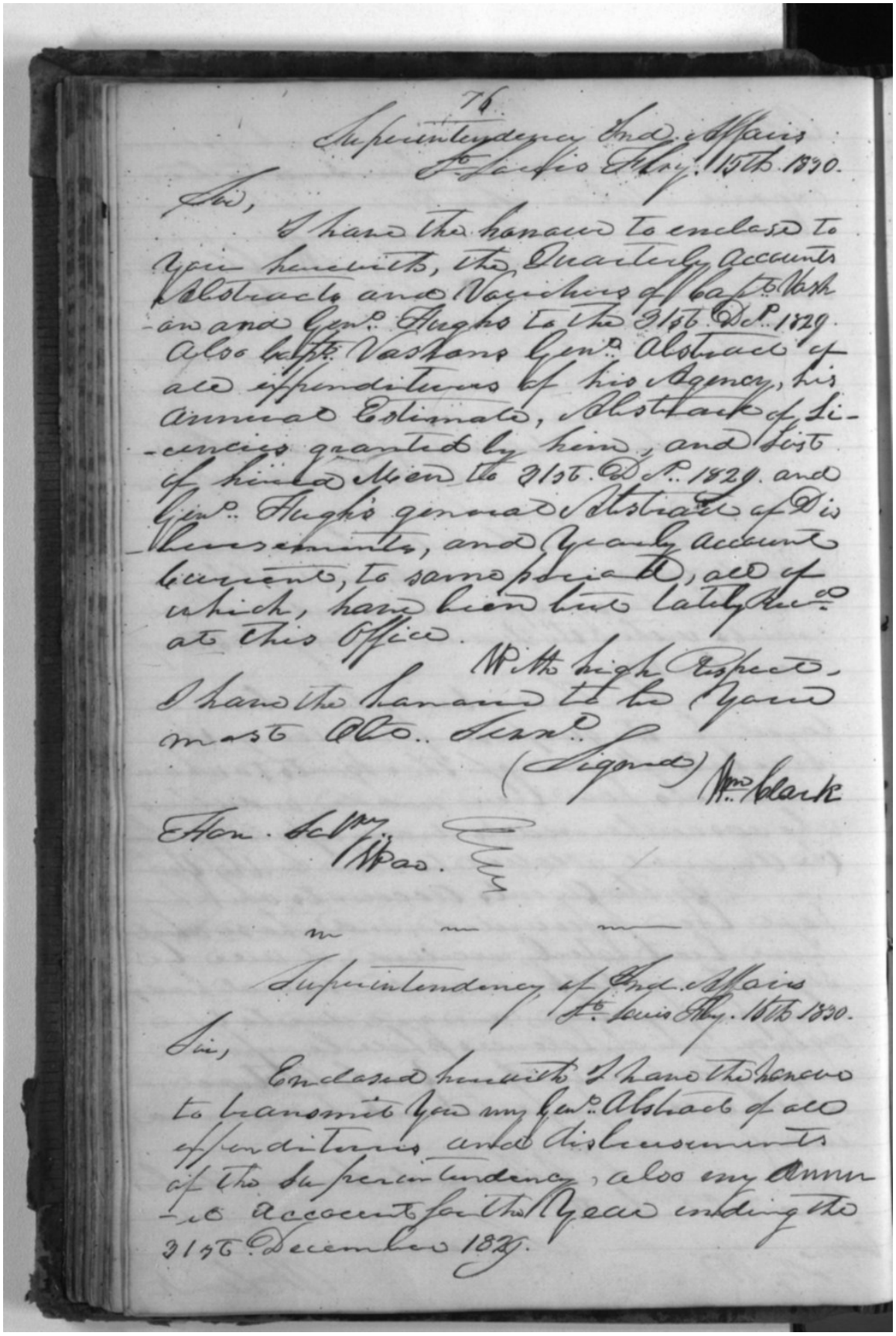
Herewith I have the honour to enclose to you my Accounts Current, Abstracts, and Vouchers of expenditures and disbursements within the Quarter ending the 31st of December 1829.

Those returns have been delayed for the purpose of receiving the receipts of some of the Agents to whom advances have been made, and others who was authorised to draw upon me for the Amount allotted to them for the Year.

By the Agents Accounts which have been forwarded, and those which have been lately received, it will be seen that a balance under several heads of appropriation, and yet due to the agency, which balances shall be reported accompanied with my Yearly Abstract, which will be prepared and transmitted in a few days.

I have the honour to be
your obt. Servt.
Signed
Wm. Clark

Hon
Secty. War. &c



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Superintendency Ind. Affairs
St. Louis May. 15th. 1830.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith, the Quarterly Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers of Capt. Vashon and Genl. Hughes to the 31st. Dec. 1829. Also Capt. Vashons Genl. Abstract of all expenditures of his Agency, his annual Estimate, Abstract of Licences granted by him, and list of hides taken to 31st. Dec. 1829. and Genl. Hughes general Abstract of Disbursements, and yearly account current, to same period, all of which, have been but lately Recd. at this Office.

With high Respect, I have the honour to be Your most obt. Servt.

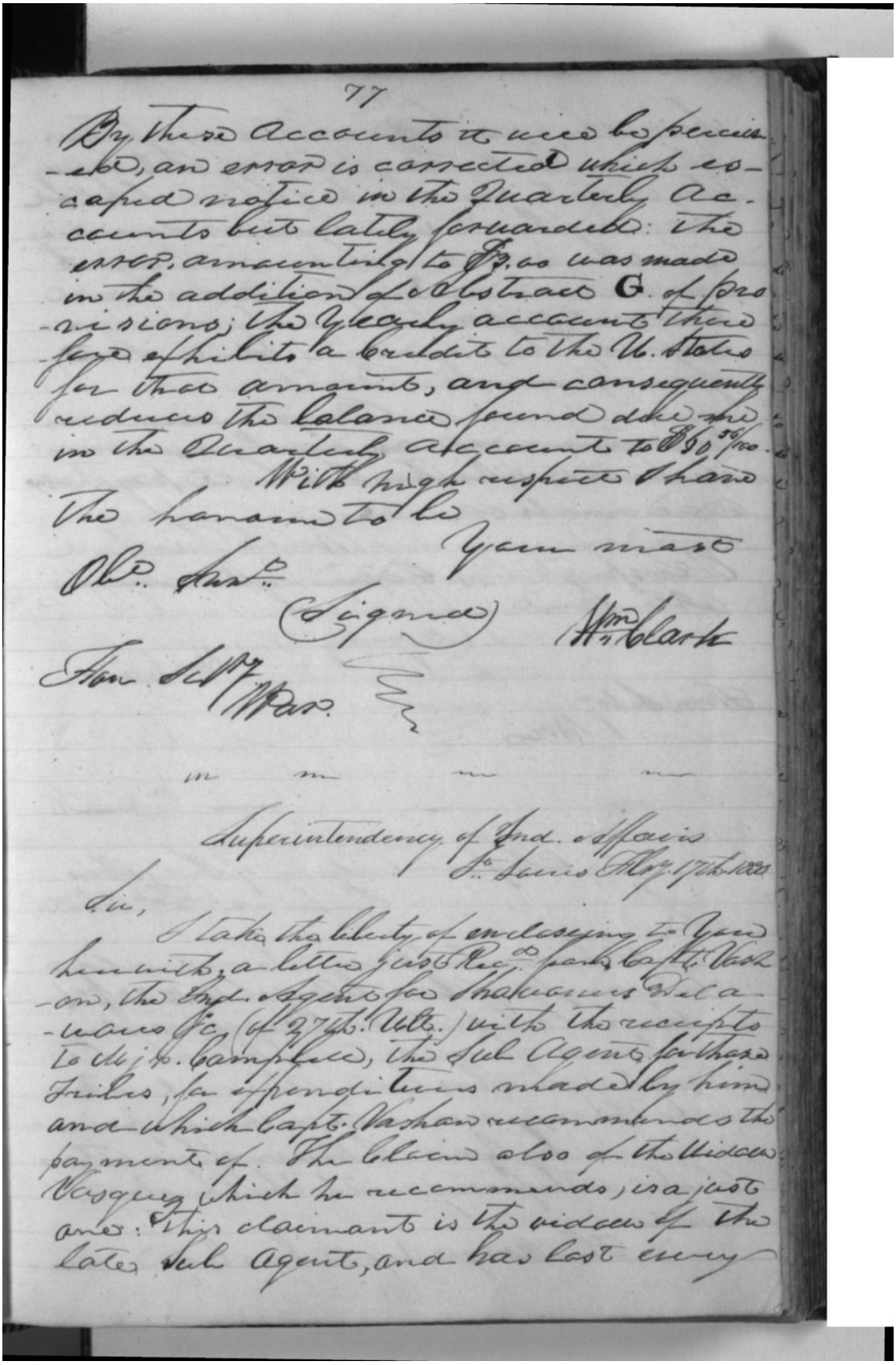
(Signed) Wm. Clark

Hon. Secy. War.
Wash.

Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis May. 15th 1830.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I have the honour to transmit you my Genl. Abstract of all expenditures and disbursements of this Superintendency, also my Annual account for the Year ending the 31st. December 1829.



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By these Accounts it will be perceived, an error is corrected which escaped notice in the Quarterly Accounts but lately forwarded: the error, amounting to $3.00 was made in the addition of Abstract G. of provisions; the Yearly account therefore exhibits a credit to the U. States for that amount, and consequently reduces the balance found due me in the Quarterly Account to $10.50/100.

With high respect I have the honour to be Your most Obt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm Clark

Hon. Sec'y War.

Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis May 17th 1823

Sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing to you herewith, a letter just Rec'd from Capt. Vashon, the Ind. Agent for Shawanees Delawares &c (of 27th. Ult.) with the receipts to be completed, the Sub Agents for those Tribes, for expenditures made by him and which Capt. Vashon recommends the payment of. The claim also of the Widow Vasquez which he recommends, is a just one: This claimant is the widow of the late Sub Agent, and has lost every

thing she possessed in moving to this place, Save the Kanzas Sub agency. the Boats in which She embarked having been wrecked in descending the Missouri. She is interested in much need of her land and I would particularly recommend the payments due her for Reserve Rents.

Be pleased Sir, to instruct me as early as convenient whether I shall pay these accounts or not.

With high Respect Sir, I am your most obt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm Clark

Hon. Secty. of War.

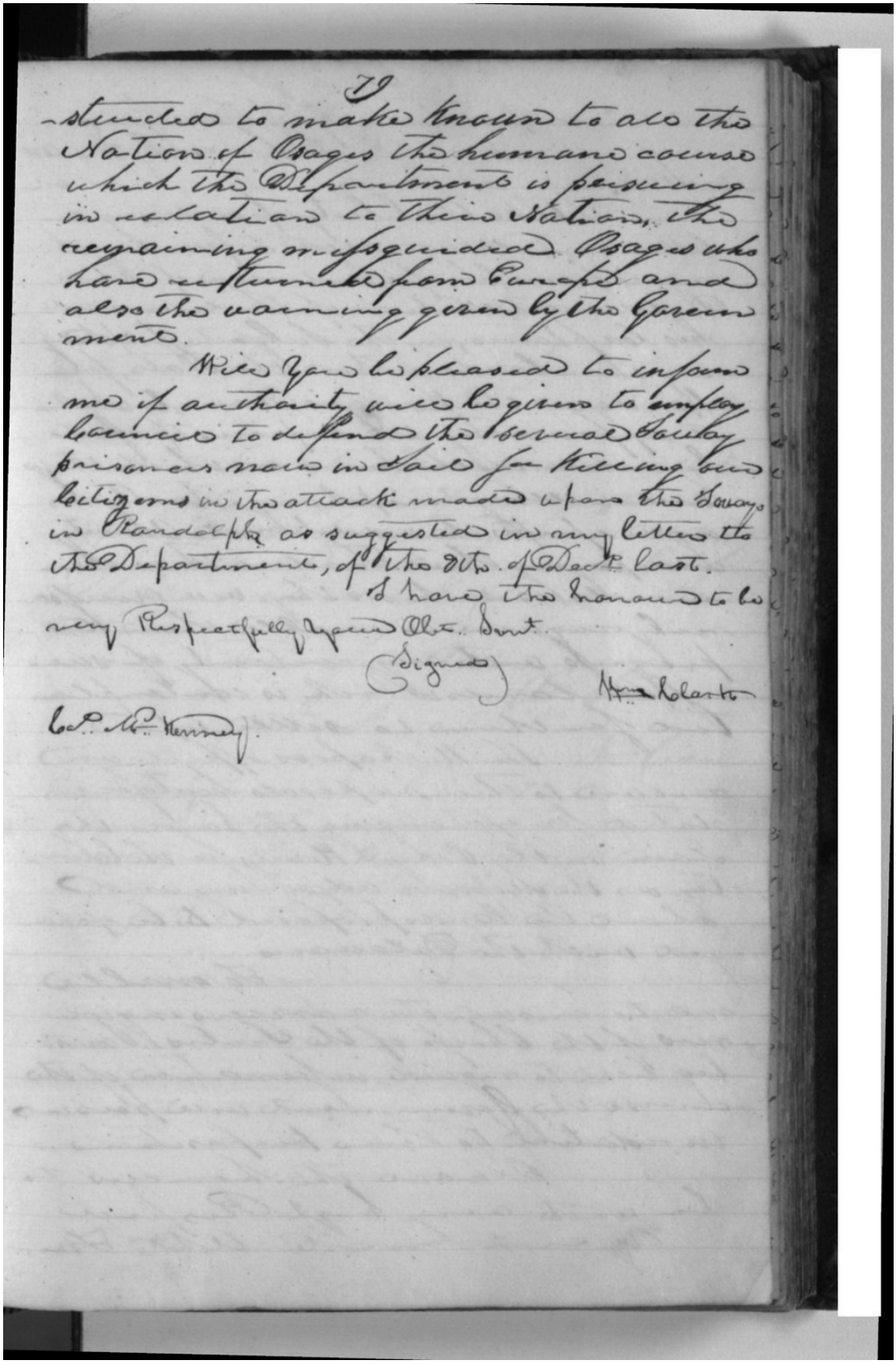
Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Feby 15th. 1830

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 14. 15. 20 & 26.

In relation to the Osages residing on lands assigned to the Shawnees. the Osage Agent has been instructed to remove the improvements in the way pointed out by you. I know of no other Tribe interfering with the Shawnee lands.

The Osage Agent has been in-



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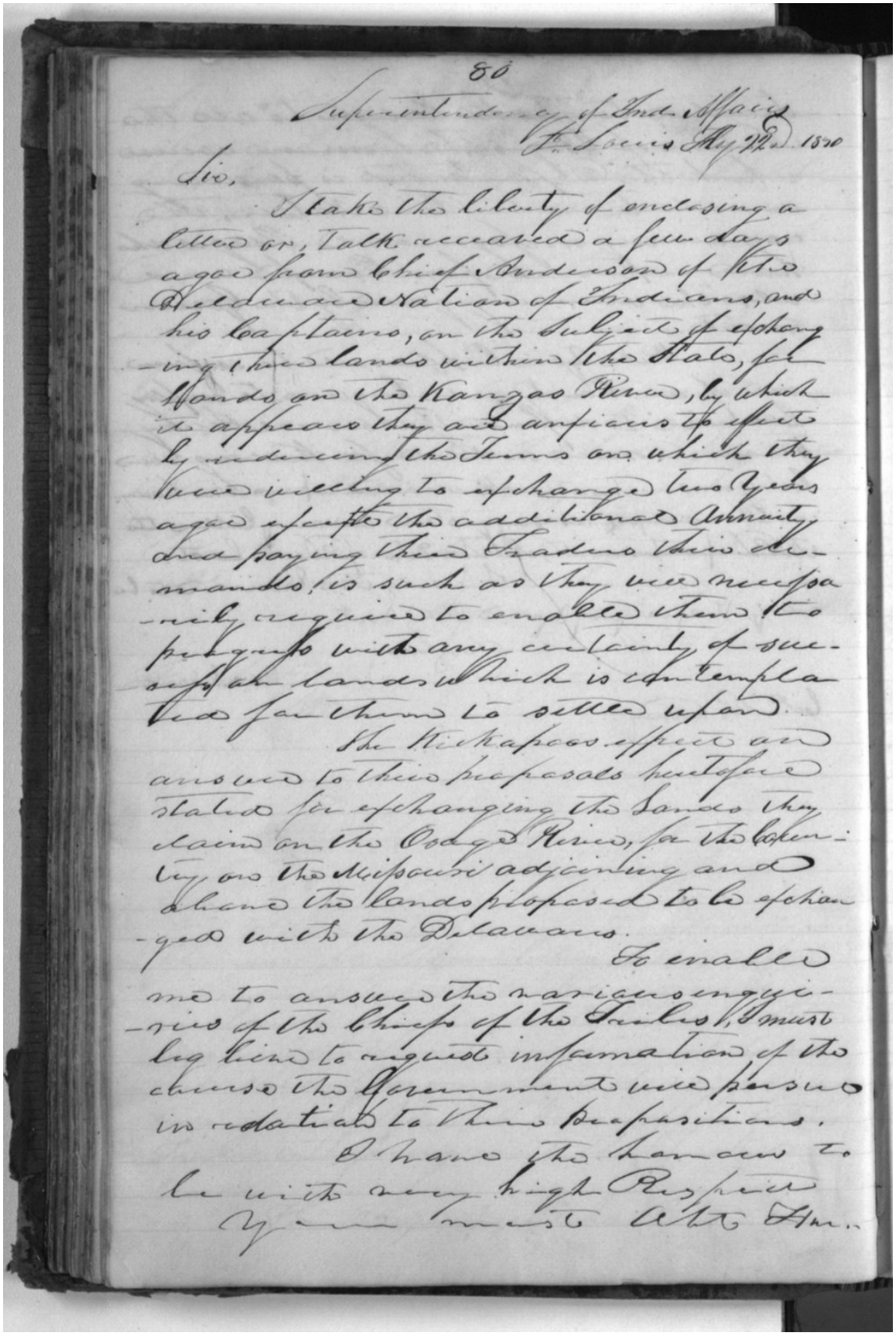
-structed to make known to also the Nation of Osages the humane course which the Department is pursuing in relation to this Nation, the remaining misguided Osages who have returned from Europe and also the warning given by the Government.

Will you be pleased to inform me if authority will be given to employ Counsel to defend the several Indian prisoners now in Jail for killing our Citizens in the attack made upon the Savages in Randolph as suggested in my letter to the Department, of the 28th. of Dec.r last.

I have the honour to be very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

(Signed) Hugh Colerton

Col. M. Kennedy.



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Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis May 7th 1850

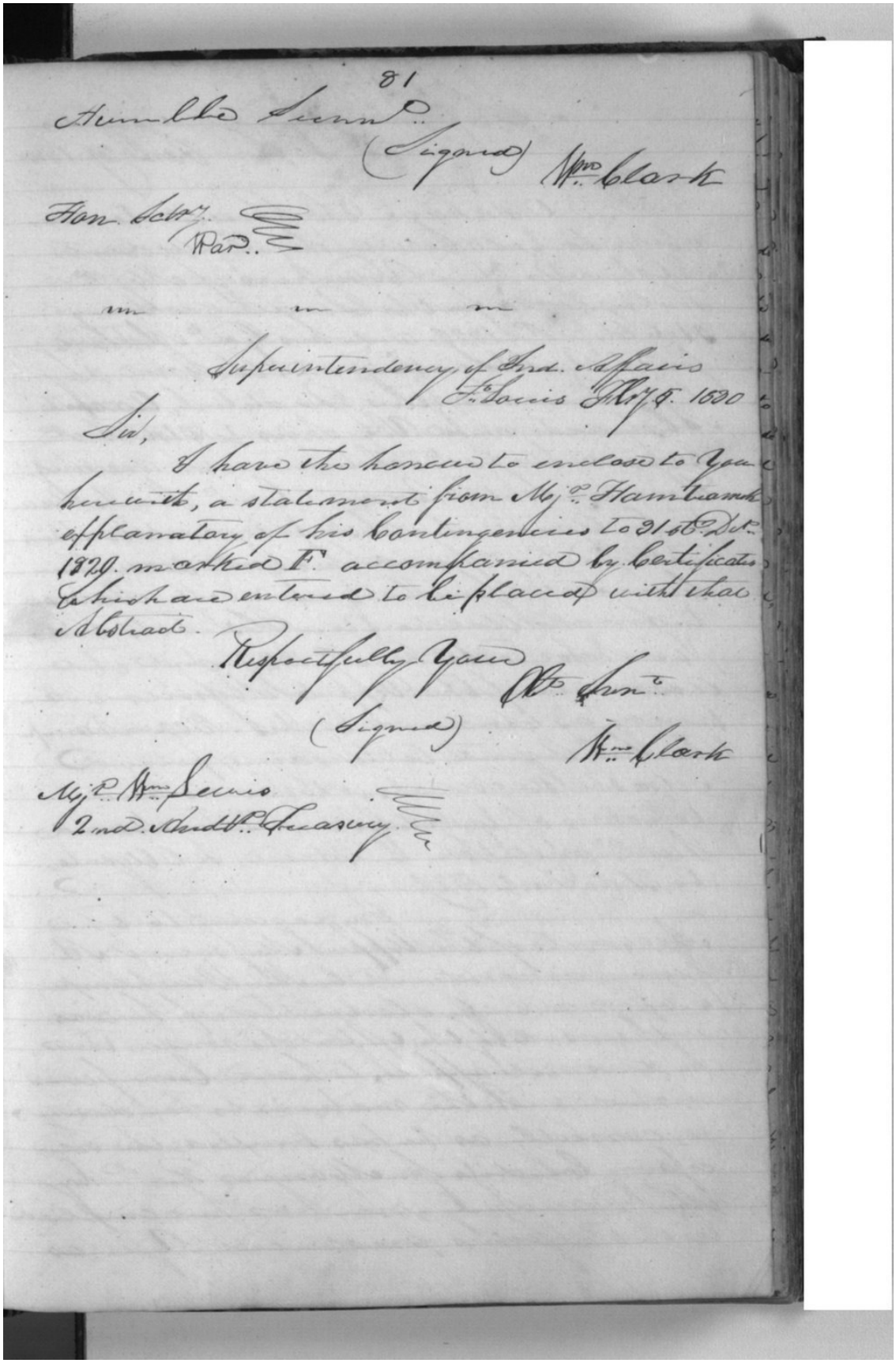
Sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter or Talk received a few days ago from Chief Anderson of the Delaware Nation of Indians, and his Captains, on the subject of exchanging their lands within the State, for lands on the Kanzas River, by which it appears they are anxious to effect by reducing the sums on which they were willing to exchange two years ago except the additional Annuity and paying their Traders their demands, is such as they will necessarily require to enable them to purchase with any certainty of success lands which is contemplated for them to settle upon.

The Wyandots have not yet answered to their proposals heretofore stated for exchanging the lands they claim on the Osage River, for the Reserve on the Missouri adjoining and above the lands proposed to be exchanged with the Delawares.

To enable me to answer the various enquiries of the Chiefs of the Tribes, I must beg leave to request information of the views the Government will pursue in relation to these propositions.

I have the honor to be with very high Respect
Your most Obt Hum.



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Humble Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Clark

Hon. Secry.
War.

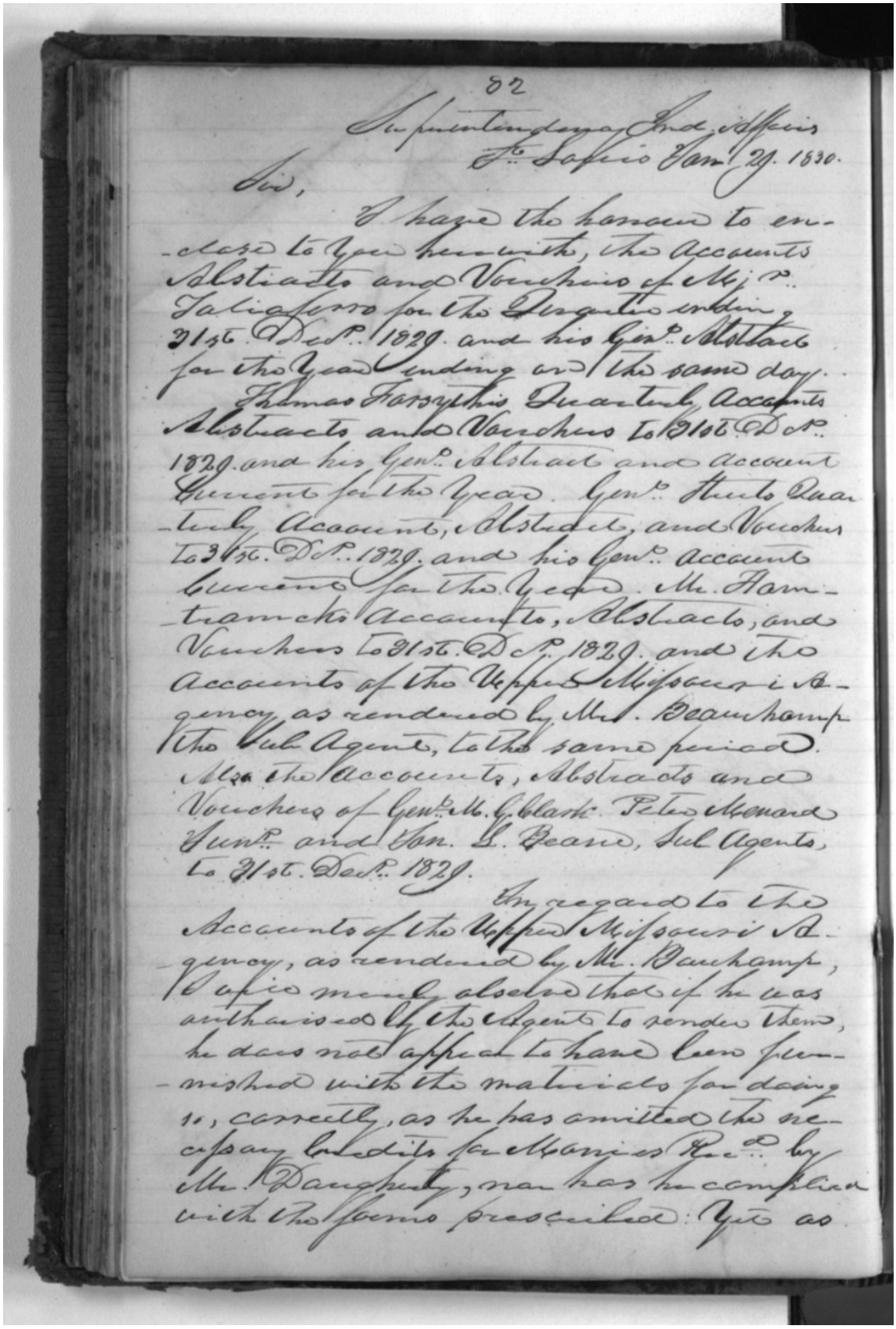
Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Mo. 1830

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith, a statement from Majr. Hamtramk explanatory of his contingencies to 31st Dec. 1829. marked F. accompanied by certificates which are entered to be placed with the abstract.

Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Clark

Majr. Wm. Lewis
2nd. Auditr. Treasury



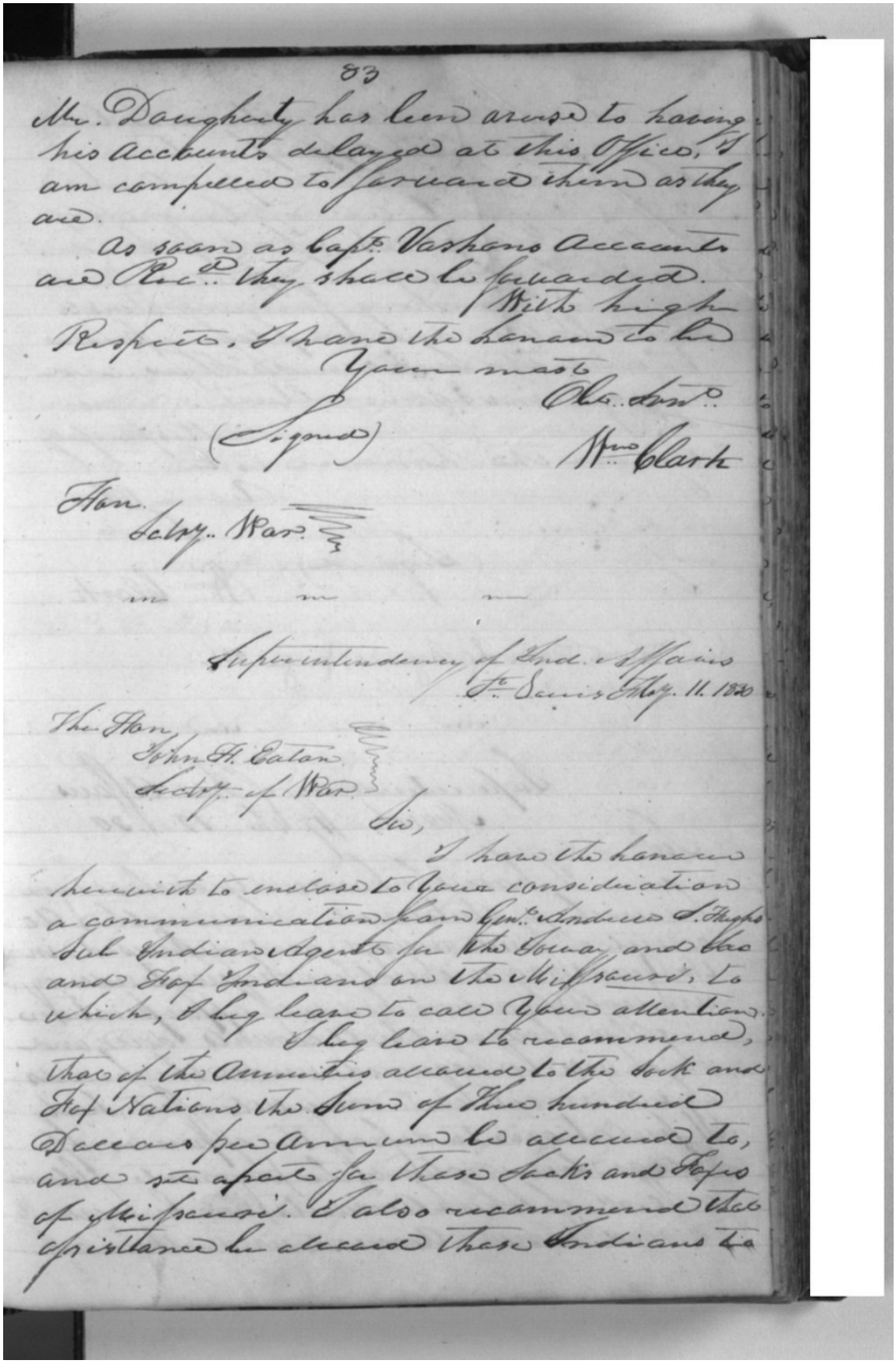
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Superintendency Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Jan. 29. 1830.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith, the Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers of Majr. Talliaferro for the Quarter ending 31st. Decr. 1829. and his Genl. Abstract for the Year ending on the same day. Thomas Forsyths Quarterly Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers to 31st. Decr. 1829. and his Genl. Abstract and account Current for the Year. Genl. Hunts Quarterly Account, Abstracts, and Vouchers to 31st. Decr. 1829. and his Genl. account Current for the Year. Mr. Hamtramcks Accounts, Abstracts, and Vouchers to 31st. Decr. 1829. and the Accounts of the Upper Missouri Agency as rendered by Mr. Beauchamp the Sub Agent, to the same period. Also the Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers of Genl. M. G. Clark. Peter Menard Genl. and Jon. B. Beare, Sub Agents, to 31st. Decr. 1829.

In regard to the Accounts of the Upper Missouri Agency, as rendered by Mr. Beauchamp, I am merely directed that if he was authorised by the Agents to render them, he does not appear to have been furnished with the materials for doing it, correctly, as he has omitted the necessary credits for Maniers Rect. by Mr. Daugherty, nor has he complied with the forms prescribed: Yet as



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Mr. Daugherty has been averse to having his accounts delayed at this Office, & am compelled to forward them as they are.

As soon as Capt. Vashons Accounts and Rec.ts they shall be forwarded.

With high Respect, I have the honour to be Your most Obt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm. Clark

Hon. Secty. War.

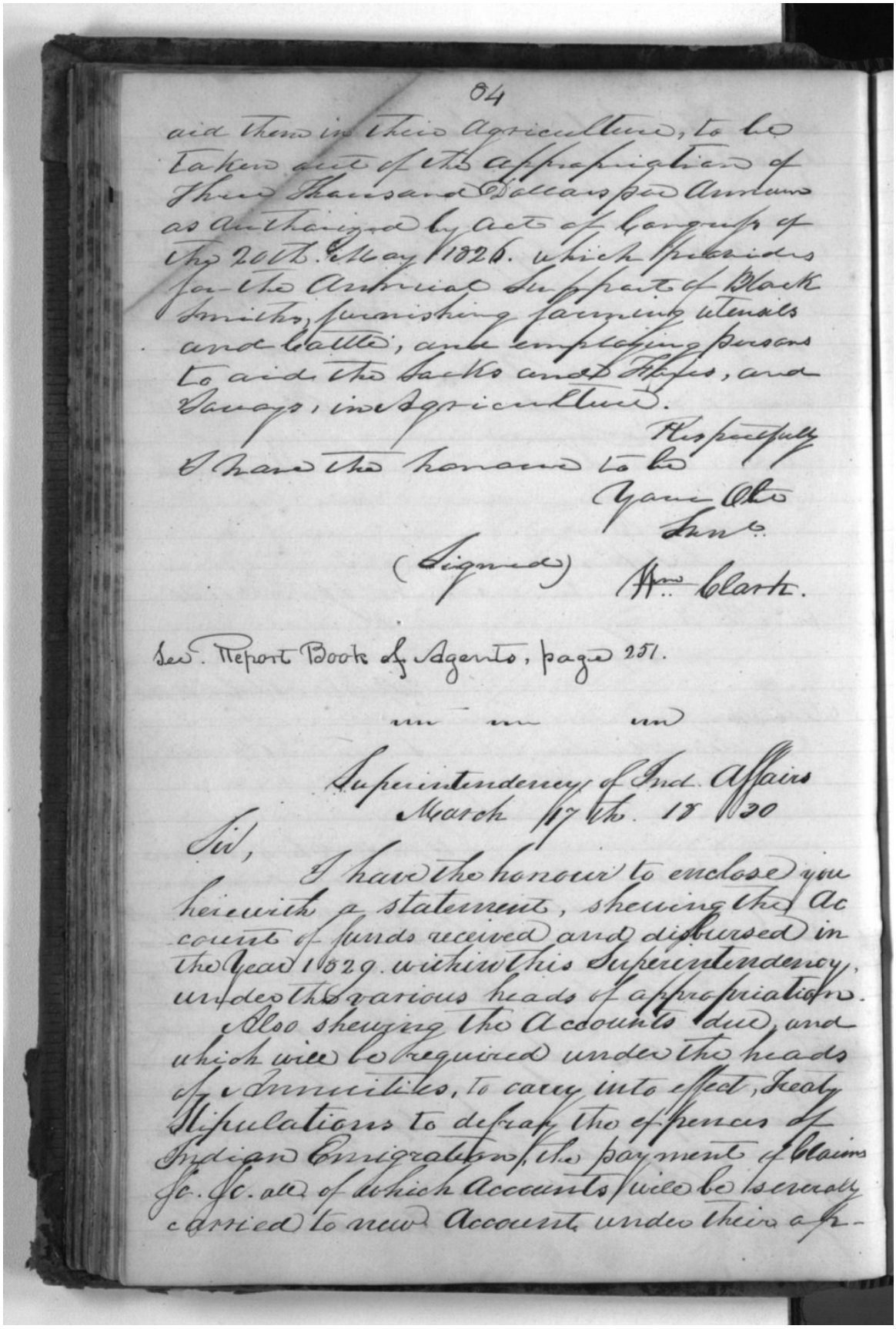
Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis May. 11. 1830

The Hon.
John H. Eaton
Secty. of War

Sir,

I have the honour herewith to enclose to your consideration a communication from Gen.l Andrew S. Hughes Sub Indian Agent for the Sioux and Iowa and Sac and Fox Indians on the Missouri, to which, I beg leave to call your attention.

I beg leave to recommend, that of the Annuities allowed to the Sock and Fox Nations the Sum of Three hundred Dollars per Annum be allowed to, and set apart for these Sacks and Foxes of Missouri. I also recommend that assistance be allowed these Indians to



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aid them in their Agriculture, to be
taken out of the appropriation of
three Thousand Dollars per Annum
as authorized by Act of Congress of
the 20th. May 1826. which provides
for the Annual support of Black
Smiths, furnishing farming utensils
and Cattle, and employing persons
to aid the Sacks and Foxes, and
Sioux, in Agriculture.

Respectfully
I have the honour to be
Your Obt
Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Clark.

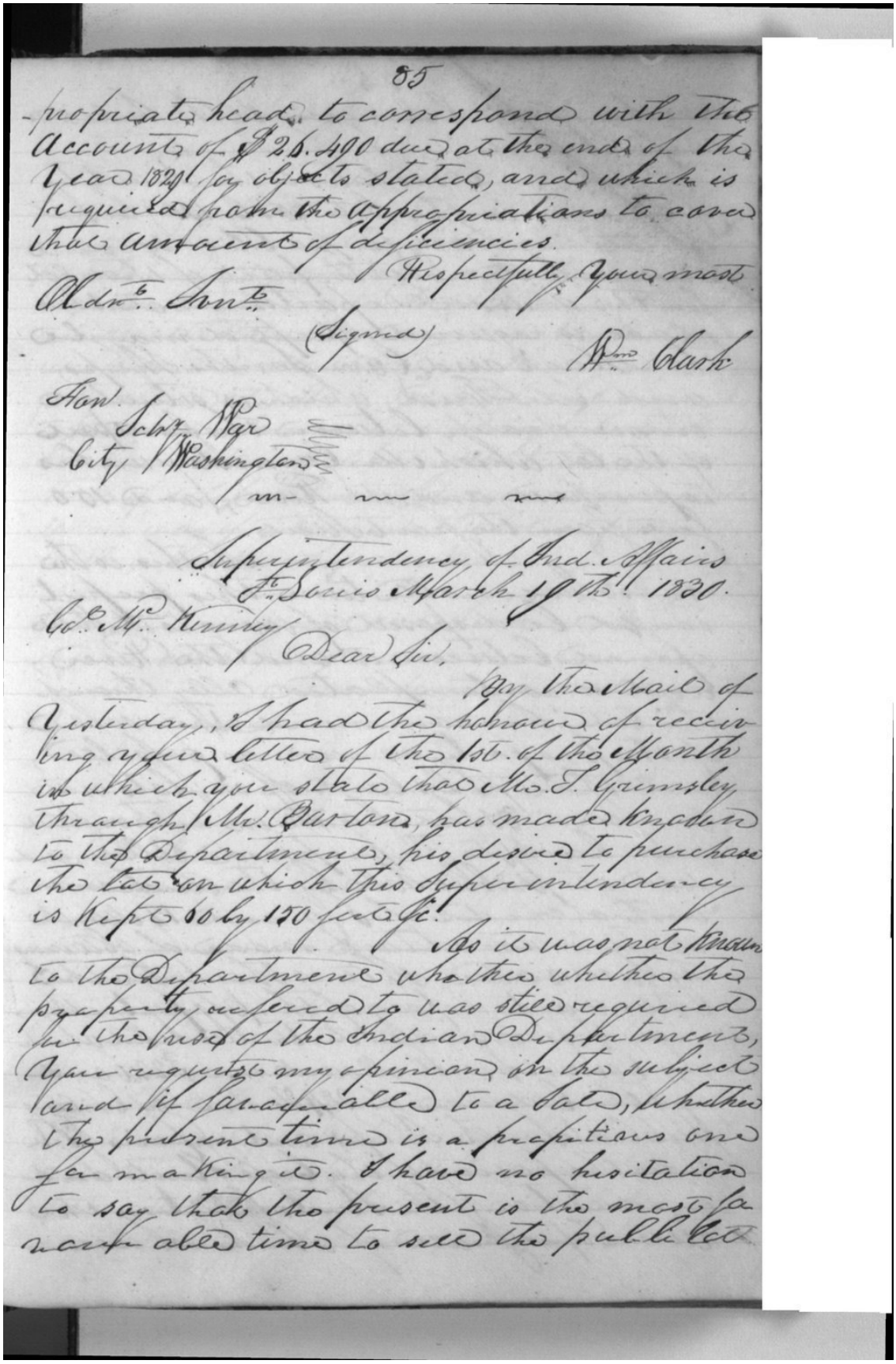
Sec. Report Book of Agents, page 251.

Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
March 17th. 1830

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose you herewith a statement, shewing the Account of funds received and disbursed in the year 1829. within this Superintendency, under the various heads of appropriations.

Also shewing the Accounts due, and which will be required under the heads of Annuities, to carry into effect, Treaty Stipulations to defray the expences of Indian Emigrations, the payment of Claims &c. &c. all of which Accounts will be severally carried to new Account under their ap-



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-propriate head, to correspond with the Accounts of $26.490 due at the end of the year 1829 for objects stated, and which is required from the Appropriations to cover the amounts of deficiencies.

Respectfully Your most Obdt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm Clark

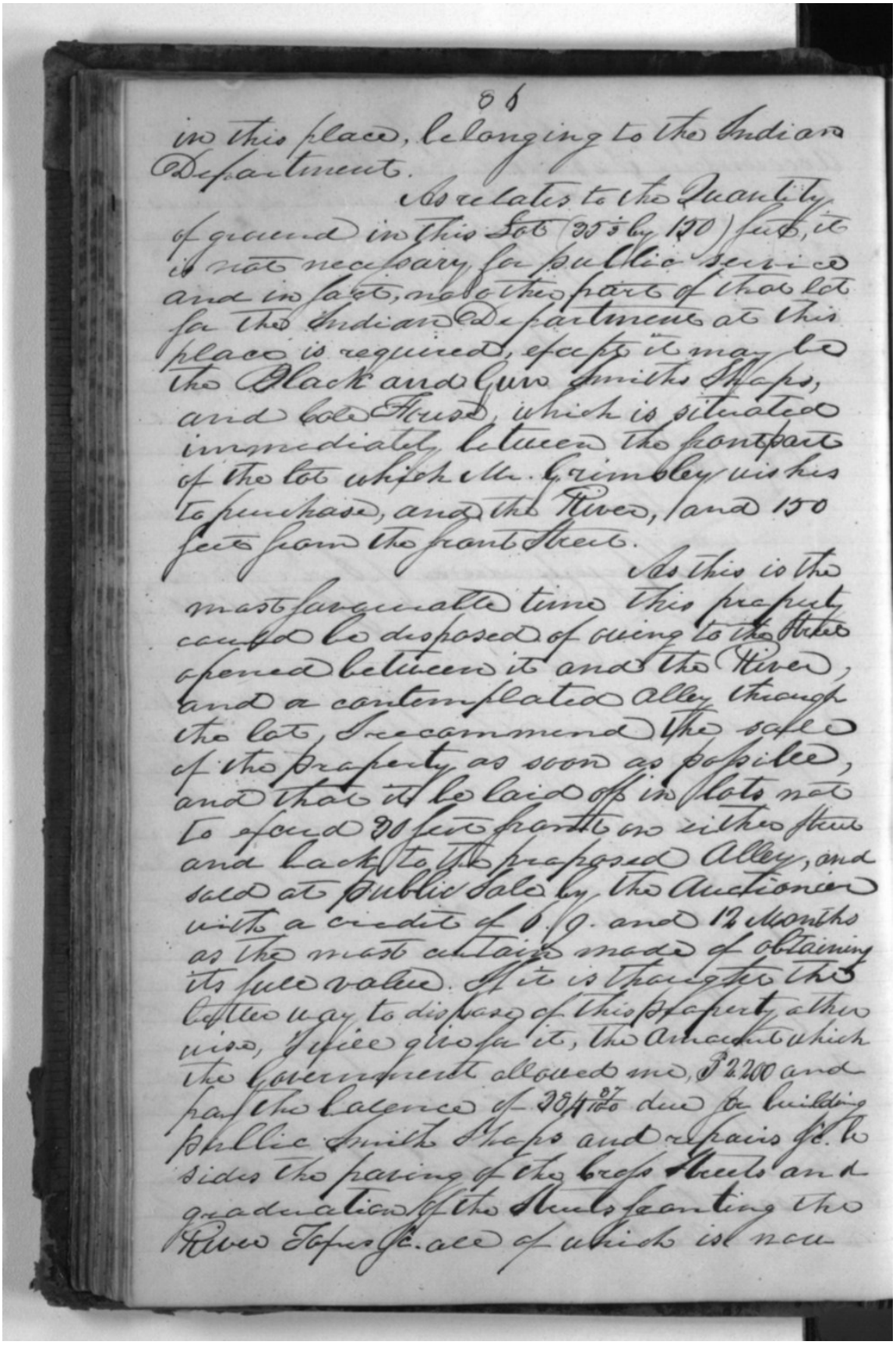
Hon. Secty War
City Washington

Superintendency of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis March 19th 1830.

Col. M. Kinsley
Dear Sir.

By the Mail of Yesterday, I had the honour of receiving your letter of the 15th. of this Month in which you state that Mr. I. Grimsley through Mr. Barton, has made known to the Department, his desire to purchase the lot on which this Superintendency is kept 80 by 150 feet &c.

As it was not known to the Department whether the property referred to was still required for the use of the Indian Department, you require my opinion on the subject and if favorable to a sale, whether the present time is a propitious one for making it. I have no hesitation to say that the present is the most favourable time to sell the public lot



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in this place, belonging to the Indian Department.

As relates to the Quantity of ground in this Lot (95 by 130) feet, it is not necessary for public service and in fact, none of this part of that lot for the Indian Department at this place is required, except it may be the Black and Gun Smiths Shops, and Cole House, which is situated immediately between the front part of the lot which Mr. Grimsley wishes to purchase, and the River, and 150 feet from the front Street.

As this is the most favourable time this property could be disposed of owing to the Streets opened between it and the River, and a contemplated Alley through the lot, I recommend the sale of this property as soon as possible, and that it be laid off in Lots not to exceed 28 feet front on either Street and back to the proposed Alley, and sold at Public Sale by the Auctioneer with a credit of 6 & 12 Months as the most certain mode of obtaining its full value. If it is thought the best way to dispose of this property otherwise, Office gives it, the Amount which the Government allowed me, $2200 and pay the balance of 384 87/100 due for building Public Smith Shops and repairs &c. besides the paving of the cross Streets and graduation of the Streets fronting the River Lots &c. all of which is now

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due; the public Smiths to remain where they now work.

I will observe that since my last report of the property and the disposition of the Rents received: the Corporation has graduated and paved the Cross Street and graduated the River Street, which renders the Stone Building next the River alsmost useless, as it is situated on a Rock from 6 to 8 feet above the Street, and 8 feet of one end which was found by a Survey to be the Street, has been taken off, leaving the building in a state of dilapidation and ruin, moreover there is no way of getting into the Lot at present, with a Carriage of any kind.

The title of the Lot is now in me, and I will make those necessary conveyance, when directed.

I am Sir, with due Respect Your most Obt.

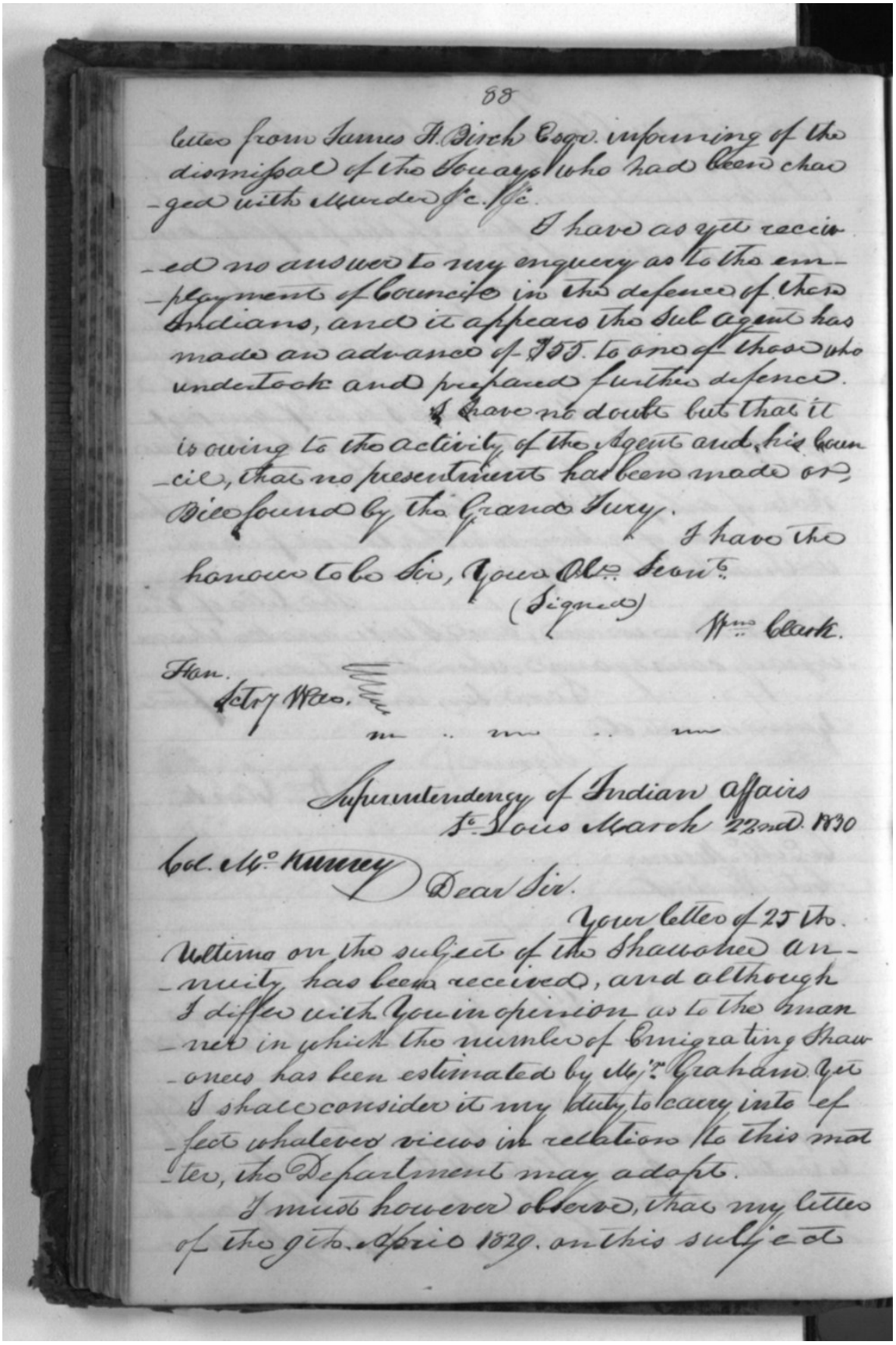
(Signed) Wm. Clark

Capt. McKenney
City Washington

Superintendency Ind. Affairs
St. Louis March 22nd. 1830

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith Copy of a letter from Genl. Hughs, Sub Agent for Sac & Fox Nations to the Attorney General of this State, and the answer of the latter, directing him to set at liberty any Indians belonging to the Big Neck party &c. also a



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letter from James H. Birch Esqr. informing of the dismissal of the Sioux who had been charged with Murder &c. &c.

I have as yet received no answer to my enquery as to the employment of Councils in the defence of these Indians, and it appears the Sub Agent has made an advance of $55. to one of those who undertook and prepared further defence.

I have no doubt but that it is owing to the activity of the Agent and his Council, that no presentment has been made or Bill found by the Grand Jury.

I have the honour to be Sir, Your Obt. Servt.

(Signed)

Wm. Clark.

Hon.
Secty War.

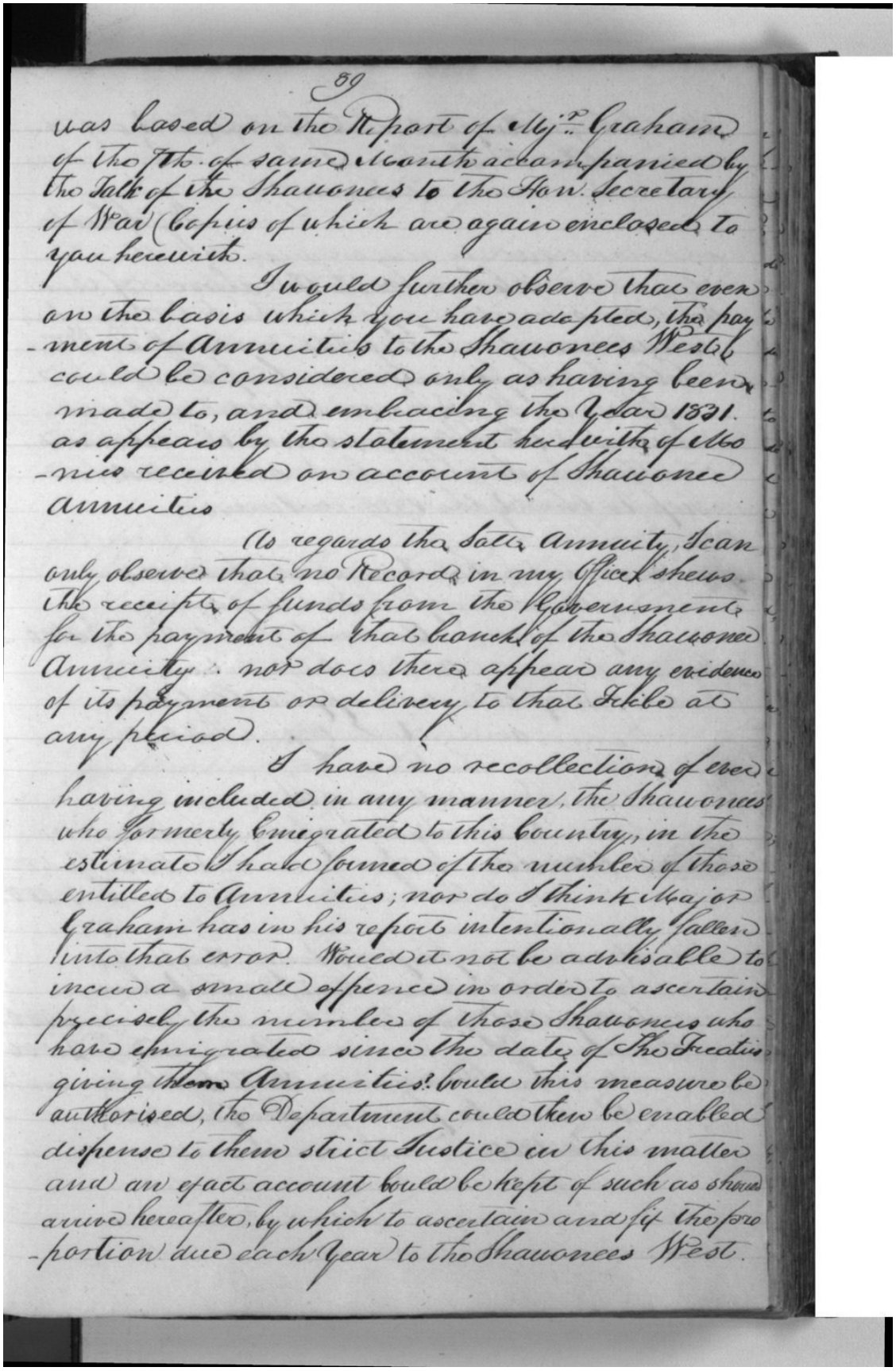
Superintendency of Indian Affairs
St. Louis March 22nd 1830

Col. McKenney

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 25th. ultimo on the subject of the Shawanee annuity has been received, and although I differ with You in opinion as to the manner in which the number of Emigrating Shawanees has been estimated by Mr. Graham Yet I shall consider it my duty to carry into effect whatever views in relation to this matter, the Department may adopt.

I must however observe, that my letter of the 6th. April 1829. on this subject



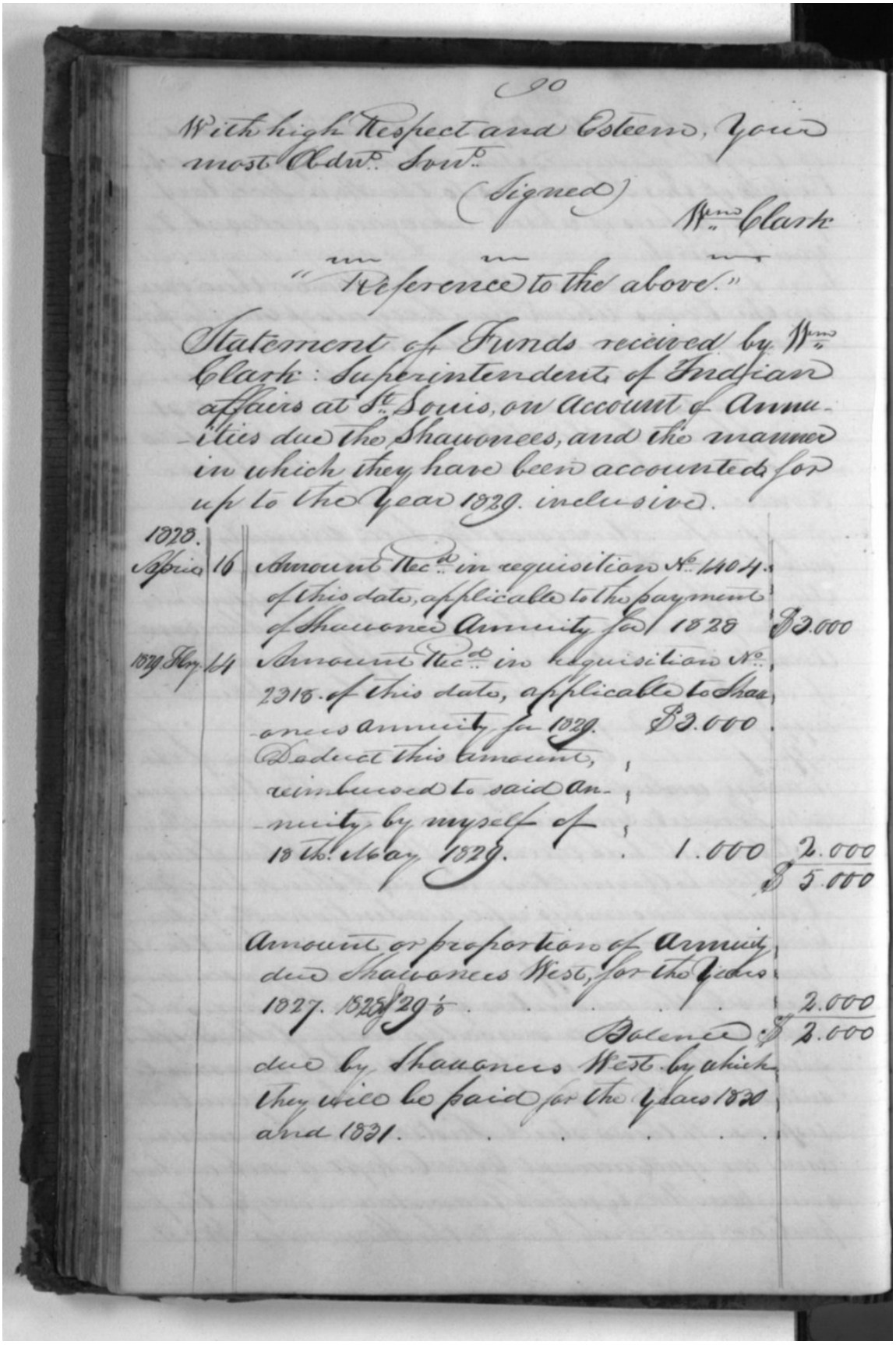
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was based on the Report of Majr. Graham of the 7th. of same Month accompanied by the Talk of the Shawonees to the Hon. Secretary of War (Copies of which are again enclosed to you herewith.

I would further observe that even on the basis which you have adopted, the payment of Annuities to the Shawonees West could be considered only as having been made to, and embracing the Year 1831. as appears by the statement herewith of Moneys received on account of Shawonee Annuities

As regards the Salt Annuity, I can only observe that no Record in my Office shews the receipts of funds from the Government for the payment of that branch of the Shawonee Annuity: nor does there appear any evidence of its payment or delivery to that Tribe at any period.

I have no recollection of ever having included in any manner, the Shawonees who formerly Emigrated to this Country, in the estimate I had formed of the number of those entitled to Annuities; nor do I think Major Graham has in his report intentionally fallen into that error. Would it not be advisable to incur a small expence in order to ascertain precisely the number of those Shawonees who have emigrated since the date of the Treaties giving them Annuities: could this measure be authorised, the Department could then be enabled dispense to them strict Justice in this matter and an exact account could be kept of such as should arrive hereafter, by which to ascertain and fix the proportion due each Year to the Shawonees West.



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With high Respect and Esteem, Your most Obdt. Sert.

(Signed) Wm. Clark

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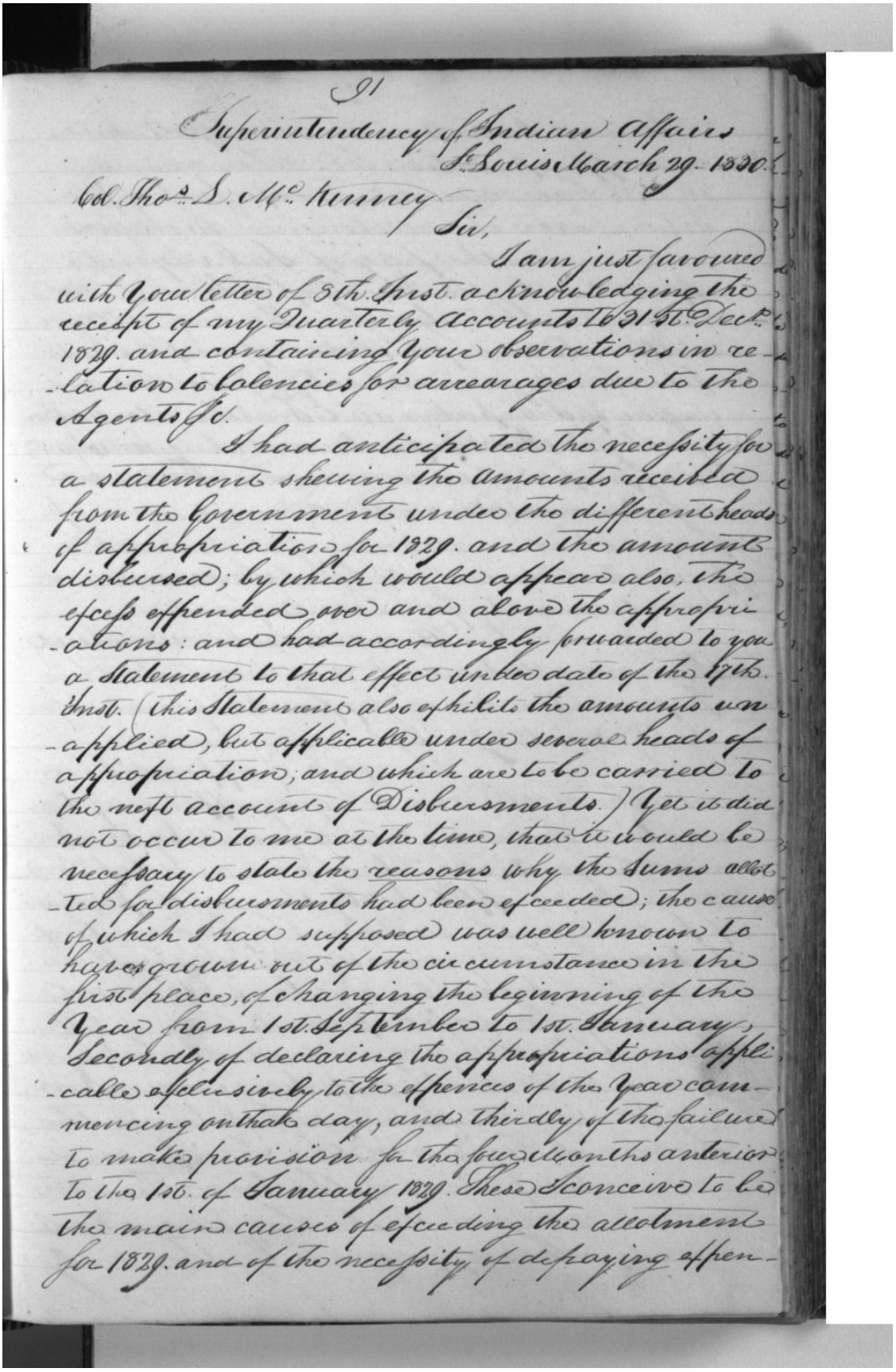
Statement of Funds received by Wm. Clark: Superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis, on Account of Annuities due the Shawonees, and the manner in which they have been accounted for up to the Year 1829. inclusive.

1828.				
April	16	Amount Rec.d in requisition No. 1404. of this date, applicable to the payment of Shawonee Annuity for 1828		$3.000
1829 May	14	Amount Rec.d in requisition No. 2316. of this date, applicable to Shawonees annuity for 1829.	$3.000	
		Deduct this amount, reimbursed to said annuity by myself of 18th. May 1829.	1.000	2.000
				$5.000

Amount or proportion of Annuity due Shawonees West, for the years 1827. 1828 & 29 . . . . . 2.000

Balance $3.000

due by Shawonees West. by which they will be paid for the years 1830 and 1831. . . . . .



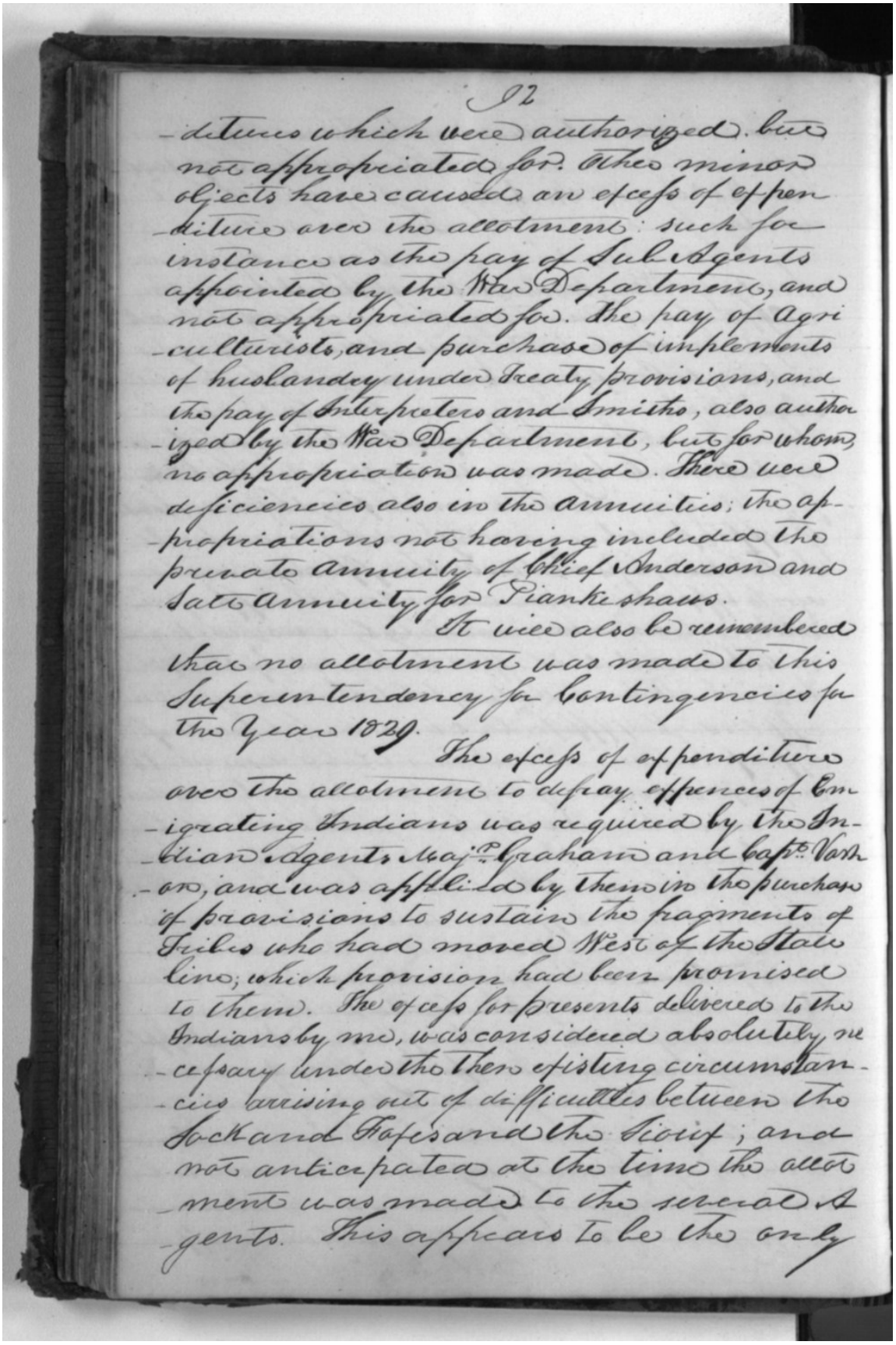
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Superintendency of Indian Affairs
St. Louis March 29. 1830.

Ed. Thos. S. McKenney
Sir,

I am just favoured with Your letter of 5th. Inst. acknowledging the receipt of my Quarterly accounts to 31st. Dec. 1829. and containing Your observations in relation to balancies for arrearages due to the Agents &c.

I had anticipated the necessity for a statement shewing the amounts received from the Government under the different heads of appropriation for 1829. and the amount disbursed; by which would appear also, the excess expended over and above the appropriations: and had accordingly forwarded to you a Statement to that effect under date of the 17th. Inst. (this Statement also exhibits the amounts unapplied, but applicable under several heads of appropriation; and which are to be carried to the next account of Disbursments.) Yet it did not occur to me at the time, that it would be necessary to state the reasons why the Sums allotted for disbursments had been exceeded; the cause of which I had supposed was well known to have grown out of the circumstance in the first place, of changing the beginning of the Year from 1st. September to 1st. January, Secondly of declaring the appropriations applicable exclusively to the expences of the Year commencing on that day, and thirdly of the failure to make provision for the four months anterior to the 1st. of January 1829. These I conceive to be the main causes of exceeding the allotment for 1829. and of the necessity of defraying expen-

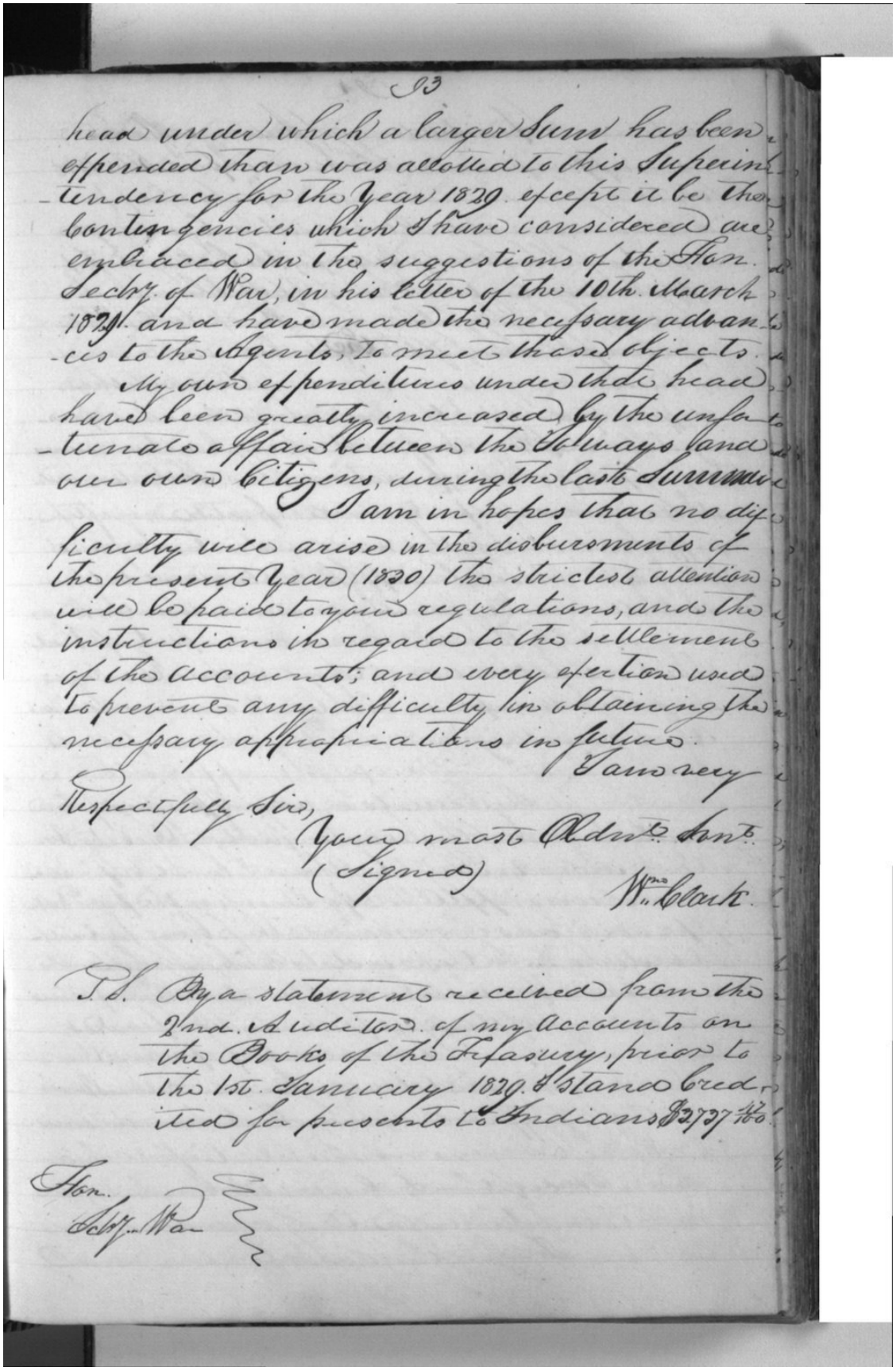


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-ditures which were authorized, but
not appropriated for. Other minor
objects have caused an excess of expen
-diture over the allotment: such for
instance as the pay of Sub Agents
appointed by the War Department, and
not appropriated for. The pay of Agri
-culturists, and purchase of implements
of husbandry under Treaty provisions, and
the pay of Interpreters and Smiths, also author
-ized by the War Department, but for whom
no appropriation was made. There were
deficiencies also in the annuities; the ap-
-propriations not having included the
private annuity of Chief Anderson and
Sac annuity for Piankeshaws.

It will also be remembered
that no allotment was made to this
Superintendency for Contingencies for
the Year 1829.

The excess of expenditure
over the allotment to defray expences of Em
-igrating Indians was required by the In-
-dian Agents Majr. Graham and Capt. Vash
-on, and was afforded by them in the purchase
of provisions to sustain the fragments of
Tribes who had moved West of the State
line; which provision had been promised
to them. The excess for presents delivered to the
Indians by me, was considered absolutely ne
-cessary under the then existing circumstan-
-ces arising out of difficulties between the
Sock and Foxes and the Sioux; and
not anticipated at the time the allot
-ment was made to the several A
-gents. This appears to be the only



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head under which a larger Sum has been
expended than was allotted to this Superin-
tendency for the year 1829. except it be the
contingencies which I have considered are
embraced in the suggestions of the Hon.
Secry. of War, in his letter of the 10th. March
1829. and have made the necessary advan-
ces to the Agents, to meet those objects.

My own expenditures under this head
have been greatly increased by the unfa-
tunate affair between the Sioux and
our own Citizens, during the last Summer.

I am in hopes that no dif-
ficulty will arise in the disbursments of
the present year (1830) the strictest attention
will be paid to your regulations, and the
instructions in regard to the settlement
of the accounts; and every exertion used
to prevent any difficulty in obtaining the
necessary appropriations in future.

I am very
respectfully Sir,
your most Obdt. Sert.
(Signed)
Wm. Clark.

P.S. By a statement received from the
2nd. Auditor of my Accounts on
the Books of the Treasury, prior to
the 1st. January 1829. I stand credi-
ited for presents to Indians $3737 46/100

Hon.
Secy. War