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Correspondence sent from the Office of Indian Affairs, Central Superintendency in St. Louis, Missouri. The Superintendents of Indian Affairs during this period were Joshua Pilcher, David D. Mitchell, and Thomas H. Harvey. Their correspondence with Indian agents and sub-agencies concerned the disbursement of allotments and annuities, the settling of expenses and treaty stipulations, and the nominations of blacksmiths, interpreters, and farmers for several tribes. A searchable, full-text (PDF) transcription is available under "Additional Information" below.

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their may be placed in your hands.

I have to request that you will immediately explain the cause of this Omission, and if a bond has not been executed, you will have it done without delay & the same of the witnesses added to transmitted to this Office.

Robt. A. Cullaway Esq
Ind Sub Agt

Very Respt
Your Mo. Ob. Svt
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. Affs

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis July 24. 1843.

Sir:

I am informed that Seven persons in the employ of Sibbles and Adams (in the Company to which they belong) have left the Plains with a number of pack mules; and that the object is to trade the Missouri & Platte Waters with the Indians probably in the vicinity of the Nemaha Platte.

I have to request that you will keep a vigilant look out for them; and if found engaged in any such unlawful attempt, have them prosecuted to the extent of the law. You have already done quantity much credit by your strict & prompt attention to business, and I trust that in this, and all other occasions you will give renewed evidence of your zeal in the public cause.

R. B. Cummins
Ind. Agt

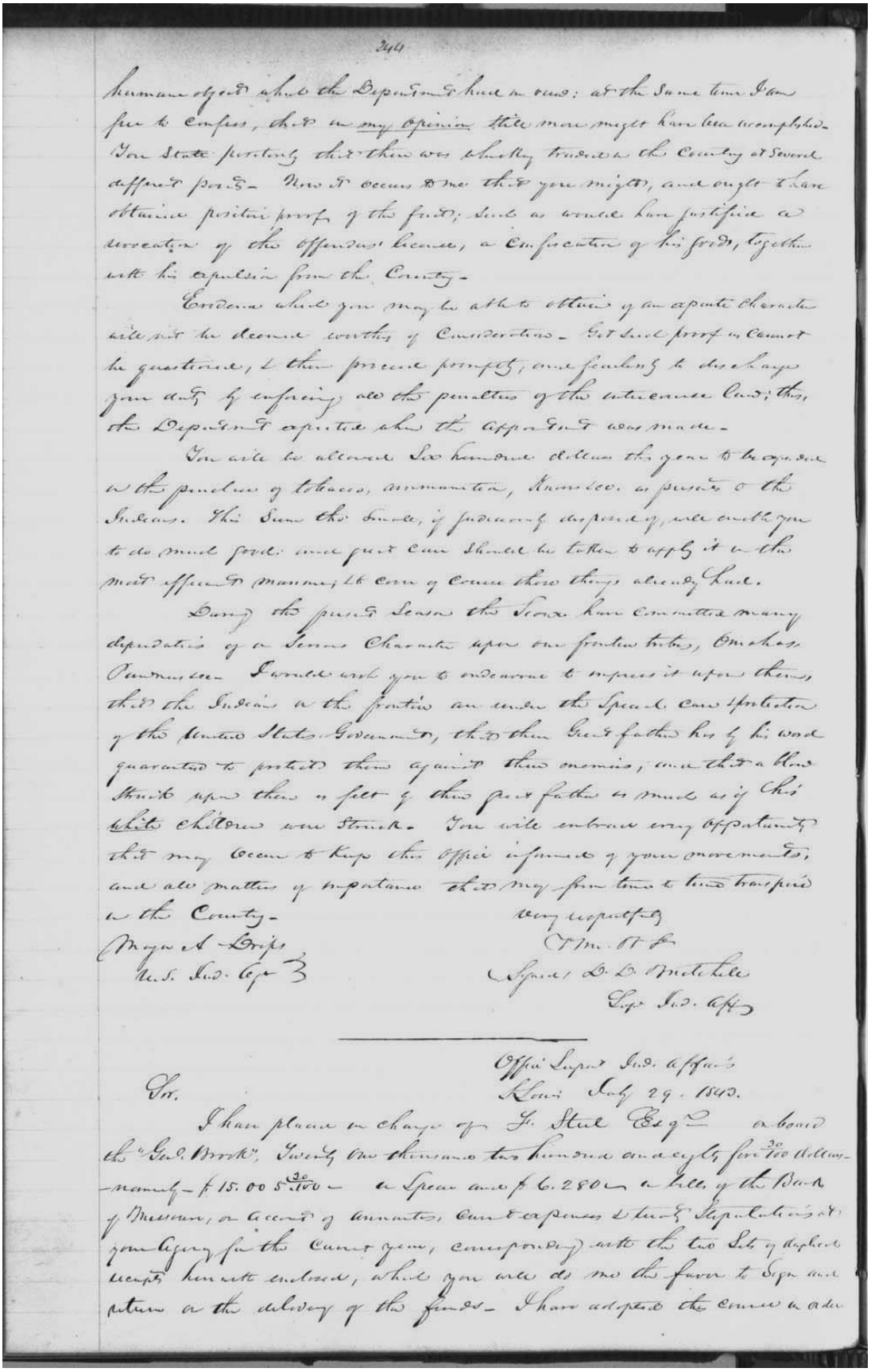
Very respectfully
Your Mo Ob Svt
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affs

Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis July 25th 1843.

Sir

Understanding that Mr Sanders would leave Fort Atkinson about the 1st of August, I have concluded that this will be the most favourable opportunity for you to proceed to your Agency, and assume your important duties.

As you are intimately acquainted with the whole vast range of country, comprised within the Upper Missouri Agency, it is deemed unnecessary to direct, or recommend the route best to pursue. The great object in re-establishing the Upper Missouri Agency (as you are well aware) was the suppression of the Whiskey trade; and wherever you can hear of its being traded, concealed, or suspected of being in the neighborhood, there will be the place where your presence will be required. After making diligent inquiries among the traders, and others from the Upper Missouri, I am pleased to learn that much has been done towards the attainment of the



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humane object which the Department had in view: at the same time I am free to confess, that in my Opinion little more might have been accomplished. You state positively that there was wholly trivial on the County at several different periods. Now it occurs to me that you might, and ought to have obtained positive proof of the fact; such as would have justified a revocation of the Offenders license, a confiscation of his goods, together with his expulsion from the County.

Evidence which you may be able to obtain of an opinion character will not be deemed worthy of consideration. Get such proof as cannot be questioned, & then proceed promptly, and fearlessly to discharge your duty by enforcing all the penalties of the intercourse Laws; this, the Department expected when the appointment was made.

You are to allowed Six hundred dollars this year to be expended in the purchase of tobacco, ammunition, Knives &c. as presents to the Indians. This Sum the Law, if judiciously dispensed, will enable you to do much good: and great care should be taken to apply it in the most effectual manner; & even of some there things already said.

During the present Season the Sioux have committed many depredations of a serious character upon our frontier tribes, Omahas, Pawnees &c. I would ask you to endeavour to impress it upon them, that the Indians in the frontier are under the special care & protection of the United States Government, that their Great father has by his word guaranteed to protect them against their enemies; and that a blow struck upon them is felt by their great father as much as if his white children were stricken. You will embrace every opportunity that may occur to keep this office informed of your movements, and all matters of importance that may from time to time transpire in the County.

Very respectfully
Your M. O. Dt.
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. Affs

Major A. Bridger
U.S. Ind. Agt

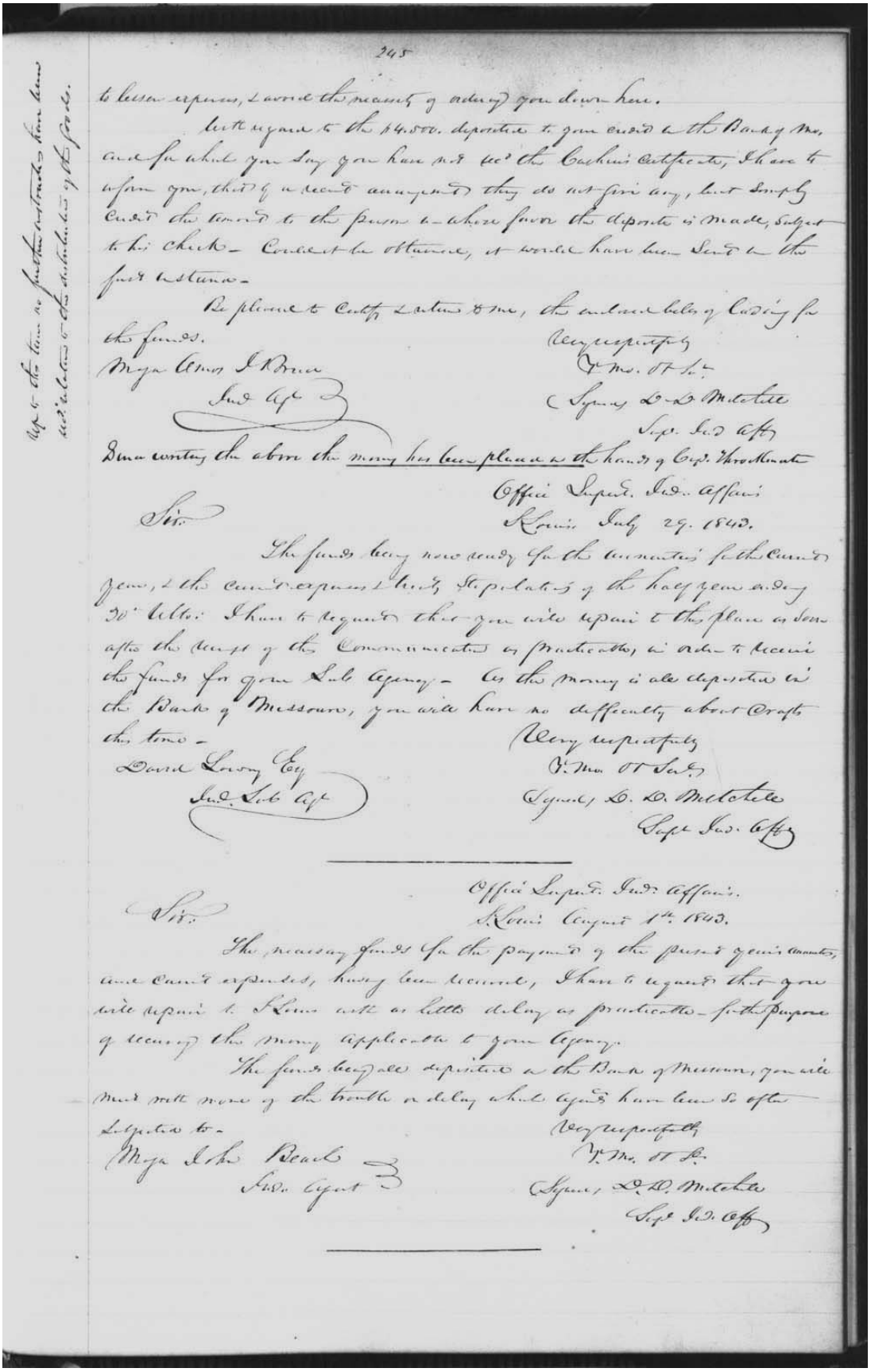
Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis July 29. 1843.

Dr.

I have placed in charge of J. Stull Esq. a board the "Gen. Brooke", Twenty One thousand two hundred and eighty five 20/100 dollars - namely - $15.00 5/100 - in Specie and $6.280 in bills of the Bank of Missouri, on account of annuities, and expenses & duties stipulated in your Agency for the current year, corresponding with the two Sets of duplicate receipts herewith enclosed, which you will do me the favor to Sign and return on the delivery of the funds. I have adopted the course in order

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to leave agency, & avoid the necessity of ordering you down here.

With regard to the $4.500. deposited to your credit in the Bank of Mo, and for which you say you have not rec'd the Cashier's certificate, I have to inform you, that if a receipt accompanied they do not give any, but simply credit the amount to the person in whose favor the deposite is made, subject to his check - Could not be otherwise, it would have been sent in the first instance -

Be pleased to Certify Letters & me, the amount held in Trust for the funds.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob't Ser't
Sgned D. D. Mitchell
Sup't Ind Affs

Maja Chas J Bruce
Ind Agt

Dear Sir

Herewith the above the money has been placed in the hands of Capt Throckmorton

Office Superd. Ind. Affairs
St Louis July 29. 1843.

The funds being now ready for the payments for the current year, & the current expenses being stipulated by the last year's treaty 30th Inst: I have to request that you will repair to the place as soon after the receipt of the Communication as practicable, in order to receive the funds for your Sub Agency - As the money is also deposited in the Bank of Missouri, you will have no difficulty about Drafts this time -

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob't Ser't
Sgned D. D. Mitchell
Sup't Ind. Affs

David Lowry Esq
Ind. Sub Agt

Office Superd. Ind. Affairs.
St Louis August 1st 1843.

Sir

The necessary funds for the payment of the present year's Annuities, and Incid. expenses, having been received, I have to request that you will repair to St Louis with as little delay as practicable - for the purpose of receiving the money applicable to your Agency.

The funds being all deposited in the Bank of Missouri, you will meet with none of the trouble or delay which Agents have been so often subjected to -

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob't Ser't
Sgned D. D. Mitchell
Sup't Ind. Affs

Maja John Beach
Ind. Agent

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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis, August 1. 1843.

Sir

Enclosed you will find a letter for Agent Beach requesting him to repair to St Louis, for the purpose of receiving the Sac & Fox Annuity funds - which I write about you to have forwarded to him by the earliest opportunity.

By the Steamer "Gen Brooke", which left here a few days since, I forwarded the Annuity funds for the St Peters Agency; and by the same conveyance I instructed Sub Agt Leavy to come down and receive the allowance to which he is entitled.

Gov. John Chambers
Iowa Ter

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Sv.
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis August 1. 1843.

Sir

Enclosed herewith, be pleased to find blank duplicate receipts for $582.50 the amount allowed for the Contingent expenses of your Superintendency for the first half of this year, for which, on the same to draw on me at Sight, and on the same time return the receipts above mentioned with your official Signature.

Gov. Jno. Chambers
Burlington
Iowa Ter

Very respectfully Your Ob Sv
D. M.
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affs

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis August 1. 1843.

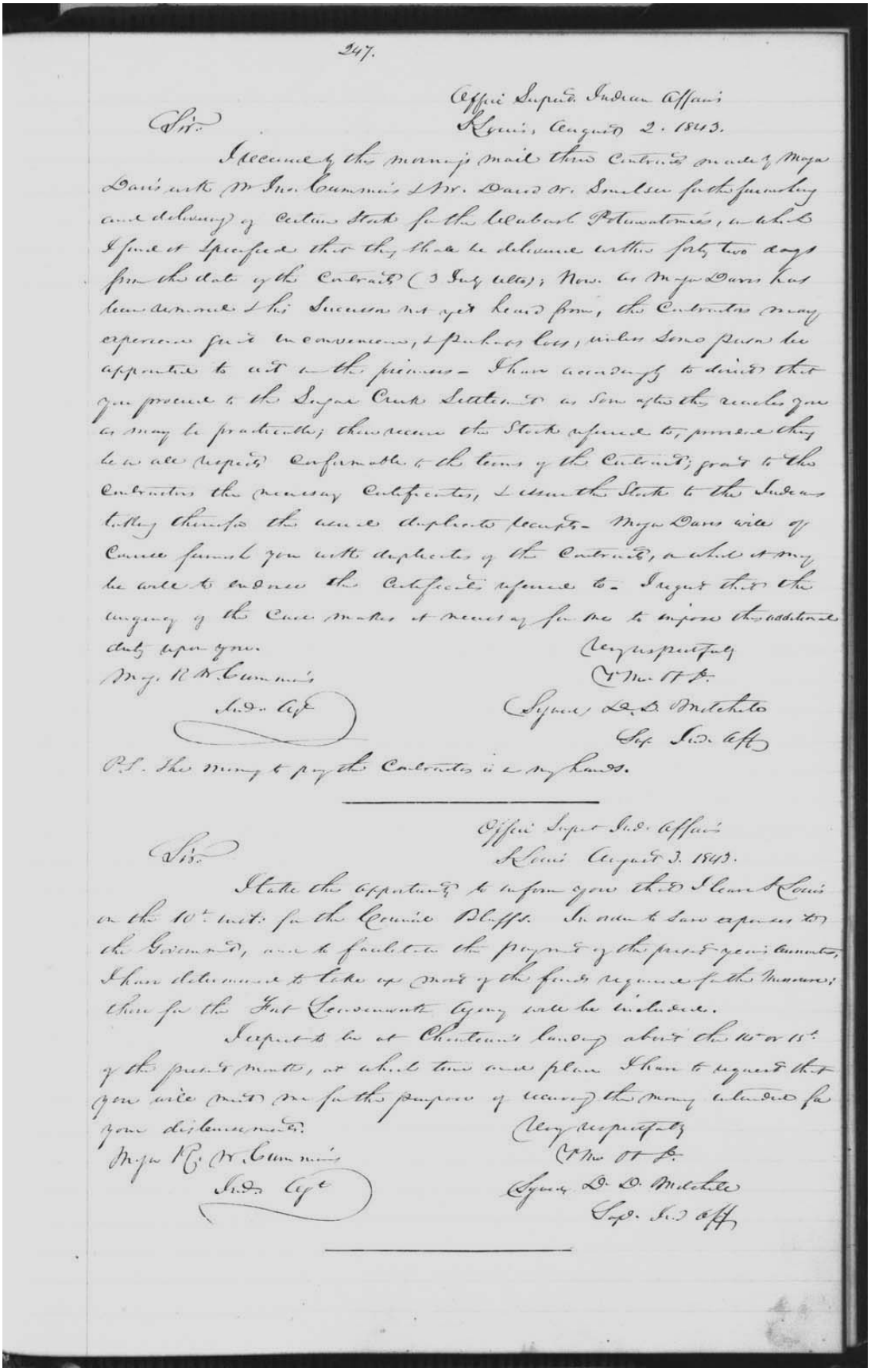
Sir

The funds for the payment of Indian Annuities & Contingent expenses having been rec'd. for the present year; you are authorized to draw on me at Sight for $682.100. Six hundred eighty two 100 dollars

Please sign the enclosed blank receipts, and return them as soon as convenient to this office.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob Sv
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affs

Mr Crellen
Gov. I. D. Dak
Madison. W. T.



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Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis, August 2. 1843.

Sir

I received by the morning mail three Contracts executed by Majr Davis with Mr Jno. Cummins & Mr. David D. Smelser for the furnishing and delivery of certain Stock for the Wabash Potawatomies, in which I find it specified that they shall be delivered within forty two days from the date of the Contracts (3 July ult.); Now. as Majr Davis has been absence & his Successor not yet heard from, the Contractors may experience great inconvenience & perhaps loss, unless some person be appointed to act in the premises - I have accordingly to direct that you proceed to the Sugar Creek Settlements as soon after the receipt of this as may be practicable; there receive the Stock agreed to, provided they be in all respects conformable to the terms of the Contracts; grant to the Contractors the necessary Certificates, & issue the Stock to the Indians taking therefor the usual duplicate receipts - Majr Davis will of Course furnish you with duplicates of the Contracts, & which it may be well to endorse the Certificates agreed to - I regret that the exigency of the case makes it necessary for me to impose this additional duty upon you.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Svt.
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affrs

Majr R. W. Cummins
Ind. Agt

P.S. The money to pay the Contractors is in my hands.

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis August 3. 1843.

Sir

I take the opportunity to inform you that I leave St Louis on the 10th inst. for the Council Bluffs. In order to save expenses to the Government, and to facilitate the payment of the present year's annuities, I have determined to take up most of the funds required for the Nemaha, Chariton & the Fort Leavenworth Agency will be included.

I expect to be at Chariton's Landing about the 15th or 18th of the present month, at which time and place I shall be required that you will meet me for the purpose of receiving the money intended for your disbursements.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Svt.
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affrs

Majr R. W. Cummins
Ind. Agt

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Circular

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis August 4. 1843.

Sir.

The enclosed Copy of a Communication received from the Comr of Ind. affairs, is furnished for your information & government and I trust that the Several reports called for by the paragraph of the Regulations referred to, will be promptly furnished by you at the period therein directed. You will please to make known its import to the Several Traders & Interpreters within your Sub Agency, in order that they also may Comply with its requirements.

R. W. Cummins Esq
Dad. Miller Do.
W. P. Richardson Sub Do
R. S. Elliott Do
Jos. Bogy Jun Do
Robt A. Callaway Do

Respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Svt
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Supt Ind. Affairs

Circular

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis August 4. 1843

Sir.

By a letter from the Comr of Ind. affairs, dated the 25th ultimo I am directed to require, that when the Indians of your Agency shall assemble to receive their annuity goods, you will propose to, and urge upon them, the expediency of having their annuity for 1844 paid in furs. Such will be a kind of quality to their wants & condition. By such an arrangement they will receive goods of a better quality, and at prices incomparably lower than those they pay at present. In the words of the Comr of the letter above referred to, "The Agent must not stop at a bare refusal, but use arguments & persuasion to the last, regardless of any extraneous influence that may be attempted to be used against the measure. The Department is fully impressed with the belief that it is in most instances in the power of the Agent to accomplish the end, if he use the proper exertions to do so."

You will be careful to ascertain the particular kind of goods the Indians desire, & transmit a list of the same with your report.

R. W. Cummins Esq
Dad. Miller Do.
W. P. Richardson Sub Agt.
R. S. Elliott Do
Jos. Bogy Jun Do
Robt A. Callaway Do.

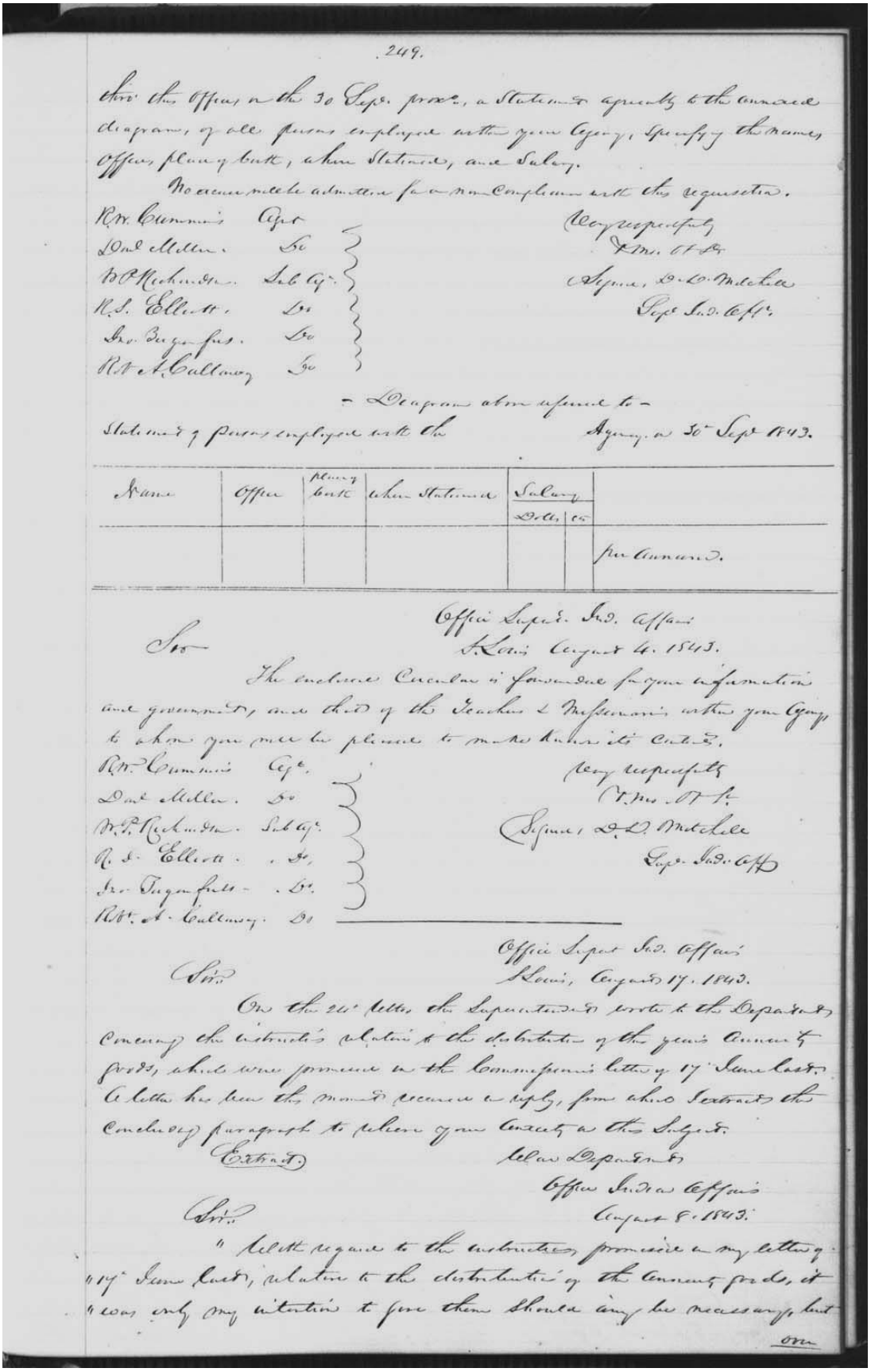
Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Svt
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Supt Ind. Affs

Circular

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis. August 4. 1843.

Sir.

In the purpose of obtaining the necessary data for the publication of the biennial reports required by law, you will cause



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thro' the Office on the 30 Sept. prox., a Statement agreeably to the annexed diagram, of all persons employed within your Agency, specifying the names, Offices, Place of birth, when Stationed, and Salary.

No accommodation for a non-Compliance with this requisition.

R.W. Cummins Agt
Dan'l Miller Do
W.P. Richardson Sub Agt.
R.S. Elliott Do
Jno. Bergenfield Do
Robt. A. Callaway Do

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Sv't
Signed D.D. Mitchell
Supt Ind. Affs

Diagram above referred to —

Statement of persons employed within the Agency on 30th Sept 1843.

Name	Office	Place of birth	when Stationed	Salary Dolls.	cts	
						per Annum.

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis August 4. 1843.

Sir

The enclosed Circular is forwarded for your information and government, and that of the Teachers & Missionaries within your Agency to whom you will be pleased to make known its contents.

R.W. Cummins Agt.
Dan'l Miller Do
W.P. Richardson Sub Agt.
R.S. Elliott Do
Jno. Bergenfield Do
Robt. A. Callaway Do

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Sv't
Signed D.D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affs

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis, August 17. 1843.

Sir

On the 2d Inst. the Superintendent wrote to the Department concerning the instructions relative to the distribution of the year's Annuity goods, which were promised in the Commissioner's letter of 17th June last. A letter has been this moment received in reply, from which I extract the concluding paragraph to inform you exactly as the Subject.

Extract.

Office Ind. Affairs
August 8. 1843.

"With regard to the instructions promised in my letter of 17th June last, relative to the distribution of the Annuity goods, it was only my intention to give them should any be necessary, but

but I do not see that any thing of the kind is required beyond what is pointed out in the regulations and former instructions."

D. D. Mitchell Esq. Signed, T. Hartley Crawford

The temporary absence of the Supt. on official duty, procures me the honor of making you the communication.

Geo. I. Brown Ind. Agt.
Dav. Miller Do
W. P. Richardson Ind. Sub Agt.
Robt. A. Kennedy Do

Very respectfully Your Obt.
Signed John Haverty
Clk. Ind. Office

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis Sept. 1. 1843.

Sir.

The absence of the Supt of Ind. affairs on official duty devolves upon me the honor of enclosing herewith Copies of two Communications this day received from the Comr of Ind. Affairs, having reference to an apprehended Conspiracy between the Mormon prophet Jos. Smith and certain Potawatomie Chiefs.

I also enclose a Copy of the Commissioners letter to the Supt. which it is presumed, will supply the place of the instructions this Letter has been directed to give you on the Subject.

As a knowledge of the fact may tend to gratify the Indians of your Sub Agency, I have to inform you, that a letter was yesterday received from the Comr of Indian Affairs, advising that a remittance of three thousand dollars will be immediately made to reimburse them for the payment made on account of three mile out of their last years annuity.

Richd. L. Ellis Esq
Ind Sub Agt.
Council Bluffs I. Agcy

Very respectfully I am Sir
Yr Mo. Ob Svt.
Signed John Haverty
Clk. Ind. Office

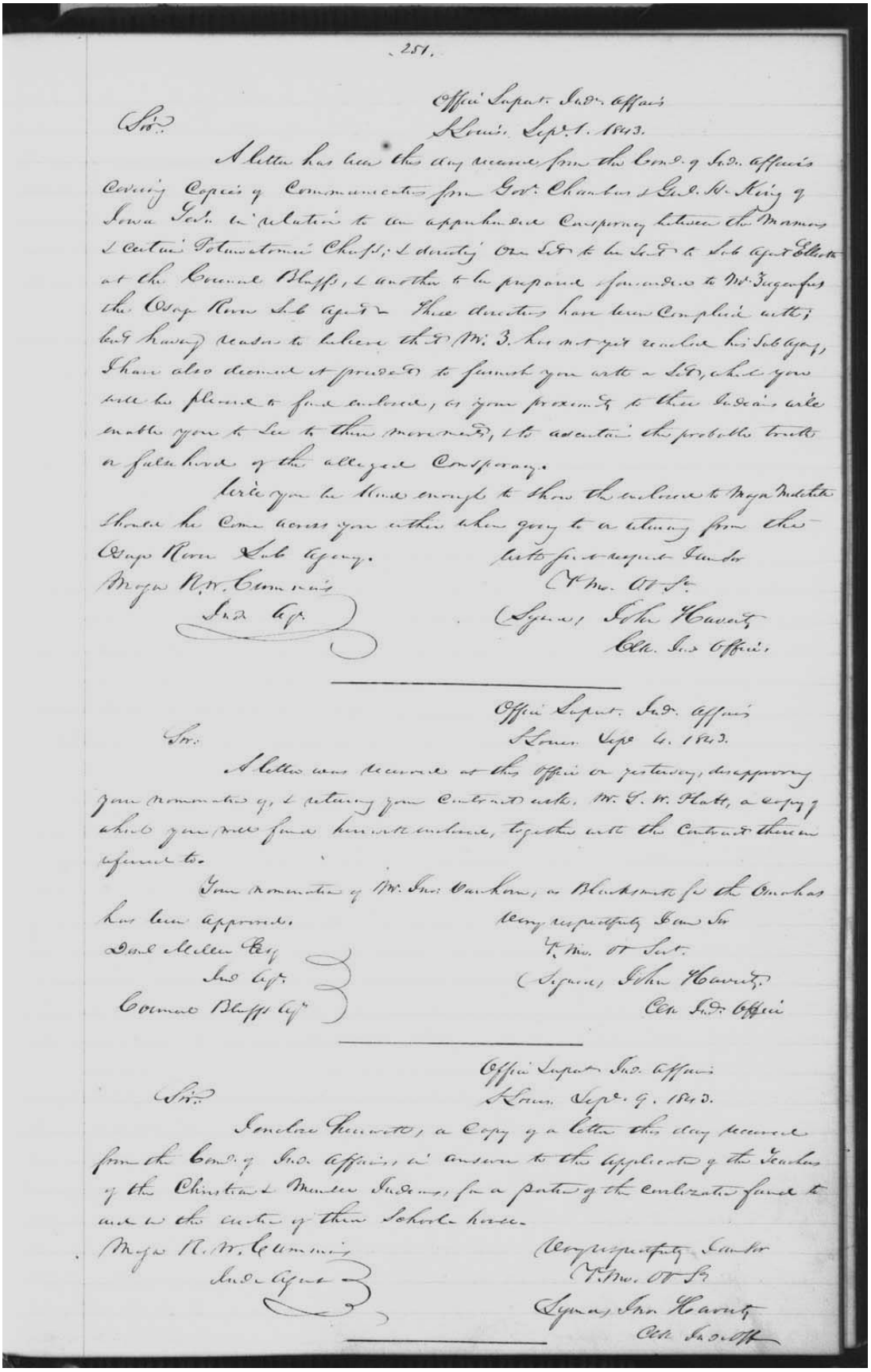
Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis Sept. 1. 1843.

Sir

A letter has been just received from the Comr of Indian Affairs covering Copies of Communications from Gov. Chambers & Genl. M. King of Iowa Terr. in relation to an apprehended Conspiracy between the Mormons & certain Potawatomie Chiefs, and directing that Copies be prepared & forwarded to you, together with Special instructions on the Subject. As the Supt is now absent on duty, I enclose for your government, a Copy of the Commissioners letter, which it is presumed, will serve as a line of the Instructions the Supt. has been directed to give you.

Very respectfully &c
Signed John Haverty
Clk. Ind. Off

Jno. Dougherty Esq
Ind. Sub Agt



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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, Sept. 1. 1843.

Sir,

A letter has been this day received from the Comd. of Ind. Affairs covering Copies of Communications from Govr. Chambers & Genl. W. King of Iowa Terr. in relation to the apprehended Conspiracy between the Mormons & certain Potowatomie Chiefs; & directing One Letter to be sent to Sub Agent Elliott at the Council Bluffs, & another to be prepared for me to address to Mr. Eugene Ives the Osage River Sub Agent. These directions have been complied with; but having reason to believe that Mr. E. has not yet received his Sub Agency, I have also deemed it proper to furnish you with a Letter, which you will be pleased to find enclosed, as your proximity to these Indians will enable you to see to these movements, & to ascertain the probable truth or falsehood of the alleged Conspiracy.

Should you be kind enough to show the enclosure to Myra Mitchell should he come across you either when going to or returning from the Osage River Sub Agency.

Myra N. W. Cummins
Ind. Agt.

Your most obt. Servt.
(Signed) John Harvey
Chf. Ind. Office.

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Sept 6. 1843.

Sir,

A letter was received at this Office on yesterday, disapproving your nomination of, & returning your Contract with, Mr. S. W. Platt, a copy of which you will find herewith enclosed, together with the Contract therein referred to.

Your nomination of Mr. Jno. Cavileer, as Blacksmith for the Omahas has been approved.

Dan'l Miller Esq
Ind Agt.
Council Bluffs Agy

Very respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) John Harvey
Chf. Ind. Office

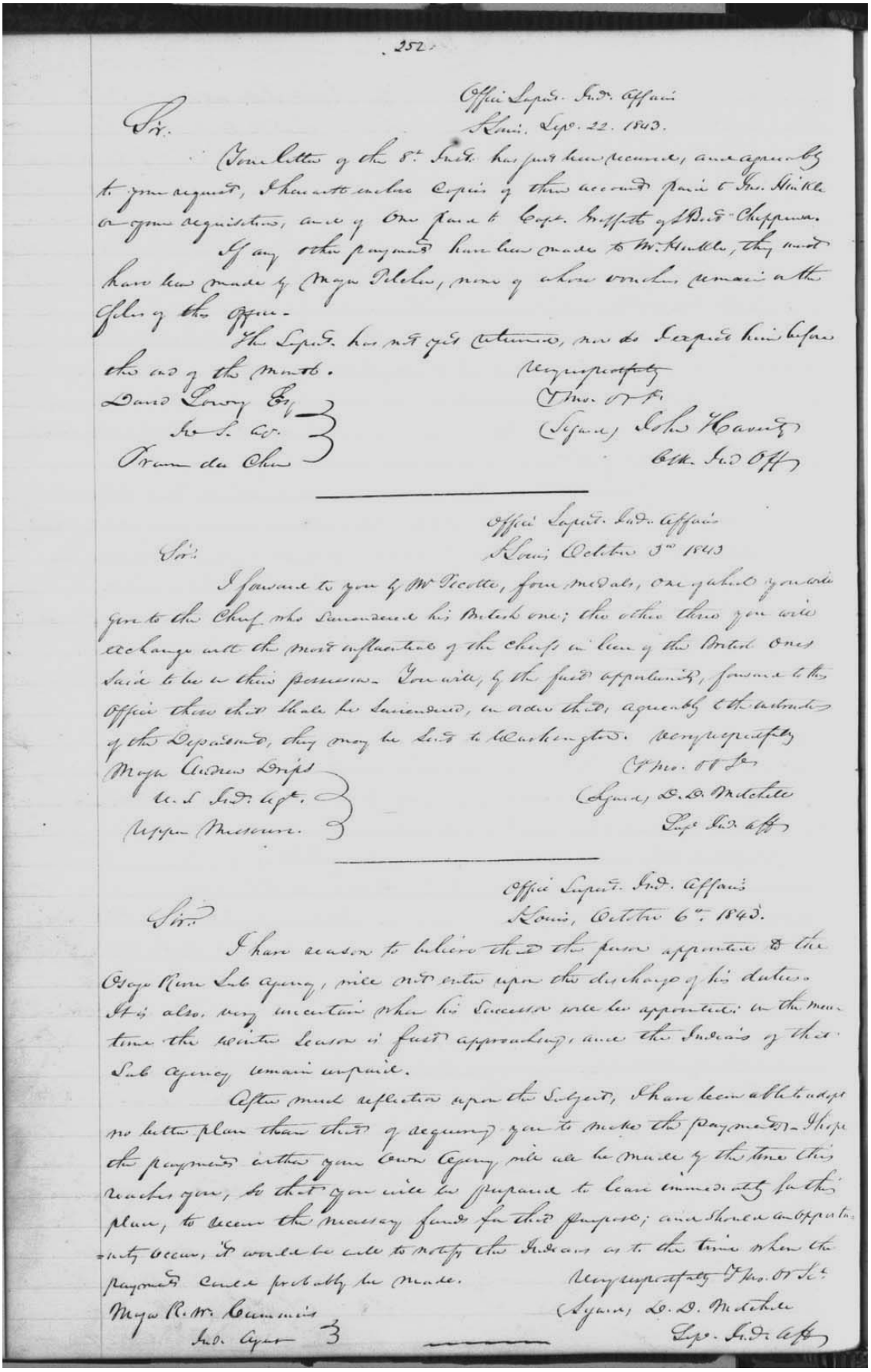
Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Sept. 9. 1843.

Sir,

I enclose herewith, a Copy of a letter this day received from the Comd. of Ind. Affairs, in answer to the application of the Trustees of the Christian Mission Indians, for a portion of the civilization fund to assist in the erection of their School houses.

Myra N. W. Cummins
Ind. Agent

Very respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) John Harvey
Chf. Ind. Office



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Offi Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis Sept. 22. 1843.

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th Inst. has just been received, and agreeably to your request, I herewith enclose Copies of three accounts paid to Jno. Hinkle on your requisitions, and of One paid to Capt. Moffatt of the U.S. Steamer Chippewa.

If any other payments have been made to Mr Hinkle, they must have been made by Major Beatte, none of whose vouchers remain at the Office of the Agency.

The Supt. has not yet returned, nor do I expect him before the 1st of the month.

Respectfully
Your ob. Svt.
(Signed) John Harvey
Clk. Ind. Off.

David Lowry Esq
Ind. Agt.
Iowa Sub Agency

Offi Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis October 3rd 1843

Sir

I forward to you by Mr Beatte, four medals, one gold & one silver to give to the Chief who surrendered his British one; the other three you will exchange with the most influential of the Chiefs in lieu of the British ones said to be in their possession. You will, at the first opportunity, forward to this Office those that shall be surrendered, in order that, agreeably to the wishes of the Department, they may be sent to Washington. Respectfully

Your ob. Svt.
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affs

Major Andrew Drips
U.S. Ind. Agt.
Upper Missouri

Offi Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis, October 6th 1843.

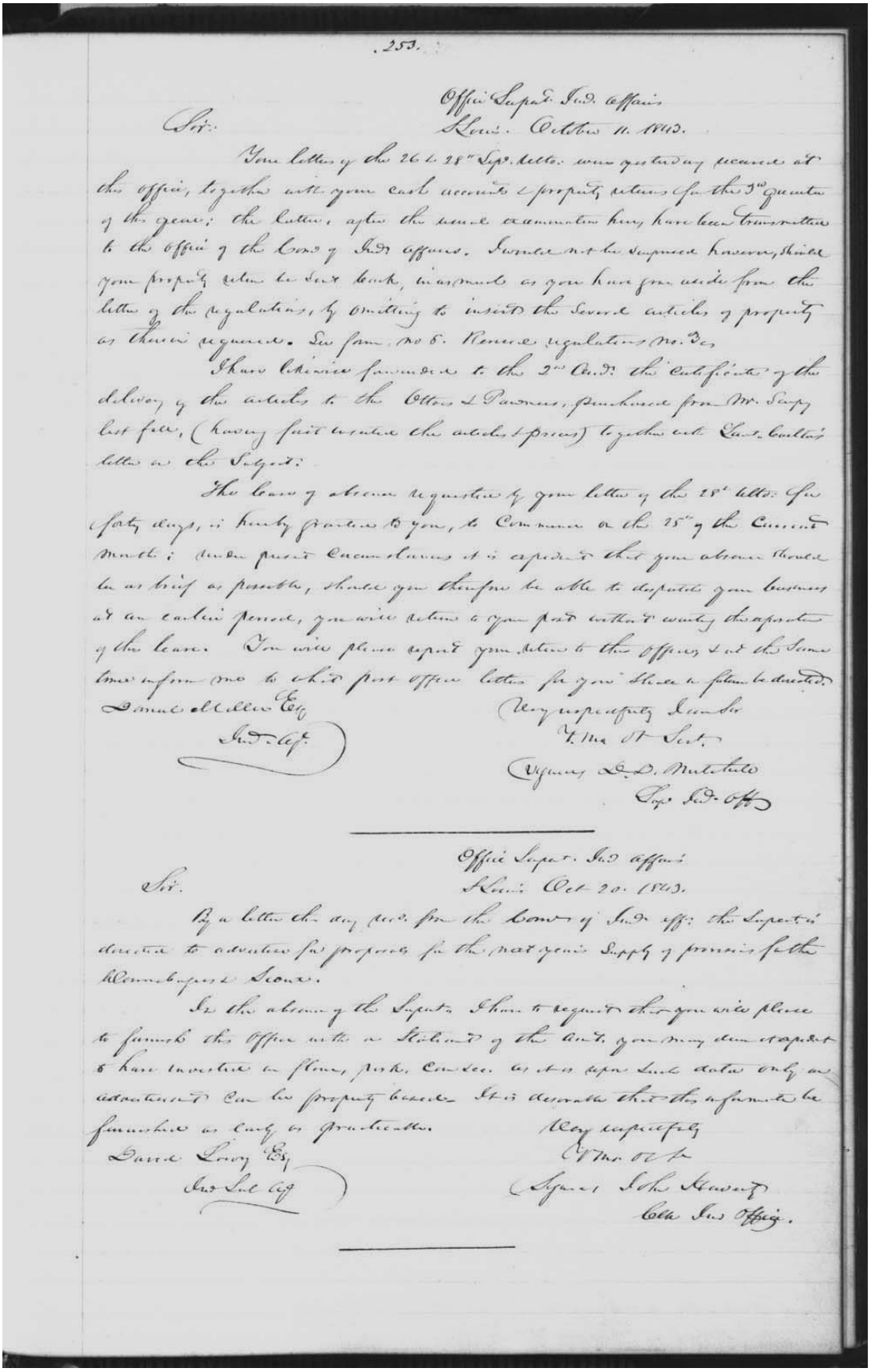
Sir

I have reason to believe that the person appointed to the Osage River Sub Agency, will not enter upon the discharge of his duties. It is also very uncertain when his Successor will be appointed. In the mean time the winter season is fast approaching, and the Indians of that Sub Agency remain unpaid.

After much reflection upon the Subject, I have been able to adopt no better plan than that of requiring you to make the payments. I hope the payments at your own Agency will all be made by the time this reaches you, so that you will be prepared to leave immediately for this place, to receive the necessary funds for that purpose; and should an opportunity occur, I would be able to notify the Indians as to the time when the payments could probably be made.

Respectfully Your ob. Svt.
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Affs

Majr R. W. Cummins
Ind. Agt



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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis. October 11. 1843.

Sir:

Your letters of the 26 & 28th Sept. letter were yesterday received at this office, together with your cash accounts & property returns for the 3rd Quarter of the year; the latter, after the usual examination, have been transmitted to the office of the Com. of Ind. affairs. I cannot be surprised however, should your property return be sent back, in consequence of your having set aside from the letter of the regulations, by omitting to insert the several articles of property as therein required. See form No 6. Revised regulations No. 3.

I have likewise forwarded to the 2nd Asst. the Certificate of the delivery of the articles to the Otoes & Pawnees, purchased from Mr. Sarpy last fall, (having first inspected the articles & prices) together with Lieut. Cutler's letter on the Subject.

The leave of absence requested by your letter of the 28th ult. for forty days, is hereby granted to you, to Commence on the 25th of the Current month; under present Circumstances it is expected that your absence should be as brief as possible, should you therefore be able to dispatch your business at an earlier period, you will return to your post without waiting the expiration of the leave. You will please report your return to the Office, & at the same time inform me to which post Office letters for you Shall be directed.

Samuel Miller Esq
Ind. Agt.

Very respectfully Your
Ob. Ser.
Thos. H. Harvey
Superintendent

Copy D. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. Affs

Office Supt. Ind affairs
St. Louis Oct 20. 1843.

Sir.

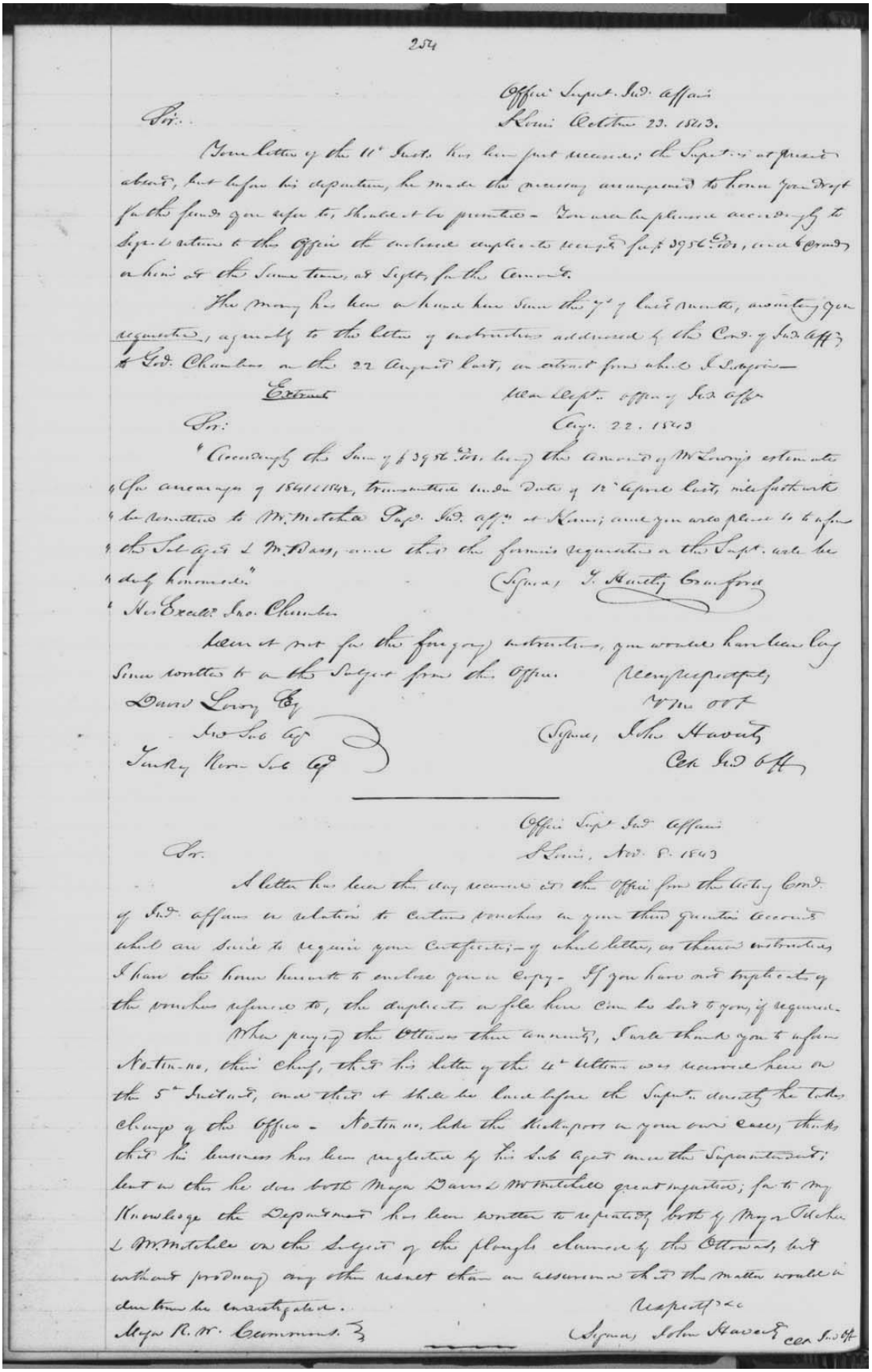
By a letter from the Com. of Ind. affs. the Superintendent is directed to advertise for proposals for the next years Supply of provisions for the Kansas & Iowas.

In the absence of the Superintendent I have to request that you will please to furnish this Office with a Statement of the Amt. you may deem requisite to have invested in flour, pork, Coffee, &c. to be kept Sub. to date only as advertisement Can be prepared & sent out. It is desirable that this information be furnished as early as practicable.

David Lowry Esq
Ass. Sub Agt

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Ser.
Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affairs

Copy John Stevens
Clk Ind Affairs.



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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
Sir: St Louis October 23. 1843.

Your letter of the 11th Inst. has been just received, the Supt. is at present absent, but before his departure, he made the necessary arrangements to have your draft for the funds you refer to, thankfully to be granted. You are hereby informed accordingly & upon application at the Office the enclosed duplicate receipts for $3956.00/100, can be procured & signed at the same time, at sight, for the amount.

The money has been at hand here since the 7th of last month, according your requisition, agreeably to the letter of instructions addressed by the Com. of Ind. Affrs to Gov. Chambers on the 22 August last, an extract from which I subjoin—

Extract War Dept. Office of Ind. Affrs
Sir: Aug. 22. 1843

"Accordingly the Sum of $3956.00/100 being the amount of Mr Lowry's estimate of Spn annuity of 1841 & 1842, transmitted under Date of 12th April last, will forthwith be remitted to Mr Medill Supt. Ind. Affrs at Kansas; and you are hereby requested to have the Sub Agts & Mr Bays, make their due formal requisitions on the Supt. who will be duly honored."

(Signed) J. Shultz Crawford

His Excell. Jno. Chambers

Lest it may not for the foregoing instructions, you would have long since written to the Subject from this Office.

Respectfully
Your Ob. Svt
(Signed) John Haverty
Ch. Ind. Office

Davd Lowry Esq
Sub Sub Agt
Turkey River Sub Agency

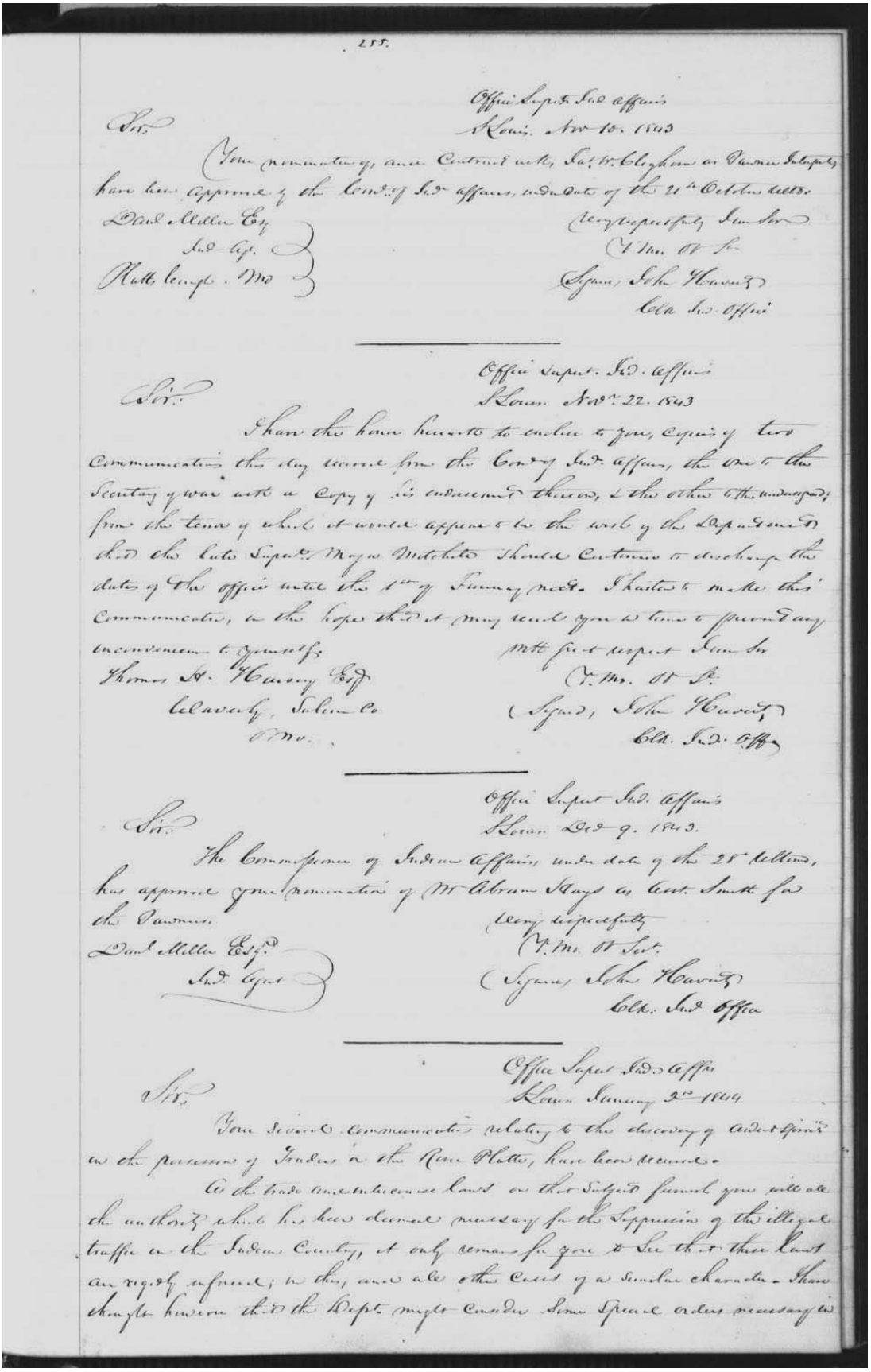
Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
Sir: St Louis, Nov. 8. 1843

A letter has been this day received at the Office from the Actg Com. of Ind. affairs in relation to certain vouchers in your third quarter Accounts which are said to require your Certificate of which letter, & thereon instructions I have the honor herewith to enclose you a Copy. If you have not duplicates of the vouchers referred to, the duplicates on file here can be sent to you, if required.

When paying the Ottawas their annuity, I wish thank you to inform Nottawno, their Chief, that his letter of the 4th Ultimo was received here on the 5th Instant, and that it shall be laid before the Supt. on his return to the Office. Nottawno, like the Kickapoos in your own case, thinks that his business has been neglected by his Sub Agent near the Superintendency; but as he does both Mssrs Davis & Mitchell great injustice; for to my knowledge the Department has been written to repeatedly both by Mssrs Mitchell & Mitchell on the subject of the ploughs claimed by the Ottawas, but without producing any other result than an assurance that the matter would in due time be investigated.

Respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty Ch. Ind. Off.

Mssrs R. W. Cummins & Co



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Office Supt Ind affairs
St Louis Nov 10. 1843

Sir

Your communication, and Contract with Sut. W. Clayton as Farmer to the Pawnees have been approved of by the Comr of Ind affairs, under date of the 21st October ultimo.

Very respectfully Your Obt Servt
D. Mo. Supt
Sgnd John Harvey
Clk Ind Office

Dan'l Miller Esq
Ind Agt
Platte Agency Mo

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis Nov. 22. 1843

Sir

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you, copies of two communications this day received from the Comr of Ind affairs, the one to the Secretary of War with a copy of his endorsement thereon, & the other to the undersigned, from the tenor of which it would appear to be the wish of the Department that the late Supts Messrs Mitchell & Vineall continue to discharge the duties of the office until the 1st of January next. I hasten to make this communication, in the hope that it may enable you to time to prevent any inconvenience to yourself.

Very respectfully Your Obt Servt
D. Mo. Supt
Sgnd John Harvey
Clk Ind Office

Thomas H. Harvey Esq
Cleaveland, Salem Co
Mo.

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis Dec 9. 1843.

Sir

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, under date of the 28th ultimo, has approved of the nomination of Mr Abram Sharp as Asst Smith for the Pawnees.

Very respectfully
D. Mo. Supt
Sgnd John Harvey
Clk. Ind Office

Dan'l Miller Esq
Ind Agt

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis January 2nd 1844

Sir

Your several communications relative to the discovery of whiskey among the persons of Traders in the Nebraska Platte, have been received.

As the trade in intoxicating liquors on that subject furnish you with the authority which has been deemed necessary for the suppression of this illegal traffic in the Indian Country, it only remains for you to see that these laws are rigidly enforced; in this, and all other cases of a similar character. I have thought however that the Dept might consider some special orders necessary to

the case, and have accordingly submitted the matter for the consideration and action of the War Department.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob Servt.
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Supt Ind Affs

Maja A. Dnpl.
U.S. Ind Sub Agt

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis Jan. 18th 1841

Sir

Reuben Carpenter Esqr having been appointed Sub Agt for the Osages, and having gone or to enter upon the discharge of his duties as such, you will turn over to him as your successor in office, all public money, property, books, papers &c. in your possession, taking from him the necessary receipts therefor. You will as early as practicable, make up, & forward your accounts thro' the Office for final Settlement.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob St.
(Signed) Tho. H. Harvey
Supt Ind. Affs

Robt A. Culloway Esq
late Ind Sub Agt

Circular

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis March 31. 1841

Sir

You are hereby notified that I have entered upon the discharge of my duties as Supt. of Ind. Affairs at this place, and you are accordingly required to address all your official Correspondence, reports, returns &c to me as such.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob Sv
(Signed) Tho. H. Harvey
Supt Ind. Affs

R.M. Cummins Esq. Ind. Agt.
Dan'l Miller. " Do
W.P. Richardson. Sub Agt
Jonathan Phillips. Do
Reuben Carpenter. Do
Robt S. Elliott. Do

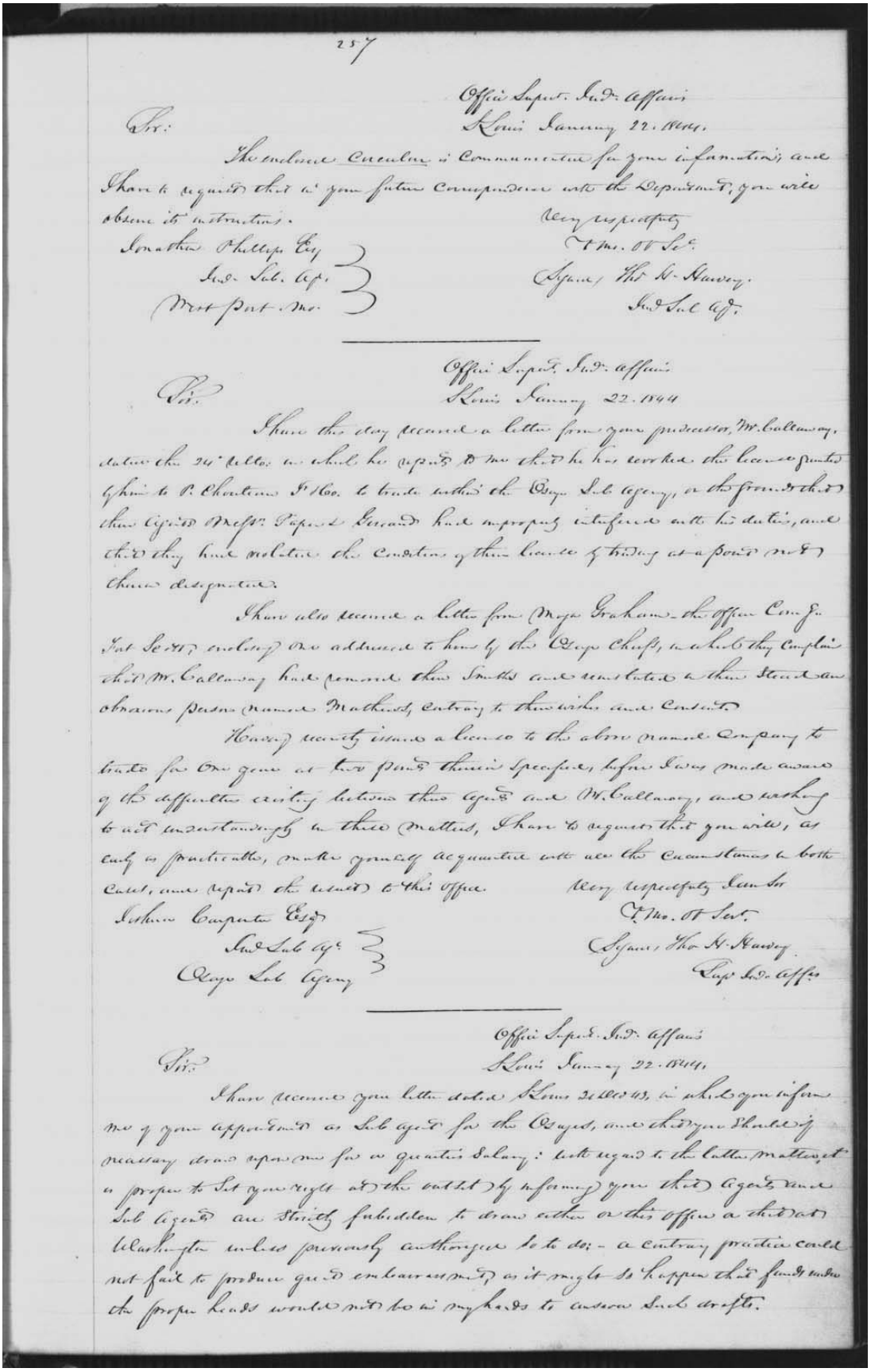
Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis January 22. 1841

Sir:

The enclosed Circular is communicated for your information, and I have to request that in your future Correspondence with this Department you will observe its instructions.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Obt.
(Signed) Tho. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind Affs

Reuben Carpenter Esq.
Ind Sub Agt.
Osage Sub Agency



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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis January 22. 1844.

Sir:

The enclosed Circular is communicated for your information, and I have to request that in your future correspondence with the Department, you will observe its instructions.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Sv.
Signed Tho. H. Harvey.
Ind. Sub. Agt.

Jonathan Phillips Esq
Ind. Sub. Agt.
Mrot Port. Mo.

Office Supt. Ind. affairs
St. Louis January 22. 1844

Sir:

I have this day received a letter from your predecessor, Mr. Calloway, dated the 24th Ulto. in which he reports to me that he has revoked the license granted by him to P. Chouteau Jr. & Co. to trade within the Osage Sub Agency, on the ground that those Agents Messrs. Papin & Gerard had improperly interfered with his duties, and that they had violated the conditions of their license of trading at a point not of those designated.

I have also received a letter from Majr. Graham, the Officiating Commissioner of Indian Affairs, enclosing one addressed to him by the Osage Chiefs, in which they complain that Mr. Calloway had removed their Smiths and substituted in their stead an obnoxious person named Mathews, contrary to their wishes and consent.

Having recently issued a license to the above named Company to trade for one year at two points therein specified, before I was made aware of the difficulties existing between those Agents and Mr. Calloway, and wishing to act understandingly in these matters, I have to request that you will, as early as practicable, make yourself acquainted with all the circumstances in both cases, and report the result to this Office.

Very respectfully Your Ob. Sv.
Signed Tho. H. Harvey.
Supt. Ind. Affrs.

Joshua Carpenter Esqr.
Ind. Sub Agt.
Osage Sub Agency

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis January 22. 1844.

Sir:

I have received your letter dated St. Louis 21st Inst. in which you inform me of your appointment as Sub Agent for the Osages, and that you should if necessary draw upon me for a quarter's salary: with regard to the latter matter it is proper to set you right at the outset by informing you that Agents and Sub Agents are strictly forbidden to draw either on this Office or the Department at Washington unless previously authorized so to do: - a contrary practice could not fail to produce great embarrassment, as it might so happen that funds under the proper heads would not be in my hands to answer such drafts.

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You will be pleased to State to me or Genl Harvey at what time it will be most desirable for the Osages to receive the balance of their last years Annuity? – how much will be required for the pay of Blacksmiths Strikers, and Millers and their assistants for the ensuing year ending 30th Sept next, and how much for the purchase of Agricultural implements and Stock – I should also wish to be informed how much money could be procured within your Sub Agency by Contingent drafts on me 20 Sept.

Very respectfully
Your Mo Ob Sv
(Signed) Thos H. Harvey
Sup Ind Affs

Nathan Carpenter Esq
Ind Sub Agent

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis Sept 22. 1844.

Sir.

In reference to your letter of the 29 Ultimo, I have caused the books of the Office to be examined, and have found Credited accounts with the following named individuals as Blacksmiths and Strikers for the Potawatomies of the Osage River Sub Agency, viz –

Sept. 1. 1840.	Robert Simmonville	as Blacksmith
Do.	Silas Locke	as Asst. Do
June 1. 1839.	Robert Wilson	as Smith
Sept 1. "	Andrew Fallen	as Asst.
" 1. "	Seven Stung	as Smith –

whether any of the foregoing persons were employed during the last year, I have no means of ascertaining from any thing on file here. I am also known above that from Major Davis abstract to 4th Q. 1842, it appears that Robt Simmonville and Robert Wilson were paid by him as Blacksmiths, and William A. Simmonville and Michael Nedeau as Asst Smiths; but with the two last named, there are no Contracts of record.

With regard to a Sub Agent for the Potawatomies, it seems from the Commissioners letter of 24th of October last to my predecessor, that a Mr Lewis Steele of Maryland was the appointment, but whether he accepted or not, I have no means of knowing.

Very respectfully
Your Mo Ob Sv
(Signed) Thos H. Harvey
Sup Ind Affs

Major Richd W. Cummins
Ind. Agt

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis January 25. 1844.

Sir.

I yesterday received a letter from the Comr of Indian affairs in which he states that a mistake was made in his letter of the 5th Inst to me, in assigning you to the Osage Sub Agency; it appears that you

are appointed for the Osage River Sub Agency, and Hector Bell Esqr. for that by the Osages - I am also according to Consider my letter to you of the 22nd Inst as cancelled, I also think you however to hand it to Mr Bell as a part of his instructions, should he call on you on his way to his Sub Agency.

The funds for the 3rd & 4th quarters of last year are now in my hands, those due to your Sub agency will be forwarded as early as the means of conveyance can be made for that purpose.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Svt.
Signed Thos. H. Harvey
Sup. Ind. Affs

Joshua Carpenter Esq
Ind. Sub Ag
Osage River Sub Agy

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis Mo. 25 1844.

Sir

I am informed by a letter written by mistake from the Comr of Indian Affairs, that a mistake was made in his letter to me of the 5th Inst. in stating that Mr Carpenter was the person appointed to succeed you in Office; he, it appears, has been assigned to the Osage River Sub Agency, and Hector Bell Esq to the Osage Sub Agency - I to this last named Gentleman, on his arrival, you will turn over the public funds, property, books & papers in your possession, & render your final accounts thus the Office for Settlement.

Your letter of the 24th & 31st Ult. have been duly received, and your Agency together with your execution of the bonds of P. Chouteau Jr & Co. forwarded for the action of the proper Department.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Svt.
Signed Thos. H. Harvey
Sup. Ind. Affs

Robt. A. Calloway Esq
Late Ind. Sub Ag

His Excellency
Gov. Silas Chamberlain
Rockport. N. J.

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis January 27. 1845

Sir The funds for the current expenses of your Superintendency having recently been received for the 3rd & 4th quarters of 1843, do me the favor to draw upon me at sight for their Amount ($1458.33) and at the same time to sign and return to the Office the enclosed duplicate receipts therefor. The Suspension of the navigation puts it out of my power to forward the funds to you direct.

I have the honor to be
Your Mo. Ob. Svt.
Signed Tho. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affs

Offic Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis January 30. 1844

Sir

The funds for the current expenses & fulfilment of treaty Stipulations of your Agency for the 3rd & 4th quarters of last year, having arrived; and also the remittance to meet your estimate or account of the transportation of Indian Annuities for last year; you are hereby authorized to draw upon me at Sight for the amt. ($2754 $\frac{97}{100}$) and at the same time to sign & return to this office the three Sets of duplicates receipts therefor, which you will find herewith enclosed.

A portion of this remittance for the last half year, has been made in Treasury notes of the new issue, bearing only a nominal interest, & receivable in payment of all dues to the Treasury: should not the public Creditors with your Agency desire to become a part of such? if so, please to inform me, and they can be accommodated.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
(Signed) Tho H. Harvey

Majr Jno. Bond
Ind Agt.

Offic Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis January 30. 1844

Sir

The funds for the current expenses and fulfilment of Treaty Stipulations of your Sub Agency, for the 3rd & 4th quarters of last year, having arrived; and also, the remittance to meet your estimate or account of the transportation of last years annuities for the Winnebagoes; you are hereby authorized & requested to draw upon me at Sight for this amount ($11.613 $\frac{98}{100}$) and at the same time to sign and return to the Office, the three Sets of duplicates receipts which you will find herewith enclosed.

You will perceive that I have included the forty Cents remaining on the books of this office, of a former remittance; this sum you will apply to the Contingent expenses of your Sub Agency.

A portion of the remittance for the last half year, has been made in Treasury notes of the new issue, bearing only a nominal interest, & receivable in payment of all dues to the Treasury: should not some of the Public Creditors with your Sub Agency desire to become a part of such? if so, please to inform me, and they can be accommodated.

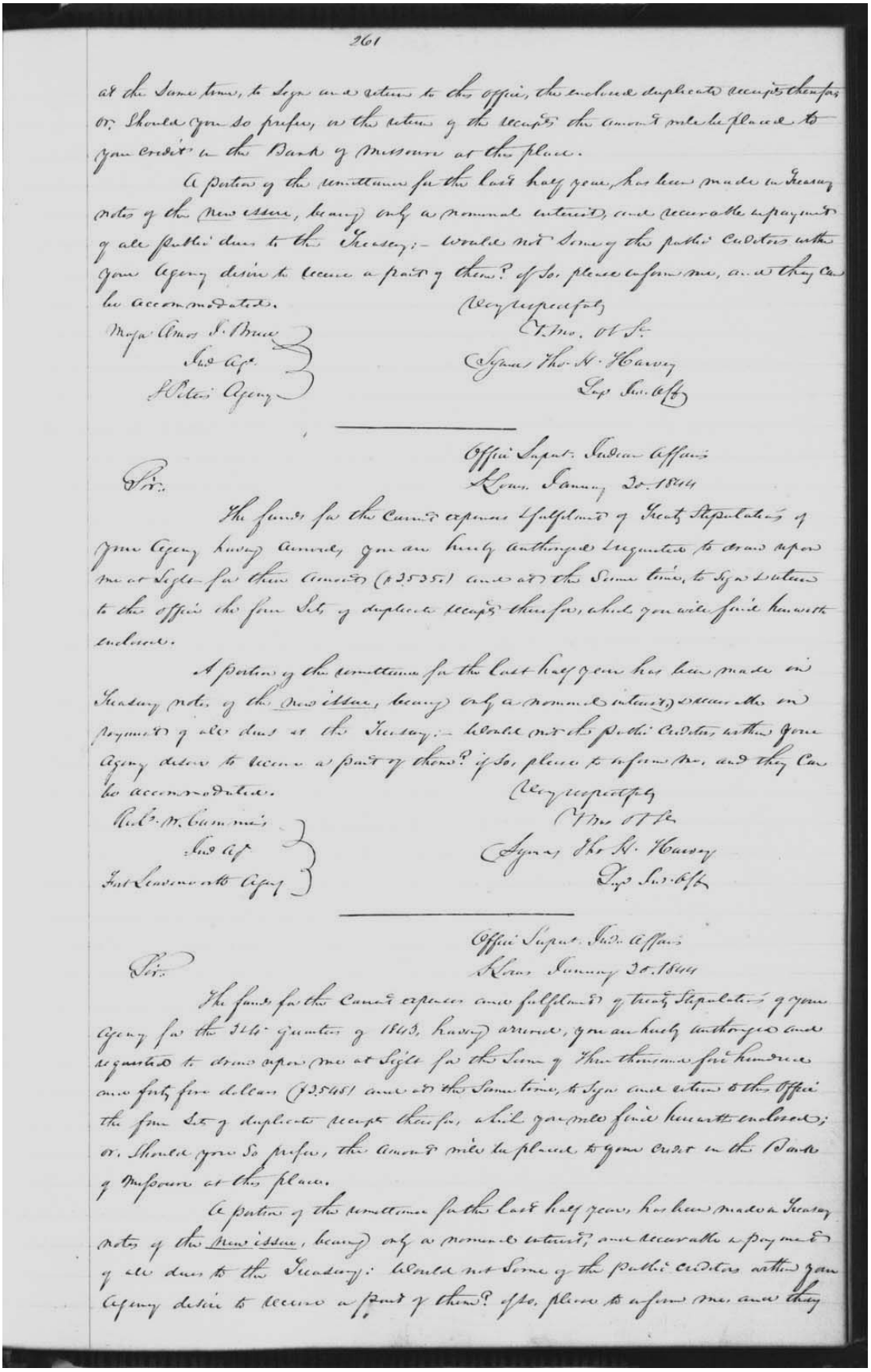
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) Tho H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affs

David Lowry Esq
Ind Sub Agt.
Turkey River Sub Agency

Offic Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis January 30. 1844

Sir

The funds for the current expenses and fulfilment of Treaty Stipulations of your Agency, for the 3rd & 4th quarters of 1843, having been received, you are hereby authorized to draw upon me at Sight for this Amount ($5545.) and



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at the Same time, to Sign and return to this office, the enclosed duplicate receipts therefor. Or. Should you so prefer, the return of the receipts the Amount will be placed to your credit in the Bank of Missouri at this place.

A portion of the remittances for the last half year, has been made in Treasury notes of the new issue, bearing only a nominal interest, and receivable in payment of all public dues to the Treasury:- Would not Some of the public Creditors with your Agency desire to become a part of them? If so, please inform me, and they can be accommodated.

Very respectfully
Your. Ob. St.
Signed Thos. S. Harvey
Dep. Sup. Agt.

Majr. Amos J. Bruce
Sup. Agt.
St Peters Agency

Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis January 30. 1844

Sir.

The funds for the current expenses & fulfilment of Treaty Stipulations of your Agency having arrived, you are hereby authorized & requested to draw upon me at Sight for the Amount ($35351) and at the Same time, to Sign & return to this office the four Sets of duplicate receipts therefor, which you will find herewith enclosed.

A portion of the remittances for the last half year has been made in Treasury notes of the new issue, bearing only a nominal interest, & receivable in payment of all dues to the Treasury:- Would not the public Creditors with your Agency desire to become a part of them? If so, please to inform me, and they can be accommodated.

Very respectfully
Your Ob St
Signed Thos S. Harvey
Dep Sup Agt

Richd. M. Cummins
Sup Agt
Fort Leavenworth Agency

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis January 30. 1844

Sir

The funds for the current expenses and fulfilment of treaty Stipulations of your Agency for the 2d. Quarter of 1843, having arrived, you are hereby authorized and requested to draw upon me at Sight for the Sum of Three thousand five hundred and forty five dollars ($3545) and at the Same time, to Sign and return to this Office the four Set of duplicate receipt therefor, which you will find herewith enclosed; or, Should you so prefer, the Amount will be placed to your credit in the Bank of Missouri at this place.

A portion of the remittances for the last half year, has been made in Treasury notes of the new issue, bearing only a nominal interest, and receivable in payment of all dues to the Treasury: Would not Some of the Public Creditors with your Agency desire to become a part of them? If so, please to inform me, and they

Can be accommodated.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) Tho H. Harvey
Supt Ind. Affairs

David Miller Esq. Ind Agt
Council Bluffs Agency

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis January 30. 1844

Sir:

The funds for the current expenses & fulfilment of treaty stipulations of your Sub Agency having arrived, you are hereby authorized & requested to draw upon me at Sight for three thousand (3000). for the 3rd & 4th quarter of 1843, and at the same time, to sign and return to this Office the two Sets of duplicates receipts therefor, which you will find herewith enclosed.

A portion of the remittances for the last half years, has been made in Treasury notes of the new issue, bearing only a nominal interest & receivable in payment of all public dues to the Treasury - should not the public creditors with your Sub Agency desire to become a part of them? if so, please to inform me, and they can be accommodated.

Do you only claim two months pay to include the 31 days allowed: the column under the head of "Pay of Sub Agent" are ruled & your Invoice applies to the four first months of the year; - you will also if correct, only pay the Blacksmith & Asst. for the time they actually rendered their services, reserving the balance for the year - The accounts you sent to me for your own pay, & the Stationery purchased by you, are herewith returned, to be paid out of the sum now authorized - While on the Subject, I take leave to remark, that you are strictly prohibited from drawing upon this Office or the Dept at Washington, under any circumstances, unless previously authorized to do so, as in the present case - A contrary practice would produce great inconvenience to the Department.

Your letter of the 17th Inst. after having been recorded, was forwarded to the Comr of Ind. Affairs for his decision upon the various matters embraced therein: his reply, when received, shall be promptly communicated to you.

Very respectfully
(Signed) Tho H. Harvey
Supt Ind. Affs

Jonathan Phillips Esq
Ind Sub Agt
Wyandot Sub Agency

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Jan. 30 1844.

Sir

The funds for the current expenses of your Sub Agency for the 3rd & 4th Quarter of 1843, having arrived, you are hereby authorized and requested to draw upon me at Sight for three thousand (3000) and at the same time, to Sign & return to this Office the enclosed duplicate receipts therefor.

A portion of the remittances for the last half years, has been made

in Treasury notes of the new issue, being only a nominal interest, and receivable in payment of all dues to the Treasury:- Would not the public creditors with you Sub Agency desire to receive a part of them? If so, please to inform me, and they can be accommodated.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt.
(Signed) Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs.

M. P. Richardson Esq
Ind. Sub Agt.
Great Nemaha Sub Agency

Office Superintendent Ind. Affairs
St. Louis June 30. 1844.

Sir:

Your nomination of, and Contracts with Benjamin Steward & E. P. Dorris as Blacksmith & Assistant, Lucke Sandusky Irwin as Interpreter for the Ioways, have been approved, as I am informed by the Commissioner's letter of the 19th Inst.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs.

M. P. Richardson Esq
Ia. Sub Agt.

Office Superintendent Ind. Affairs
St. Louis January 30th. 1844.

Sir:

The remittance for the current expenses, & fulfillment of treaty stipulations with the Osage River Sub Agency having arrived, for the 3rd & 4th Quarters of 1843, you are hereby authorized and requested to draw upon me for this amount ($1525) and at the same time to sign and return to this office the two Sets of duplicate receipts therefor, which you will find herewith enclosed.

A portion of the remittance has been made in Treasury notes of the new issue, bearing only a nominal interest, & receivable at the Treasury in payment of all public dues:- Would not the public creditors with your Sub Agency desire to receive a part of such? If so, please to inform me, & they can be accommodated.

Of the remittance under the heads of "pay of Sub Agents" interpreters & the expense for the purpose intended, in consequence of there having been no Sub Agent at your Station during the 3rd & 4th Quarters of last year, the amount will be applied by you as your own Salary for the first half of the present year.

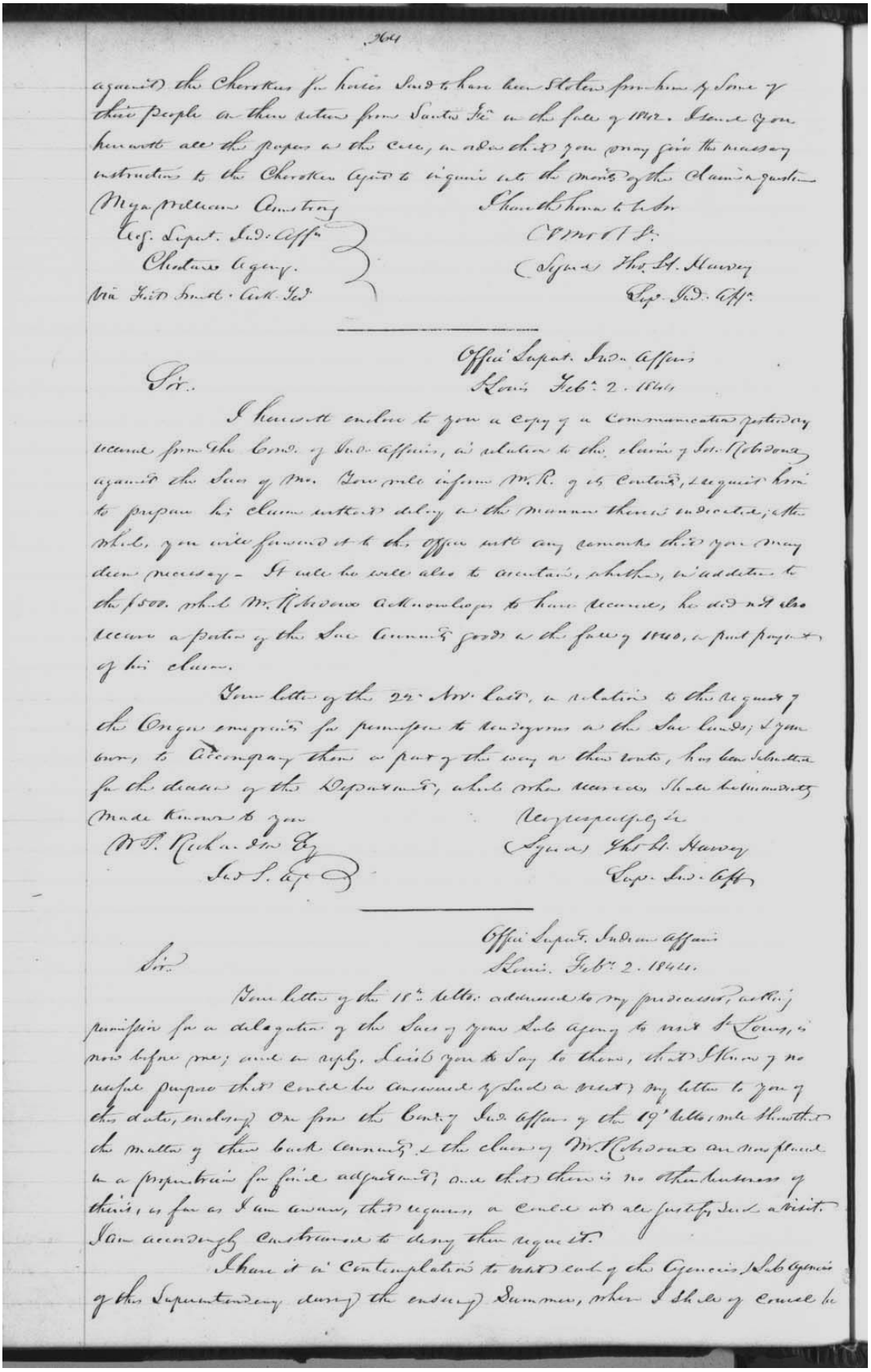
Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt.
(Signed) Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs.

Joshua Carpenter Esq
Ind. Sub Agt.
Osage River Sub Agency

Office Superintendent Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Feb. 1. 1844

Sir:

A claim has been recently received at this Office under Cover of a letter from the Iowa Sub Agent M. P. Richardson, in favor of Mr. Indian Rhodes



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against the Cherokees for horses said to have been stolen from him by some of their people on their return from Santa Fe in the fall of 1840. I send you herewith all the papers in the case, in order that you may give the necessary instructions to the Cherokee Agent to inquire into the merits of the claim in question

Mr. J. William Armstrong
Esq. Supt. Ind. Affrs
Cherokee Agency
via Fort Smith Ark. Ter.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Ob. Svt.
Signed Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs.

Office Supt. Indn. Affairs
St. Louis Feb. 2. 1841

Sir.

I herewith enclose to you a copy of a communication yesterday received from the Comr. of Ind. affairs, in relation to the claim of Jos. Robidoux against the Sacs of Mo. You will inform Mr. R. of its contents, & request him to prepare his claim agreeably to the manner therein indicated; after which, you will forward it to this office with any remarks that you may deem necessary. It will be well also to ascertain, whether, in addition to the $500. which Mr. Robidoux acknowledges to have received, he did not also receive a portion of the Sac annuity goods in the fall of 1840, a point proper to be of his claim.

Your letter of the 22d Nov. last, in relation to the request of the Otoe emigrants for permission to hunt on the Sac lands, & from town, to accompany them a part of the way on their route, has been submitted for the decision of the Department, which when received, shall be immediately made known to you

Mr. P. Richardson Esq
Sub Agt.

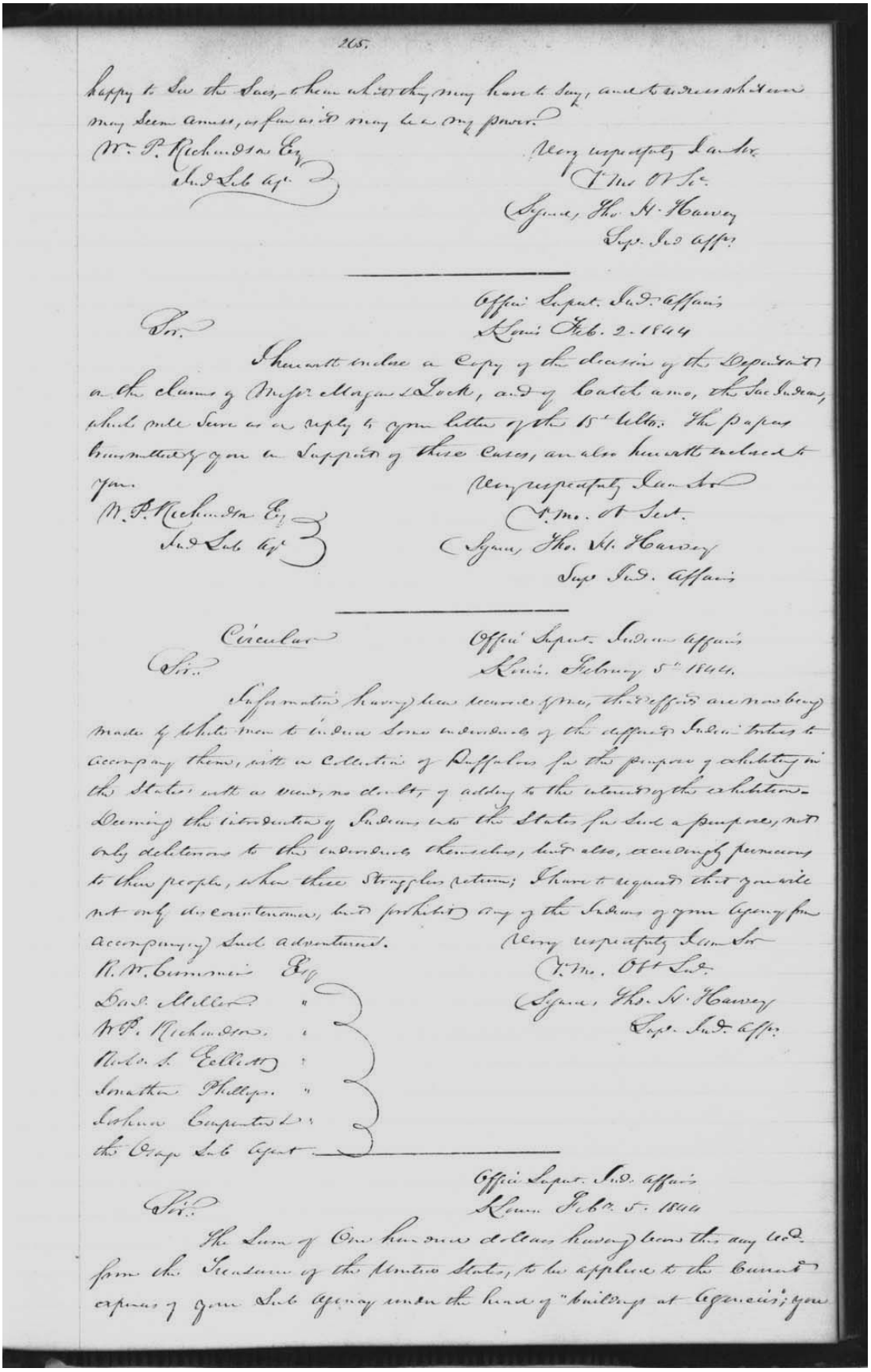
Respectfully &c
Signed Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs

Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St. Louis. Feb. 2. 1841.

Sir

Your letter of the 18th ult. addressed to my predecessor, asking permission for a delegation of the Sacs of your Sub Agency to visit St. Louis, is now before me; and in reply, I wish you to say to them, that I know of no useful purpose that could be answered by such a visit; my letter to you of this date, relating only to the Comr. of Ind. affairs of the 19th ult. to submit the matter of their back annuity & the claim of Mr. Robidoux on their behalf to a proper basis for final adjustment; and that there is no other business of theirs, so far as I am aware, that requires a council at all; such a visit I am accordingly constrained to deny their request.

I have it in contemplation to visit each of the Agencies & Sub Agencies of this Superintendency during the ensuing Summer, when I shall if convenient be



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happy to see the Sacs, & them who they may have to say, and to answer such questions may seem proper, as far as it may be in my power.

Very respectfully Your Ob. Sv.
J. Mc O'Sullivan
Agent
Thos. H. Harvey
Sup. Ind. Affrs.

Wm. P. Richardson Esq
Ind. Sub Agt.

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Feb. 2. 1844

Sir.

I herewith inclose a copy of the decision of the Department on the claims of Messrs. Magan & Lock, and of Isabel Ames, the Sac Indian, which will serve as a reply to your letter of the 15th ult. The papers transmitted by you in support of these cases, are also herewith returned to you.

Very respectfully Your Ob. Sv.
J. Mc O'Sullivan
Agent
Thos. H. Harvey
Sup. Ind. Affairs

W. P. Richardson Esq
Ind. Sub Agt.

Circular

Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St. Louis. February 5th 1844.

Sir.

Information having been received by me, that offers are now being made by white men to Indians, some individuals of the different Indian tribes to accompany them, with a collection of Buffaloes for the purpose of exhibiting in the States with a view, no doubt, of adding to the interest of the exhibition. Deeming the introduction of Indians into the States for such a purpose, not only deleterious to the individuals themselves, but also, exceedingly pernicious to those people, when their Strolling returns; I have to request that you will not only discountenance, but forbid any of the Indians of your Agency from accompanying such adventurers.

Very respectfully Your Ob. Sv.
J. Mc. O'Sullivan
Agent
Thos. H. Harvey
Sup. Ind. Affrs.

R. W. Cummins Esq
Dan'l Miller "
W. P. Richardson "
Robt. S. Elliott "
Jonathan Phillips "
Johnson Carpenter "
the Osage Sub Agent

Office Supt. Ind. affairs
St. Louis Feb'y 5th 1844

Sir.

The Sum of One hundred dollars having been this day rec'd. from the Treasury of the United States, to be applied to the Current expenses of your Sub Agency under the head of "buildings at Agencies" you

are hereby authorized and required to draw upon me at Sight for that Amount, and at the Same time, to Sign Letters to this Office, the enclosed duplicate Receipts therefor.

David Lowry Esq
Sub Sub Agt.
Sauky, Kickapoo Sub Agency

Very respectfully
Yr Mo. Ob. Sv.
(Signed) Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs.

Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis Feb 8. 1844

Sir

Your letter of the 27th Ult: in relation to blanks for your Agency house, has been received, and I have this day written to the Bd of Ind. Affairs, recommending the allowance of a Suitable Sum for the erection of a Comfortable building. The reply when received, shall be made known to you.

With regard to the blanks, it is the practice of the Agents & Sub Agents of the Superintendency, to take their own abstracts, after carefully & thoroughly examining the Commissioners Regulations, No. 3. of which you have been doubtless, furnished with a Copy. I shall however, as soon as an opportunity offers, send you Some blanks for Common accounts; Invoices & bonds, which will answer your purpose by erasing, and the name & profession altered from ours.

Joshua Carpenter Esq
Ind. Sub Agt

Very respectfully
Yr Mo Ob Sv
(Signed) Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind Affrs

Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis, February 9. 1844

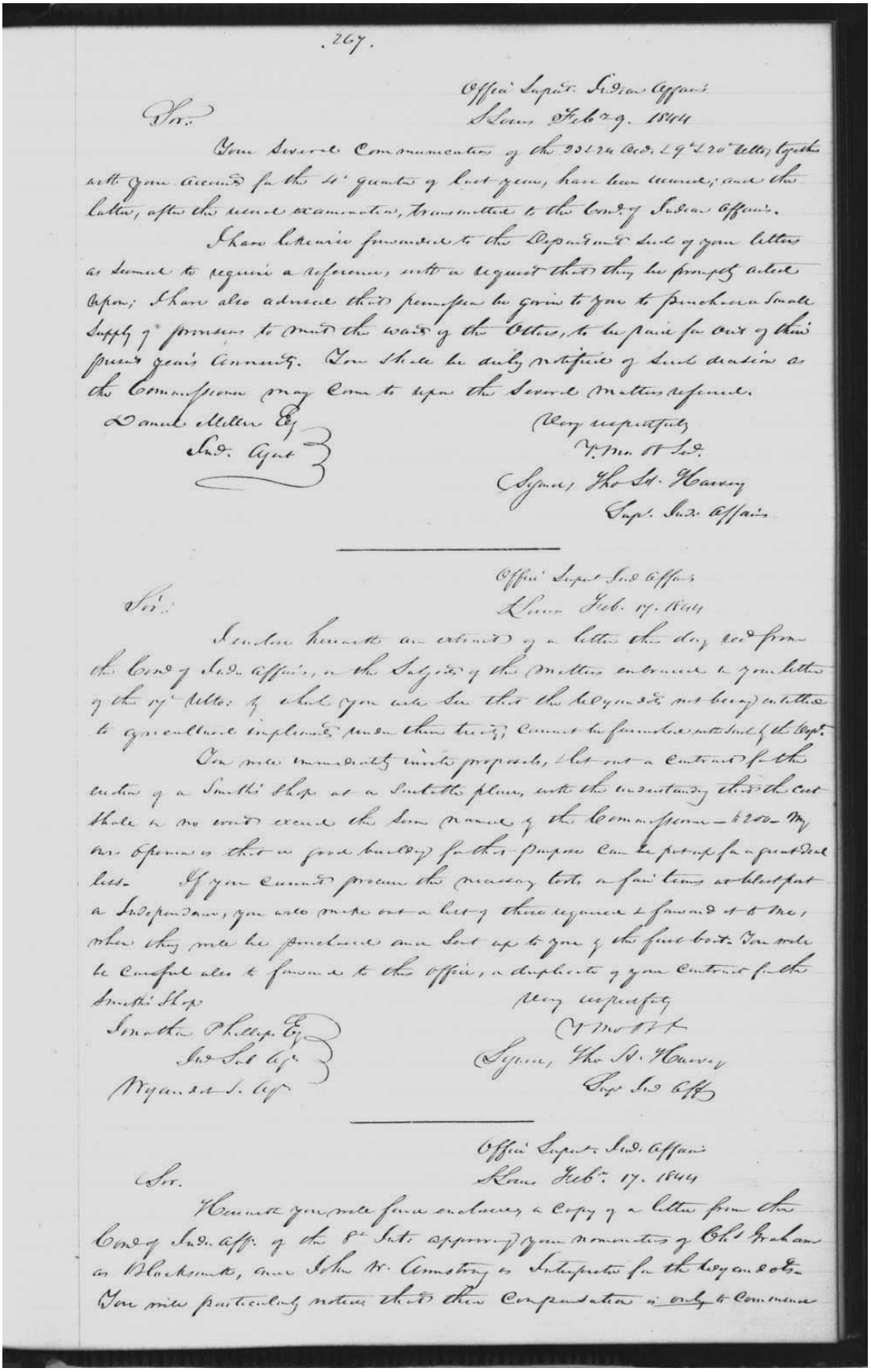
Sir

The enclosed papers were received here on yesterday from Some Delawares of your Agency; they, as you will perceive, make a Strong Complaint of the injustice which they think their people have Sustained in the mode of paying out their annuities; Stating that the matter has been controlled by a few interested chiefs for their own Selfish purposes.

In order to enable me to act understandingly in the matter, you will please at your earliest convenience, to make a report on the merits of the case, and to return therewith, to the Office, the papers now enclosed.

Majr Richd. W. Cummins
Sub Ind. Agent

Very respectfully
Yr Mo. Ob Sv.
(Signed) Thomas H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs.



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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis Feb 7. 1844

Sir.

Your several Communications of the 23d 24th 26th & 29th Ults, together with your accounts for the 4th quarter of last year, have been received; and the latter, after the usual examination, transmitted to the Comr of Indian Affairs.

I have likewise forwarded to the Department such of your letters as seemed to require a reference, with a request that they be promptly acted upon; I have also advised that permission be given to you to purchase a small supply of provisions to meet the wants of the Otters, to be paid for out of this years Annuity. You will be duly notified of such decision as the Commissioner may come to upon the several matters referred.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Svt.
(Signed) Tho. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affairs

Samuel Miller Esq
Ind. Agent

Office Supt Ind Affairs
St Louis Feb. 17. 1844

Sir:

I enclose herewith an extract of a letter this day rec'd from the Comr of Ind. Affairs, on the subject of the matters embraced in your letter of the 17th Ultimo: by which you will see that the delay in not being entitled to agricultural implements under the treaty, cannot be favorably noticed by the Dept.

On mature consideration I invite proposals, but not a contract for the erection of a Smith's Shop at a Sioux Village, with the understanding that the cost shall in no event exceed the sum named by the Commissioner—$200. My own opinion is that a good building for the purpose can be put up for a great deal less. If you cannot procure the necessary tools & fair terms without paying a Sub-pœna, you will make out a list of those required & forward it to me, when they will be purchased and sent up to you by the first boat. You will be careful also to forward to this office, a duplicate of your contract for the Smith's Shop

Very respectfully
Your Mo Ob't
(Signed) Tho H. Harvey
Supt Ind Affs

Smallwood Phillips Esq
Ind Sub Agt
Upper Sioux Agency

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis Feb'y 17. 1844

Sir.

I transmit you with this a copy of a letter from the Comr of Ind. Affs. of the 8th Inst. approving your nomination of Chs Graham as Blacksmith, and John W. Armstrong as Interpreter for the Sioux of Lac

You will particularly notice that their compensation is only to commence

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from the day they actually entered upon their respective duties. I am very respt.
Jonathan Phillips Esq
Ind. Sub Agt
Alleg. & Ind. Sub Agt

(Signed) Thos H. Harvey
Supt Ind Affrs

Offic Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis February 20. 1844.

Sir

I receive yesterday from the Treasurer of the United States a draft for the Sum of Four hundred and Seventy two dollars on account of the current expenses of your Agency; for which amount you are hereby authorized and requested to draw upon me at Sight, and at the same time, to Sign & return the inclosed duplicate receipt therefor.

I extract from the Commissioner's letter of the 6th Inst. —

"These sums you will be pleased to turn over to Captain John Beach Agent for the Sacs & Fox Indians, who will pay it to the Contractor upon Satisfactory evidence being furnished to him that the work is completed in conformity with the Contract."

I am very respectfully &c
Capt. Jno: Beach
Ind. Agent

(Signed) Thos H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. affrs

Offic Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Feb. 20 1844.

Sir:

Your several letters of the 26th & 31st January ultimo have been received, and those which required the Special action of this Department, duly forwarded to the proper Ind. offices.

Agreeably to your request, I caused an inquiry to be made at the Bank of Missouri and find Monday to your Credit there $4160 20/100. to which you add the amount of the Certificate of deposite forwarded to you by my predecessor the 28 Feb. 1843. for $3747. it will give the sum reported in your official Statement for last month — Say $7.908 20/100. the Cash in your hands making up the balance.

I am very respectfully &c
Daniel Miller Esq
Ind Agt

(Signed) Thos H. Harvey
Supt Ind Affrs

Offic Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Feb. 21. 1844

Sir.

Yes requisition on you in your letter of the 11th Inst. I have made great difficulty succeeded in obtaining a Small Supply of vaccine matter, which you will find herewith inclosed.

I have to request that you will take measures to save a sufficient number of the Scabs from those you vaccinate, in order to have a Supply on hand, and of transmitting it among the other tribes.

I am very respt &c
W. P. Richardson Esq
Ind. A. Agt

(Signed) Thos H. Harvey
Supt Ind Affrs

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Office Supt Ind. Affairs
St Louis Feb. 24. 1844.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st Inst. last, addressed to A. H. Mitchell Esq, my predecessor in Office, stating the Steps you have taken against the Agents of P. Chouteau Jr & Co. for what you conceive to have been a violation of the Intercourse Laws, has been handed together with the Copies of your letters addressed to the District Attorney of Mo. and to Messrs Graham, and also the Messrs reply — These Several documents under Cover of a letter from this Office, were on yesterday transmitted to the Comr of Ind. Affairs for his decision.

Immediately on my entering upon the duties of this Office, and before I was made aware of the difficulties existing between yourself and the Agents above referred to, Application was made to me to dem from P. Chouteau Jr & Co. for a license to trade within the Osage Sub Agency; the application was granted, and a license issued in accordance therewith, on the 20th of January: — Not until the 23rd of January were your letter of the 24th Dec. received, which you notified the Supt. of your having withheld the license granted to this Company of yourself, with your reasons for so doing — The letter was also immediately forwarded to Mr Crawford the Comr of Ind. Affairs, for such action & instructions thereon as he might deem necessary.

I considered it proper to make you this Statement, in order that you may know the Circumstances under which the license was granted, and to Show you that your Several reports in this Matter in Controversy have been duly forwarded to the proper Department. The Commissioners decision, when received, shall be promptly Communicated to all the parties Concerned. I am Sir respectfully

Robt. A. Colloway Esq
Late Sub Sub Agt

Your Obt Svt
Signed Tho. H. Harvey
Supt Ind Affs

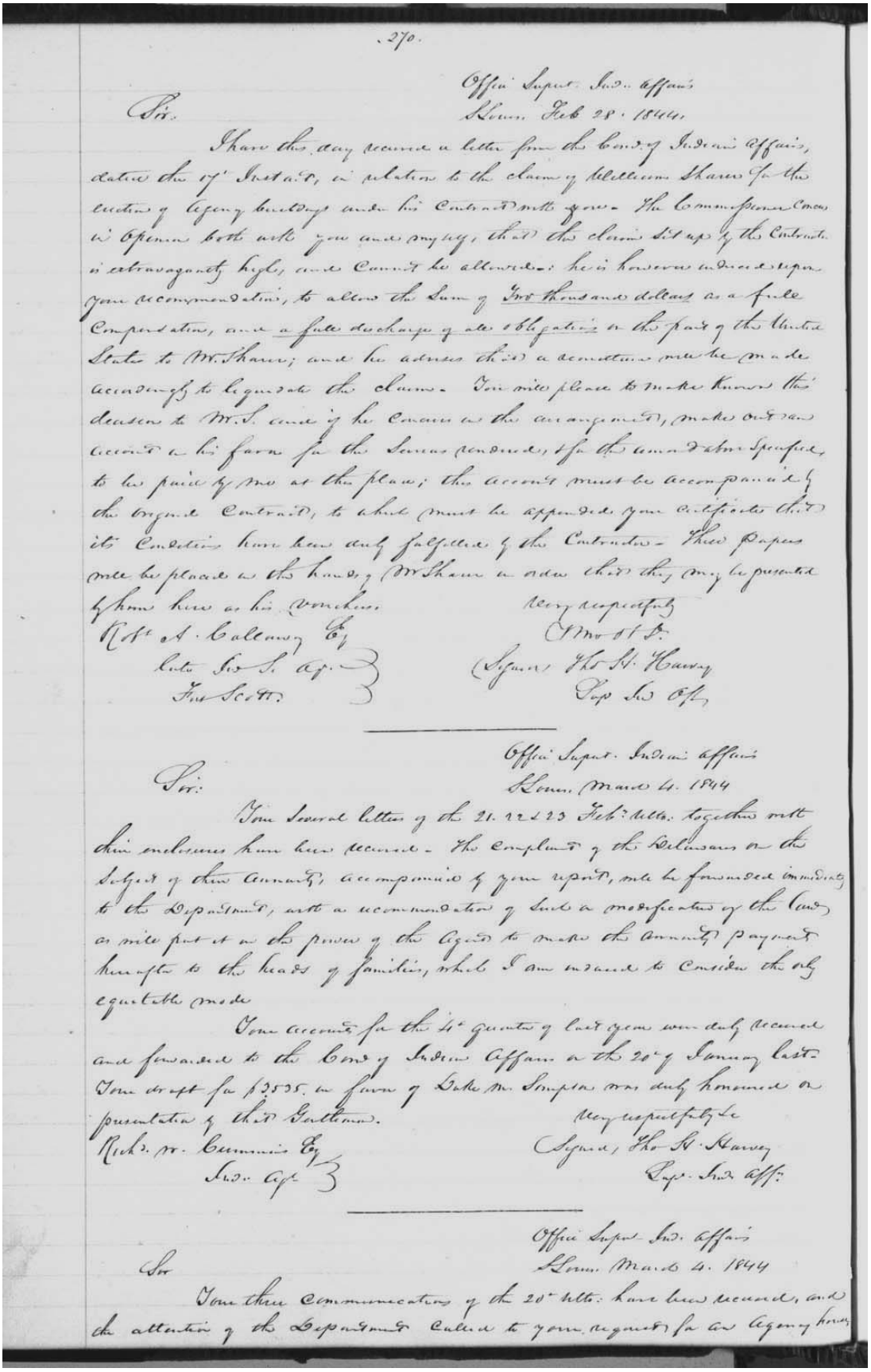
Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis Feb 28. 1844

Sir:

Your Several letters of the 10th 14th & 15th Inst. to hand have been received: — the Communications directed to the Sec. of War, & Comr of Ind. Affs have been forwarded agreeably to your request together with your nomination of Col. Napoleon Boilvaux as Interpreter for your Sub Agency. I have likewise called the attention of the Comr to your letter in relation to the Stock, Agricultural Implements &c claimed of the St Joseph & Prairie Band of Potawatomies. His decision, when received, shall be duly Communicated to you.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Signed Tho. H. Harvey
Supt Ind Affs

Joshua Caperton Esq
Sub Sub Agt



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Offic Supt. Ind. affairs
St Louis Feb 28. 1844.

Sir.

I have this day received a letter from the Com.r of Indian affairs, dated the 17th Inst.o, in relation to the claim of William Shaw for the erection of Agency buildings under his Contract with you. The Commissioner concurs in Opinion both with you and myself, that the claim set up by the Contractor is extravagantly high, and cannot be allowed: he is however indisposed upon your recommendation, to allow the Sum of Five thousand dollars as a full Compensation, and a full discharge of all obligations on the part of the United States to Mr. Shaw; and he advises that a reconveyance may be made accordingly to liquidate the claim. You will please to make known this decision to Mr. S. and if he concurs in the arrangement, make out an account in his favor for the Services rendered, & for the amount specified, to be paid by me at the place; the account must be accompanied by the original Contract, to which must be appended your certificate that its Conditions have been duly fulfilled by the Contractor. These papers may be placed in the hands of Mr Shaw in order that they may be presented by whom he or his Agent may direct.

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Sv.t
(Signed) Tho H. Harvey
Sup.t Ind. Affs

Robt A. Callaway Esq
Late Ind. Agt.
Fort Scott.

Offic Supt. Indian affairs
St Louis March 4. 1844

Sir:

Your Several letter of the 21. 22 & 23 Feb.y ults. together with their enclosures have been received. The Compliment of the Delinquents on the Subject of their Annuity, accompanied by your report, will be forwarded immediately to the Department, with a recommendation of such a modification of the Law as will put it in the power of the Agent to make the Annuity payment hereafter to the heads of families, which I am inclined to consider the only equitable mode.

Your accounts for the 4th quarter of last year were duly received and forwarded to the Com.r of Indian Affairs on the 20th of January last. Your draft for $3535. in favor of Luke M. Simpson was duly honored on presentation of their Gentlemen.

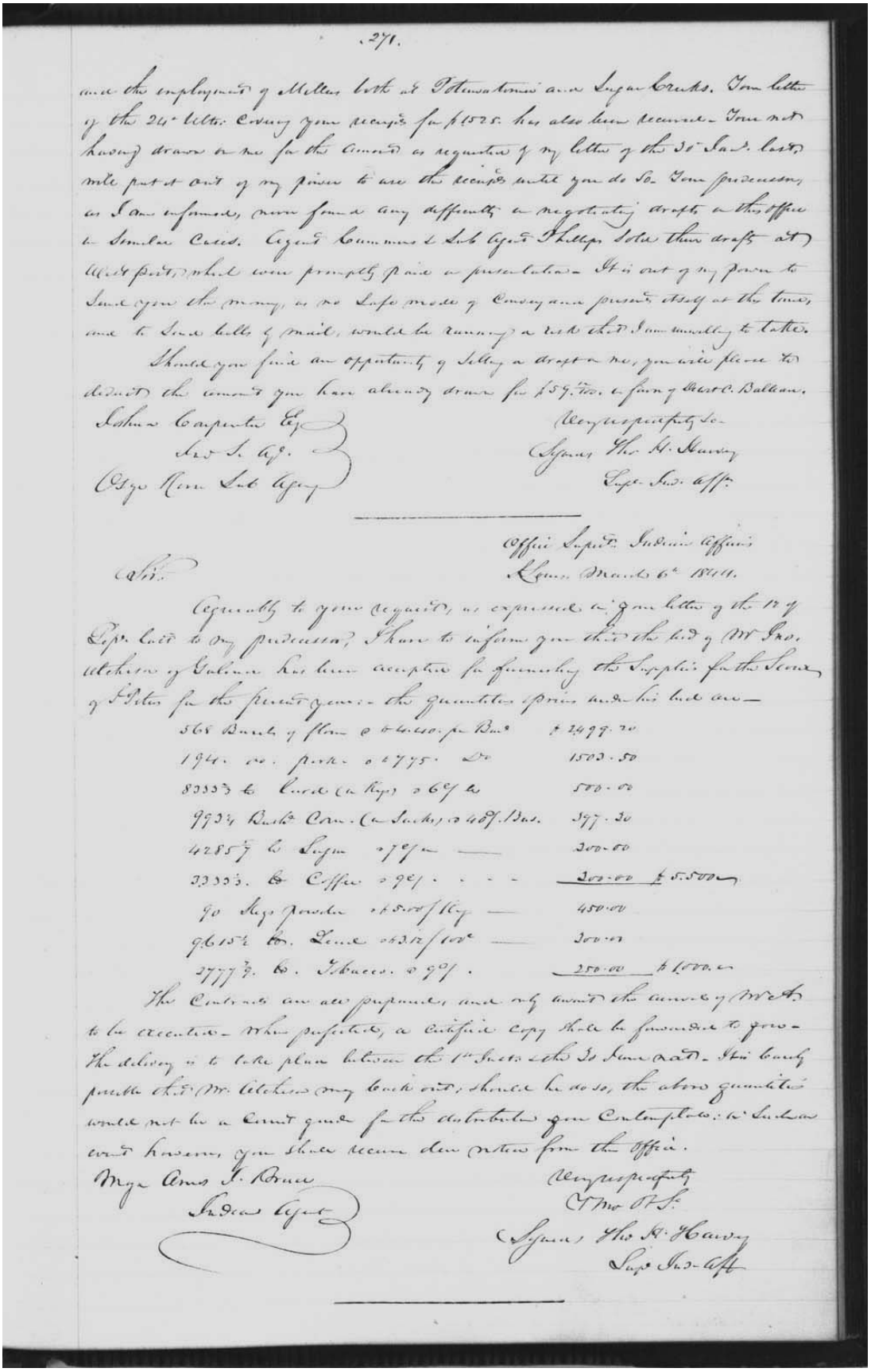
Very respectfully &c
(Signed) Tho H. Harvey
Sup.t Ind. affs.

Richd. M. Cummins Esq
Ind. Agt.

Offic Supt. Ind. affairs
St Louis March 4. 1844

Sir

Your three communications of the 20th ults. have been received, and the attention of the Department called to your requests for an Agency house,



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and the employment of Millers both at Pottawatomie and Sugar Creeks. Your letter of the 24th letter covering your receipts for $1525. has also been received. You not having drawn on me for the amount as requested by my letter of the 31st Jan. last, will not put it out of my power to use the receipts until you do so. Your predecessor, as I am informed, never found any difficulty in negotiating drafts on this office in similar cases. Agent Cummins & Sub Agent Phillips' bills there drafts at Weston, which were promptly paid on presentation. It is out of my power to send you the money, as the safe mode of conveyance, present state of the times, and to send bills by mail, would be running a risk that I am unwilling to take.

Should you find an opportunity of selling a draft on me, you will please to deduct the amount you have already drawn for $59.100 in favor of Alex C. Ballew.

Joshua Carpenter Esq
Sen. S. Ag.
Otoe Kans Sub Agency

Very respectfully &c
Your Obt. Servt
Thos. H. Harvey
Supt. Ind. Affrs.

Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis, March 6th 1844.

Sir,

Agreeably to your request, as expressed in your letter of the 17th Sept. last to my predecessor, I have to inform you that the bid of Mr Jno. Aitchison of Galena has been accepted for furnishing the Supplies for the Sioux of Potts for the present year. The quantities, prices and bid are—

568 Barrels of flour @ $4.40 per Barl	$2499.20	
194. do. pork @ 7.75 Do	1503.50	
83333 lb Lard (in kegs) @ 6¢ lb	500.00	
9934 Bushls Corn (in Sacks) @ 40¢ Bus.	397.30	
42857 lb Sugar @ 7¢ lb	300.00	
33333. lb Coffee @ 9¢	300.00	$5.500
90 Keg powder @ 5.00 per Keg	450.00	
9615 lbs. Lead @ 3½ per 100	300.00	
2777 lb. Tobacco @ 9¢	250.00	$1.000

The Contracts are all prepared, and only want the arrival of Mr A. to be executed. When perfected, a certified copy shall be forwarded to you. The delivery is to take place between the 1st Sept. and 30 June next. It is hardly possible that Mr Aitchison may touch out; should he do so, the above quantities would not be a correct guide for the distribution you contemplate; of such as event known, you shall receive due notice from the Office.

Maj. Amos J. Bruce
Ind. Agent

Very respectfully
Your Mo Obt Svt
Thos H. Harvey
Supt Ind Affs

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Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis, March 7. 1844.

Sir

Your letter of the 26 Feb. ultimo, requesting me to deposite the amount of your accounts $1575. to your credit in the Bank of Missouri at this place, has been received. On examining the accounts referred to, I find that you have omitted to sign the duplicates; this you must be aware is necessary, in order that one may be filed here, & the other transmitted to Washington with my accounts. I accordingly herewith return the duplicate for your signature. On this return, the balance of $1465.88 cts. (deducting your draft in favour of Mr Ballew for $59.00 cts) will be placed to your credit as you desired. I beg that you will lose no time in completing the forwarding the duplicate, in order that they may be entrusted with my quarterly accounts.

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. Sv.
Signed Thos H. Harvey
Sup. Ind. Affs

Joshua Carpenter Esq
Ind. Sub Agt

Office Supt. Indian Affairs
St Louis March 11. 1844.

Sir

I herewith enclose for your information and government, a Copy of a Contract made by me on the 1st Inst. with P. Chouteau Jr & Co. of the City for the furnishing and delivery of the provisions due the Winnebagoes for the current year under their Stipulations. I also enclose the usual invoices & receipts, the latter to be signed and returned to this office after the Stores shall have been inspected and received by you: the Certificate of inspection will then accompany the receipts before payment can be made.

You will perceive that you will have been attended to, that the provisions are to be delivered at your Sub Agency by the Contractors, free of all expence other than the prices stipulated in their agreement.

Very respectfully Your Obt Sv
Signed Thos H. Harvey
Sup Ind Affs

Lewis Gowey Esq
Ind. Sub Agt
Turkey River Sub Agency

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis March 11. 1844

Sir:

I herewith enclose also the papers in support of the claim of J. F. V. Thompson against the Sioux of Mo. for depredations which the States were Committed by them on his property by the Comy Ind Affairs during their visit to the seat of this Govt. You will perceive from the claim that you are ready to receive any additional testimony he may have to offer.