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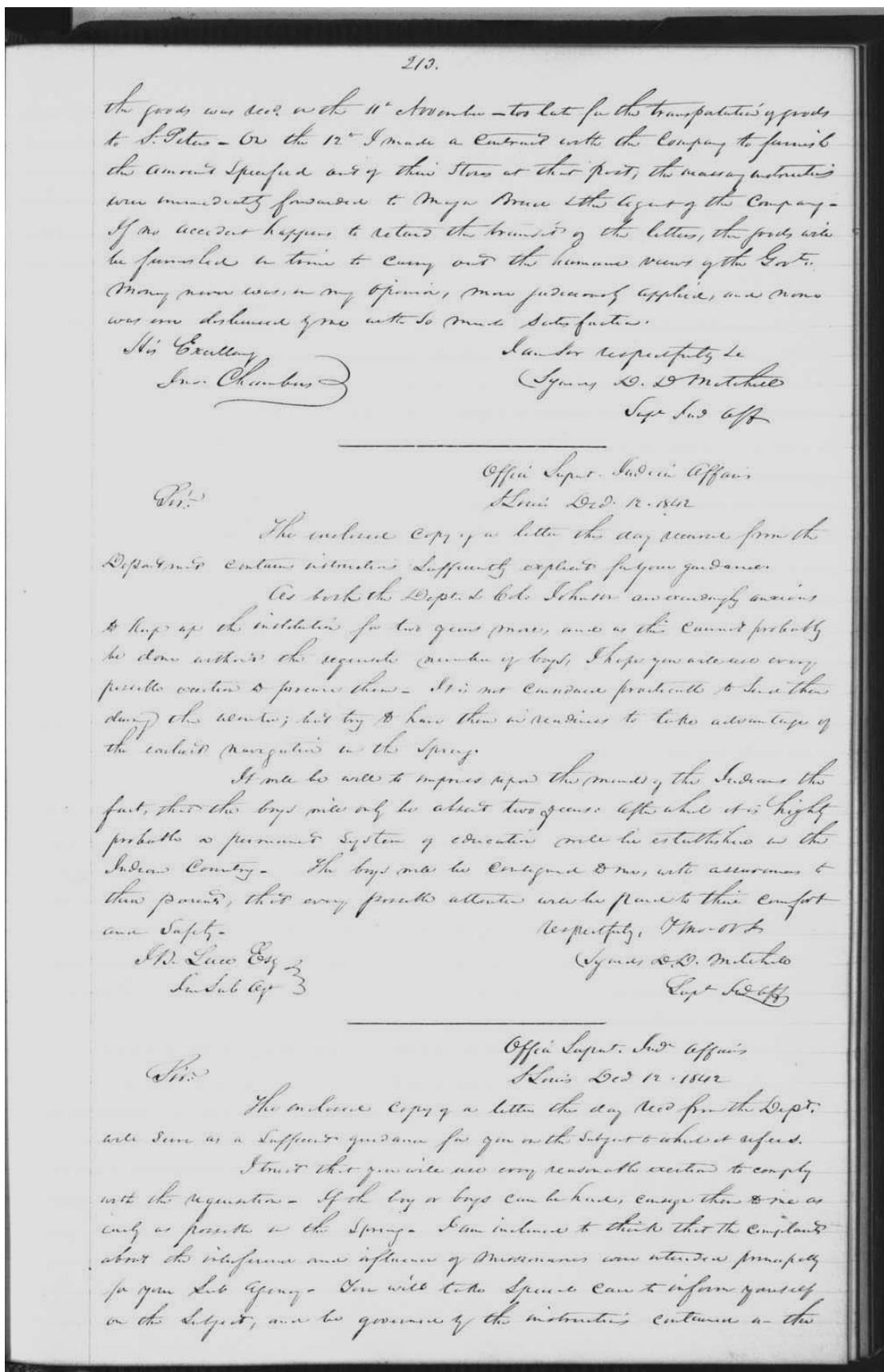
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letter of the Commissioner a full copy of your extract concerning it regard.

Mr. A. L. Davis
Asst. Secy.

Respectfully

C. M. D. S.

Sydney D. D. Mitchell
Asst. Secy.

P.S.

Offic: Super't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis Dec 15. 1842

Your several communications of Nov. 3rd & Dec 1. have been
received.

The plan which you suggest for the removal of the disaffected
band of Sioux amongst their friends the Ottos, I consider a good
one, and as such, have recommended it to the Department. A
decreet, I presume will be communicated to you, in time to have them
removed early in the Spring.

I am gratified to learn that you have seized the goods
belonging to the new provost, or to whomsoever they may belong.
If you have reason to believe they were attempting to evade or
violate the trade and intercourse laws, the penalties of those laws
should be rigidly enforced.

Asst. Secy.
Asst. Secy.

Respectfully

C. M. D. S.

Sydney D. D. Mitchell
Asst. Secy.

P.S. You would do well to keep a sharp eye on both Ottos
and Sioux, as neither of them stand very high as law abiding men.
Yours D. D. M. Sup'ten.

P.S.

Offic: Super't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis Dec 16. 1842

Your letter of the 1st instant has been rec'd. I enclose with
you a opinion, that it would be most & the advantage of the Indians
to have their annuities paid in goods; and the Department is very anxious
to effect such an arrangement; but this can only be done by the general
Council of the Indians expending or paying Compt. As it appears from your
letter that their Council was not so obtained, no change in the payment
can at present be made. Should the Indians at any time be governed by
such Council, and express a wish to have goods instead of money-
measures for their payment will be immediately taken.

I see no reasonable objection that can be made to the
appropriation of One hundred dollars of the Sioux annuities for the
agricultural purposes which you recommend, and you are therefore

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authorise to expense that sum a wh^e manner you may deem most
advantageous.

Mr. F. G. Chittenden Esq;
Sw. Oct. 3

Respectfully & Mo. Et L.
Yours D. D. M. Officer
Capt. Ind. Off.

Sir.

Offic^r Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis. Oct. 17. 1842

Your letter of the 15th 1842 Nov. 10th; with their enclosure,
have been received, and your account of the quantity of the goods, together
with your statement of persons employed, & statement of public money paid
disbursed for Sept & October, after the usual deduction, has been
transmitted to the Com^r of Ind. Affairs.

On examining your account, I regret to find that the
bill of lading filed in support of the voucher for the transportation of the
four packages of Ponca annuity, feeds, was written by Capt. S. C.
the Master of the boat, Certified by yourself, and on the date of freight
indicates. You evidently mistook the \$2.50 charges, for the rate per hundred
and failed to account accordingly - As Master Stone, nothing remains
but to forward the bill, as it could not be perfect here. If you have
a complete bill of lading with your Office copies, they had better be set
down, that it may be forwarded, for obtaining the account will no doubt
be suspended.

I have called the attention of the Com^r of Ind. Affairs to
the condition of the Ottos, etc. you regard to have a small portion of their
next year's annuity applied to the purchase of cows; and in anticipation
of his approbation, you are hereby authorized to contract in the usual
way for Two hundred dollars worth, to be paid for when this amount
shall have come to hand.

I have learned respecting the Enrollees of Otto may be
furnished for the Poncas or the Springs - a few rifles, and funds to
pay their farms. Directly I receive this sum in a three months, you
will be advised thereof.

David Miller Esq.

Sw. Oct. 3

Respectfully Yours

D. D. M. Officer

Offic^r Super. Ind. Affairs
Capt. Ind. Off.

Sir.

Offic^r Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis. Oct. 19. 1842

The Com^r of Indian Affairs, under date of the 8th Inst:
informs me that, in consequence of an Order in his office, the cost
of the packing boxes containing the same funds, was not embraced

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with monies sent or to me, and from which this forwarded to you
was copied; thereby making a difference of \$99. which stand charge,
as he informs me, to my account, and will be remitted when your account
is received. I enclose, accordingly, enclosed herewith and record to correspond
with, the letter of which be pleased to sign & return to me.

Very respectfully

Major Amos J. Davis
St. Louis Augt 3

C. M. St. L. S.
Asst. D. D. Mitchell
Supr. Ind. Aff.

P.S.

Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Decd. 21. 1842

I have this day received a remittance on account of the
Conting'd expenses of the Indian Department, out of which I am
directed to send to you Five Hundred and Sixteen 7/8 dollars.
Draw an account of this by an Chaplain and request him to draw on me
at St. Louis for this amount, and at the same time, to sign and
return to the Office, the enclosed duplicate receipt therefor.

Very respectfully I am to
C. M. St. L. S.
Asst. D. D. Mitchell
Supr. Ind. Aff.

P.S.

Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Decd. 24. 1842.

The two accounts with your requisitions, a sum of \$25. Chaply,
for provisions furnished to the Indians at their annuity payment, & to
the Indians & others at their peace council, were submitted to me on
the 17th ulto for the draw of the Comr of Ind. Affairs. They are balanced
on the 19th Inst. with advice that a remittance would be made for
their payment. The Commission has at the same time directed me
to advise you, that you will be required to account for the due issue
of these provisions to the Indians named in the accounts. You will
therefore, as early as convenient, present them to the Office, as
certified by you according to form No. 7. of General Regulations No. 3.
authenticating the signatures of the persons who attest the issues.

Asst. Mdlr Esq
St. Louis Augt 3

Very respectfully I am to
C. M. St. L. S.
Asst. D. D. Mitchell
Supr. Ind. Aff.

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Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, Decr. 26. 1842.

Mr. [unclear]
Your letter of the 7th Inst. has been duly received, its contents noted - with regard to the portion of it having reference to the next year's annuity for the Indians of your Ind. Agency, I must inform you by my Command of the 16th of the same month - The Department has, as yet, however, determined how it will proceed upon the subject -

The plan you propose for obviating the inconvenience and loss of time resulting from the present custom pursued of the kind men or boundary lineholders, by establishing, yourself, a boundary line for their accommodation, cannot recommend. It is highly desirable that Agent and Ind. Agency should studiously abstain from placing themselves in positions that would render their conduct liable to misconstruction, or inviolable remark; and I cannot help being of the opinion, that the plan referred to, would produce these consequences - You can, I suppose, do no less than hit upon a plan less objectionable, and at the same time equally as well calculated to allay the mind in view.

A. P. Richardson Esq.

Ind. S. Aft. 3

Very respectfully

C. Mo. 27. 1842.

Sigmas L. D. Mitchell

Sup't Ind. Affairs

Mr.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis Decr. 26. 1842.

I advise you when date of the C. Inst. that your application to be ordained to the Neosho Ind. Agency for the purpose of settling your account, had been submitted for the decision of the Dept.; and as this the result when known, should be made known to you - I have this day received a letter & reply from the Compt. Ind. Affairs - a copy of which is hereto enclosed, by which you will perceive that the Secy. State has refused to grant your request.

Very respectfully I am etc

Jno. B. Lewis Esq.

Ind. S. Aft. 3

C. Mo. 27. 1842.

Sigmas L. D. Mitchell

Sup't Ind. Affairs

Mr.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis Decr. 27. 1842.

At the request of James Pool I herewith enclose his account of all claim or account of the Seminole tribe, except the gift there dollars which you consider are still due to him - Be pleased accordingly to do them up in the usual way, to forward to the office the necessary certificates.

J. B. Lewis Esq. Ind. Aft.

(Right) Sigmas L. D. Mitchell

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Offic Super. Ind. Affairs
Kans. Janury 3rd. 1843.

Sir:

Agreement to the reiterated request of the Stockbridge & Munsee Indians, that the whole amount due them from the United States should be placed at their disposal in order to enable them to pay their debts, a remittance was made of one fourth object in the 1st Inst. of \$6,574 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, for three of your Agency, being three fifths of the entire sum of \$12,083 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, from which however, a $\frac{1}{2}$ to be deducted \$108.00, payable to Messrs. W. T. Eastabrook Boston, leaving the net balance of \$6,465 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars for distribution according to the schedule hereto enclosed. In this latter sum you are hereby authorized and requested to draw upon me at sight, and at the same time, to sign & return the enclosed receipt, thus far.

I am directed by the Comr. Ind. Affairs to say to you, and to request that you will so inform the Stockbridge, that the greatest pain would be of him to adjourn or equitable time the meeting in dispute between themselves & their brother a Wissahickon, till the investigation was of an exceedingly troublesome nature, I required the consumption of much time; and that he trusts that in his mind, he has treated and equal parties to the claimant. He is now desirous that the payment should be made as early as day a practicable.

R.W. Cummins Esq;
Ind. Agt. 3

Very respectfully D. D. Mitchell
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Affairs

P.S. Should you find it impossible to negotiate a draft, it will be necessary for you to repair to the place for the purpose of receiving the money.

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell

Offic Super. Ind. Affairs
Kans. Jan. 5. 1843.

Sir:

The Agent Major G. C. McCallen has been appointed as the Special Agent of Col. R. M. Johnson for the purpose of visiting the Indian Country, and aiding the Agents and Sub Agents to procure the proper number of Indian boys for the Choctaw Academy.

This arrangement is made conformable to an understanding between Col. Johnson and the President of the United States - As much anxiety is apparent on the subject, both of the Department and Col. Johnson, hope that the agents of the Government will chearfully co-operate with Major McCallen, and use every possible exertion to effect the object so much desired.

Agree Sub Agent
Kans. Super. 3

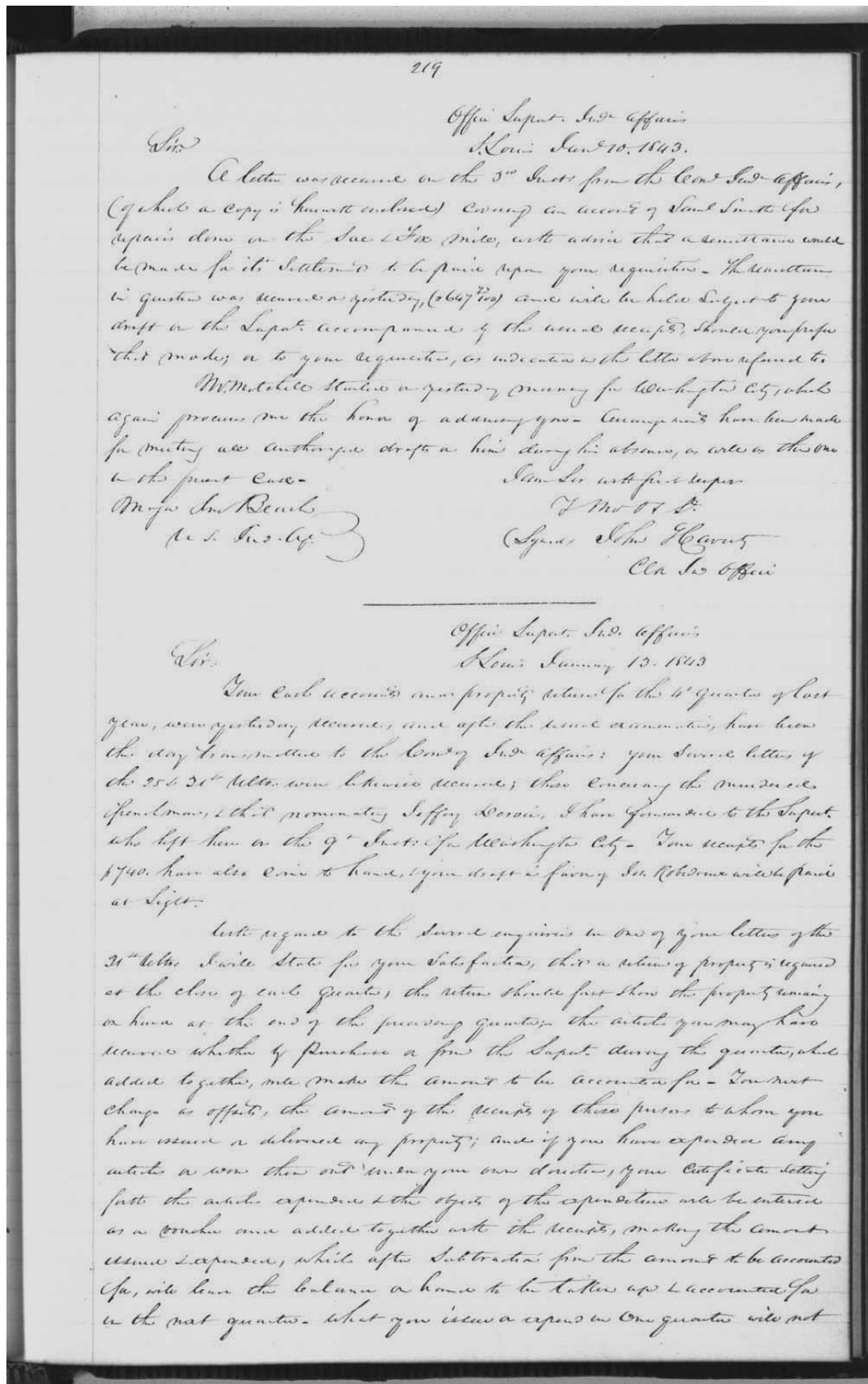
Very respectfully
D. D. Mitchell
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Affairs

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of course be again notice of you. When you receive articles of purchase, do not intend a request that you should accompany your return with any of your duplicate receipts, but merely to meet our debt, the name of the person you purchased of; the amount, & how the articles - some make a copy of the last voucher & file it with the return, which I think is a very good plan - I do so.

The customary course is to take the receipt of the Blacksmith, Farmer, etc for the tools, etc, & stat. see. and enter them on the return as vouchers; but it is, in my opinion, a much better course for an Agent to bear the article or house until they are either expended or worn out, and at the close of each quarter to embrace in the certificate before mentioning the amount thus expended & worn out. The present return appears to be correct; you should have forwarded a duplicate.

M. McAllister is not expected back before the first of March.

P. S. Enclose a copy of my
Certificate to Seal the Case 3

Respectfully

I trust for

W. C. Richardson Esq
Ind. Off. 3

Symon J. H. Haward

Act. Ind. Off.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Jan 21st 1843.

Per an oversight in drafting the letter intended for you and Mr. G. A. Ladd or the 20 letter that you sent to Mr. Lewis Lewis yesterday returned - it is however enclosed - as it is probable that the one designed for him went to you, you will do me a favor by returning it, if such be the case. Do please to draw on the Super. If the amount authorized in the enclosed, now at the same time, to repeat return your duplicate receipts therewith. I expect that this mistake shall have occurred, as it keeps you out of the fund longer than could be wished.

Very respectfully yours for

Major Jno. Read
Ind. Off. 3

W. M. OTT Jr
Symon J. H. Haward
Act. Ind. Off.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Jan 21st 1843

A letter was received on yesterday from the Com. of Ind. Affairs, covering the obligation of the principal chief of the Black to Mr. Ewing of Indiana Govt \$5000, with instructions that it should be forwarded to you to be laid before the Indians when consent be obtained to its payment. A copy of the letter referred to herewith

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and you be pleased, at your first convenience, to report the result & the
Concⁿ on the Subject.

Will you be pleased, at your first convenience, to report the result & the
Sup^r of Ind. Affairs - he is now abroad at Washington, but will be back in
the Comm^r of the next month.

Mrs A. L. Davis

Iro. S. Agt 3

Very respectfully

J. M. St. L.

Sigⁿ James John Havens

Off. Ind. Affairs

Sir.

Offic^r Sup^r Ind. Affairs

St. Louis January 16. 1843.

Your Second Communication of the 27. 28. & 29 Letter together with
your Cash Account & property return for the 4^t quarter of last year, were
received here on the 14^t instant, and the latter after being examined
transmitted to the Com^r of Ind. Affairs.

Mr. Mitchell, the Sup^r, is now abroad or his way to Washington
City, and will not, we are probably, be back before the latter end of
February; on his return, your letters shall be laid before him for such
action as the case may appear to him to require.

One Miles Esq^r

Iro. S. Agt 3

Very respectfully

J. M. St. L.

Sigⁿ James John Havens

Off. Ind. Affairs

Sir.

Offic^r Sup^r Indian Affairs

St. Louis January 17. 1843.

Your Second Communication of the 10. 11. & 12^t letter, and
j^t letter together with your Cash Account for the 4^t quarter of last year,
were received yesterday morning, and the latter forwarded directly to the
Com^r of Indian Affairs.

Your letter remonstrating L. Bullock's - is referred to Dr. Andrew's
claim; - and advising that you have set out for the Neosho Sub Agency,
have been forwarded to the Sup^r of Ind. Affairs, who started from
Washington on the 9^t Inst.

John B. Lee Esq^r

Iro. S. Agt 3

Very respectfully

J. M. St. L.

Sigⁿ James John Havens

Off. Ind. Affairs

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Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis January 27. 1843.

Sir
Your last account for the 3^d & 4th quarters of last year
has been this day received, together with your statement of public money
for the month of October, November and Decr. 1st, and after having
been referred to the duplicate Committee to the Com^y of Ind. Affairs.
The Superintendent left on the 9th Inst. for Washington City, and is
not expected here before the close of next month.

Very respectfully yours

Myr A. L. Davis
Asst. Agt. 3

C. M. W. S.
Signed John Howard
Com^y Ind. Affairs

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Feb^r. 13. 1843

Sir
The enclosed copy of a communication addressed to you
at Neosho by the Com^y of Indian Affairs on the 2^d instant, has
been this day received at the office, under cover of a letter from the
Superintendent (who is now at Washington City) with instructions to forward
it to you immediately; which I have done herewith to do accordingly.

J. B. Lane Esq.
Asst. Agt. 3
Com^y Bluff Agency

Very respectfully yours
C. M. W. S.
Signed John Howard
Com^y Ind. Affairs

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis February 25th 1843.

Your nomination of Louis Coulombe as Interpreter for the
Chippewa, Ottawa & Potowatomi, in place of Claude Papantre, has
been approved by the Department; you will therefore as early as practicable
enter into a written agreement or Contract with him, and forward a
duplicate copy to the Com^y of Indian Affairs thro' this office.

J. B. Lane Esq.
Asst. Agt. 3
Com^y Bluff Agency

Very respectfully yours
C. M. W. S.
Signed J. D. Mitchell
L. M. W. A. H.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis Feb^r. 25th 1843.

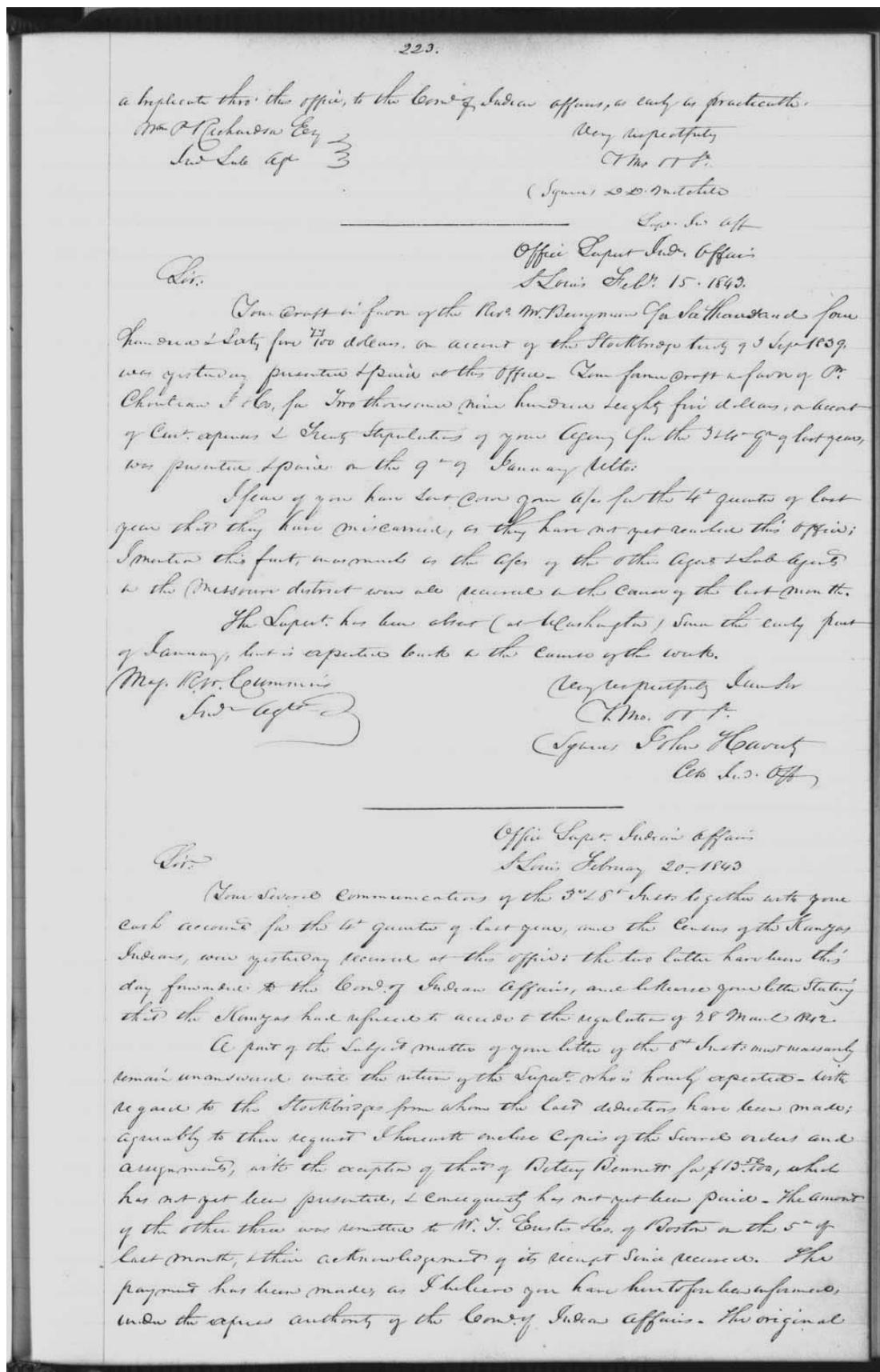
Sir
The nomination of Jeffery Dorion as Interpreter for the Owasco
in place of S. M. Sims, has been approved by the Department; you will
therefore enter into the usual written agreement with him, and forward

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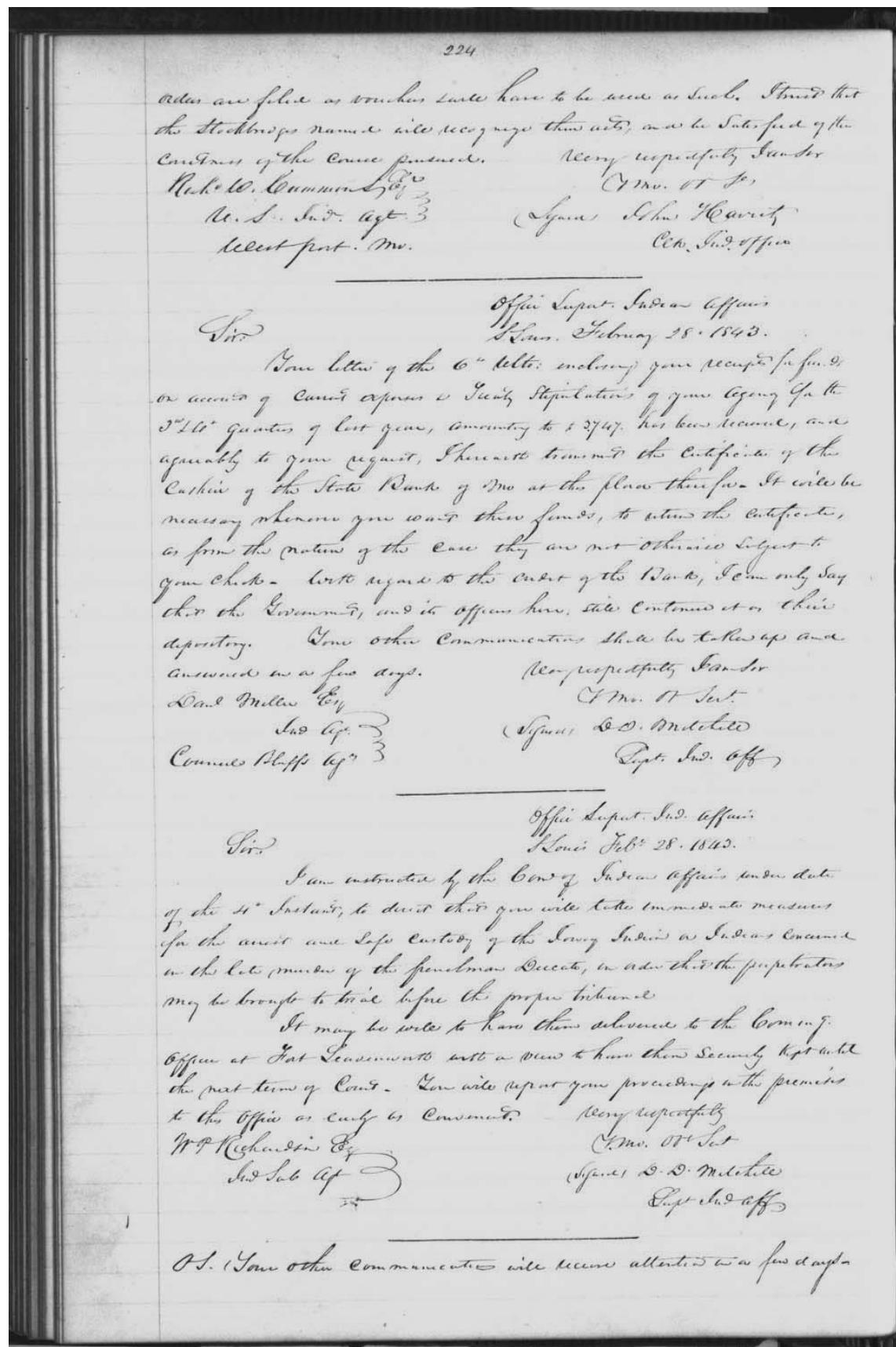


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Circular
Sir.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

Louis Feb 28. 1843.

Some information occurs to the Department it appears
that the Agents, and Sub Agents have been in the habit of granting
permitted temporary licenses to almost any person who applies.
The kind of traffic is considerably injurious to the Indians, and contrary
to the spirit and intention of the "trade and intercourse laws."

Under instructions from the War Department of January 23rd.
I am required to take such steps as will prevent the recurrence of
the practice complained of. In order that these views may be fully
carried out, I have to request that you will give no permit or
temporary license to any person to trade with the Indians in your
Agency. Only the regularly licensed traders, who are personally
established, can legally a property be permitted to trade. A strict
observation of this restriction will be required.

Rtr. Commiss. Ind. Aff.

I am very respectfully

Dad. Miller. So

Jno. B. T.

Jno D. Graw. Ind. L. Aff.

Sigmas. D. D. Mitchell

W. P. Richardson. So.

Supt. Ind. Aff.

A. L. Davis. So.

Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs

Louis March 3rd 1843.

I have the day received a letter from the Comt. of Ind. Affairs,
by which it was instructed again to impress upon you, the necessity of your
making pecuniary exertions to obtain for the Chetaw Academy, and the
Council of the Chippewa Council, five Potawatome & eight Chippewa, Ottawa
& Potawatome boys. It is expected that an Agent will shortly visit the
Indian Country, who will be in charge of some youths of the two former
tribes who are preparing to return to their homes. Should he arrive in
time, the boys you may obtain can be committed to his care; but if
not, you are hereby authorized to employ a Special Agent to take
them or to Kentucky, to whom the sum of \$150, will be paid as a full
compensation for his services & travelling expenses going and returning;
of however you can find a person to undertake the same on these
terms, let the boys be forwarded to me at the place.

Inasmuch as the Oshabish band has a school already in
successful operation among themselves, it will be advisable to obtain the
boys from the Indians, Prairie & St. Joseph bands, and those of the latter
band of Chipp. Ottos & Dts. among whom, from your report, it appears
there are no schools.

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The Department expect your prompt and efficient attention to this requisition
with as little delay as practicable. Very respectfully Your Servt
Auth. L. Davis Esq
Asst Secy
Asst Secy 3

Sgtmrs D. D. Mitchell
Capt Ind Aff

Sir:

Office Sup't. Ind. Affairs.
St. Louis, March 5th 1843.

I have this day received a letter from the Comr of Ind. Affairs,
by which I am instructed again to urge you to use your utmost influence
to obtain for the Choctaw Academy, with the consent of the Chieftain
Council, eight boys from the frontier bands of Chippewas, Ottawas and
Pottawatomies of your late agency. I wrote to you on this matter on
the 12th last, and at the same time enclose you a copy of the
Commissaries letter on the subject.

It is probable that a Square aged will shortly arrive at
your place in charge of some youths who are about to return home from
the Academy; Should he arrive in time, the boys you may attain
can be committed to his care; but if not, let them be forwarded direct
to me at the place of the earliest convenience.

The Department expect your prompt and efficient attention to
this requisition with as little delay as practicable.

P.S. An abstract of their names, ages, &c
will be forwarded to you
Sister should accompany the boys
Auth. L. Davis Esq
Asst Secy
Asst Secy 3

Sgtmrs D. D. Mitchell
Capt Ind Aff

Sir:

Office Sup't. Ind. Affairs.
St. Louis, March 5th 1843.

Enclosed herewith, you will find a copy of a letter of this date,
addressed to Sub Agent Lee, in which he is requested to procure, with the
consent of the Chieftain Council, eight boys from the frontier bands of
Chippewas, Ottawas & Pottawatomies of his late agency for the Choctaw Academy
a Rectority.

Should Mr. Lee be absent when this reaches you, you will
consider this instruction as addressed to yourself - proceed to carry them
into effect, and report the result to this office as early as practicable.

You can assure the Chieftain that every attention will be paid
to the health and improvement of the boys, that they will be absent
but two years; that no future requisition of the kind will be made on
them; and that at the expiration of the two years, it will be contemplated

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a permanent system of education among themselves. Very respectfully your Servt
David Miller Esq. 3
the 1st Apr 3

Sykes B. D. Mottoles
Capt Ind Affr

Mr.

Office Superint Ind Affairs
St. Louis March 4. 1843.

Agreeably to my last communication of the 28th ulto. I have now to reply to your several letters of the 29th 30th & 4th 30th Inst. respecting my pay and to Mr. Ladd's Case, etc. etc. Considering the circumstances it will be best to excuse him if what appears to have been unusual, and a somewhat unadvised offer was made to him understanding that a sum of money of the same character intended to be controlled.

As to the time your pay should commence, I suppose that matter was settled when you were here, the date having been fixed on the 18th February 1842, and the compensation was so advised accordingly.

With regard to the inquiry "Whether Indians are considered as included in the 20th Section of the revised regulations"; in my opinion they are not; but as the question is one of some importance, I will advise it for the direction of the Department, and notify you of the result when decided.

I have no objection to the leave of absence solicited by Mr. Woodcock, provided his Services can be dispensed with, of which you are the best judge; but it must be clearly understood that he is not to be paid for the time he may be absent - who engaged to employing him as an Agent to select or purchase cattle, it will be time enough to make such arrangements when funds are secured for the purpose. I have advised that a remittance of \$1,000. will be made on account of the purchase of men for the Indians, & the sum of \$500. for the pay of the farmers, but when it may come into my hands I cannot say; when it does, you shall be promptly advised thereof.

Very respectfully your Servt
D. M. Miller Esq.
Ind Affr

Sykes B. D. Mottoles
Capt Ind Affr

Office Superint. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis March 6. 1843.

Your letter of the 8th Ultmo has been received and duly considered. The amount of funds due to the four Stockmen, who have sent their emigretion to your Agency, is so very small as to make its

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injudicious for any one to administer on their estate; believing as you state that the expenses will "consume a large portion of the amount." I therefore think that the better plan would be, to pay over the several amounts to the several relatives, according to "Indian customs"; and to obviate any legal, or rather technical objections, resign these relatives to sign the names of the parties mentioned in the allotment.

R. W. Chamber's Esq
Sir Agt. 3
Select Post. Ms.

Hopkinton D. D. S.
Signed, D. D. Miller
Copy Ser'd off

Sir

Offic. Super't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis March 10. 1843.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant.

The measures adopted by Capt. French, and the military (under his direction) were no doubt judicious, and such as the circumstances required. If the parties, trading under the authority of licensees granted from the office, have transgressed the limits designated, they must suffer the consequences. In designating the "Racoon fork of the Des Moins", as one of the points at which they were permitted to trade, the home waters of their fork were intended. If I understand the geography of the country, this fork lies in the territory owned by the Potowatamies of the Council Bluffs, where a portion of those Indians were in the habit of meeting their winter hunting grounds when their traders usually furnished them with their necessary supplies.

If, as you state, Mr. Miller has in any way altered, or amended the license given out from this office, I will see that no such improper interference is again repeated. The remonance which you mention as having been received by Doctor Lowry, I consider will merit, as I happened to be in Washington at the time, and informed of all the circumstances; but there is no analogy between the case to which you refer, and the one which called forth your friendly "suggestion".

In conclusion, I can only state, that I do not feel at liberty to take any steps in regard to the matter, failing fully to confide that your own sound judgment will enable you to do what is right.

At Excellency
Ins: Chamber's
Burlington. I. J.

Yours very respectfully
D. M. D. S.
Signed, D. D. Miller
Copy Ser'd off

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Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis March 15. 1843

Sir?

I receive, a few days ago, a Communication from his Excellency Jas. Chambers Governor of Iowa Terr. under date of the 14th instant, in which he informs me that a quantity of goods found in possession of two persons within the limits of the Sac & Fox Agency, was recently seized under the orders of Agent Beaubien; that the men refuse to acknowledge to whom the goods belong; that a person calling himself George Bent had since applied for the goods on behalf of Mr. P. Papin & Robidoux, stating that they were the owners, & that these two persons were trading on their account under a license from the Office.

The Governor further states that, on examining the license aforesaid, he found the names of these persons added in a different hand writing, and the addition signed "David Miller Ind. Agent". Now, altho' it is clearly within the scope of your power as an Agent, to grant licenses to such persons as may apply therefor, or their complying with the requirements of the regulations, and to permit them to take such citizens as assistants as they may name to you, provide they be clear of any valid objection; still there is no power vested in you to alter or modify any official document granted from this office; the adding of the names in the case stated, was therefore improper, and must not be repeated; Should a trader require more hands than those named in his license, you can grant him a separate permission to employ such, if you deem it expedient.

You will take immediate measures on receipt of this, to inform those persons now trading under license from this office within the Council Bluffs Ind. Agency, that they must not, under any pretense or construction of their licenses, go beyond the limits of the Pawnee Sioux lands, over that any intrusion on the Sac & Fox lands will be regarded as an infraction of the intercourse laws & punished accordingly.

By the "Rivers fork of the Des Moins" (in connection with licensees of P. S. Supply and Papin & Robidoux) and understand of these persons an encampment Big Foot village, believed to be situated on or near the head waters of this river, & within the Pawnee Sioux boundary; and as they continue for a number of years past to have licensed them to establish a trading post on lands within another Superintendency on which I do not wish to exercise any control, they must bear the consequences of their departure from the true meaning and spirit of the license granted them from this office.

David Miller Esq.
Ind. Agent

Very respectfully yours
J. M. OTT Jr.
Signed, D. W. McPherson
Sup. Ind. Aff.

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Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis, March 15. 1843.

I enclose on yesterday from the Treasury Department \$1,500. on account of treaty stipulations with the Indians, - that is to say, \$500. for the pay of farmers, & \$1,000. for the purchase of work oxen. I have also enclosed a receipt for this amount, which, if you will sign and return, the money shall be placed to your credit on hand with the Cashier's anticipated payment to you therefor, or be held subject to your draft or one at sight, as you may desire. You will, as soon as your public duties will permit, (the time however to be selected by yourself) proceed to the Little Sioux and make your arrangements for the purchase referred to. Perhaps it will be the best course to advertise for proposals to obtain them at Bellevue, as in that case the expenses of the journey would be paid on the oxen, and any accident that might occur a loss to the power to be at the expense of the Contractor; as the however is only a suggestion, you will take such measures as the matter, as in your judgment, will, in the best & cheapest manner accomplish the object in view.

Your own expenses going and returning, will, of course, be charged to your Contingent Account.

Very respectfully yours
John Miller Esq
Asst. Secy

Geo. Steff

Very respectfully John Miller
G. M. & T.
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Post Secy. Aft.

P.S.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, March 20. 1843.

I have this day received a communication from one of your most respectable neighbors, informing me, that a band of lawless white men were making preparations to intercept & kill the Santa Fe traders.

In order to prevent the accomplishment of the diabolical design, I have requested that you will have a vigilant watch on the movements of the frontier settlers, and request the Indians under your Agency to do the same. Should any movement into the Indian Country be attempted, you will immediately notify the Commanding Officer at Fort Leavenworth, and also at Fort Scott.

You will also notify Major Davis, and those from the Indians within his Sub Agency; requiring them to give immediate information, should any party or parties of whites be discovered passing into the Indian Country.

Major R. M. Gwinnett

Asst. Secy

Respectfully
G. M. & T.
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Geo. Steff

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Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis, March 24, 1843

Your letter of the 10th instant covering your receipt of \$8562⁷⁵ on account of claims expenses, and twenty stipulations of your late Agency for the 3^d & 4th quarters of last year, has been this day received. Your two drafts in favor of A. L. Donisthorpe, for \$7276⁷⁵ do., and for \$39.00, will be paid as presented.

Agreeably to your request, I enclose enclosed my duplicate copy of \$1755⁷⁵ do. - the proceeds of sale of public buildings & stockbridge boats, I am Sir
Dear Sirs
Very respectfully
A. L. Donisthorpe
Super. Ind. Off.

Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Off.

Sir.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis April 17, 1843.

Your several letters of the 21st, 22nd & the 4th & 5th instant, were received yesterday, and your account this day transmitted to the Comptg. Indian Affairs. I have also forwarded to him your communication's relative to the Delusion School fund, and the amount claimed by the Kickapoos under their stipulations of 1832. Since her take occasion to State th. 8th, these subjects have been more than once before the Department, by both my predecessor and myself, so that the neglect is by no means attributable to this office.

In order that the Department may be duly advised on this matter, I have also transmitted your letter of the 14th instant, respecting the amount of the rewards for the suppression of the insurrectionary assembly at your frontier. Very respectfully, I am Sir,
Major R. W. Cummings
Super. Ind. Off.

Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Off.

Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 18, 1843.

Your several communications of the 18th March & 5th & 6th instant, have been duly received, & your account for the first quarter of the year transmitted to the Department.

I have this day deposited the amount of your receipts at 1,500. to your credit in the Bank of Mo. upon which you can draw at pleasure; this, you will find to be a better plan than facilitating of your money transactions, than to send you a certificate of deposit, which would have to be returned if you could draw for the amount.

Dear Mr. Miller
I am Sir

Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Off.

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Sir:

Offic Sup't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis, April 19. 1843.

The bearer, Mr. Audubon, the distinguished naturalist, goes into the Indian Country, with the approbation of the Government; and all officers and citizens are requested to afford him every facility & travelling convenience in their power towards accomplishing the objects of his journey.

You will find Mr. A. an agreeable gentleman whom acquaintance and friendship you cannot fail to prize very highly - Every attention or assistance which you may be able to extend towards him & his wife will be considered as a personal favor to myself. I am Sir, respectfully

Alfred A. Dops

D. Off't. Sec'y

No. 1. S. S. Dept. Augt 3

Alfred D. Mitchell
Sup't. Ind. Aff's

Sir:

Offic Sup't. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, April 19. 1843.

This will advise you of Mr. Audubon, the distinguished ornithologist, who visits the upper Missouri for scientific purposes. His visit is approved and encouraged by the Government; and all officers & citizens are requested to afford him every civility and assistance in their power.

A personal acquaintance with Mr. A. cannot fail to be agreeable to you, and any acts of kindness towards him will be duly appreciated by me.

Alfred D. Miller

D. Off't. Sec'y

No. 1. S. S. Dept. Augt 3

Alfred D. Mitchell
Sup't. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Offic Sup't. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, April 19. 1843.

The bearer J. J. Audubon Esq; who visits the Indian Country for scientific purposes, will probably pass your Agency en route; if so, I will be pleased to have you afford him every civility & your power, and aid him as far as possible in the accomplishment of his just objects.

You cannot but be pleased with his society, and I shall well assure that you will be highly gratified if you can contribute any thing towards his comfort or interest - Our Gov't. feel interested in his success.

Alfred D. Crammer
No. 1. S. S. Dept. Augt 3

Alfred D. Mitchell
Sup't. Ind. Affairs

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Offic Sup't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis, April 20. 1843.

Sir.

I enclose you will find an account for your Service as
Indian Agent, commencing with the date of your Office being established
on the 21st ulto. while I wish thank you to sign and return, and to draw on
me at sight for the amount. I also forward to you, a copy of the annual report
of the Comd. of Ind. Affairs to Congress for the last year.

Your report of your proceedings in the Upper Country, during the
25th January, was duly received & forwarded to the Department on the
27th February last. I regret that your efforts to suppress the whisky
traffic have not been successful. From the report brought down the 3rd April,
it would seem that there is no lack of whisky in the country; I still
hope however, that by vigilance and activity on your part, the pernicious
traffic will be either suppressed or greatly abated.

Andrew Long Esq. 3
A. S. Ind. Agt. 3
Upper Missouri. 3

Very respectfully Your fr
P. M. D. Metcalf
(Signed, D. D. Metcalf
Capt. Ind. Aff.)

Offic Sup't. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis April 21. 1843.

The hearing of Mr. Audubon Esq. who visit the Indian Country
for scientific purposes, is hereby arranged to take up time as much
Spontaneous ligars as he may deem necessary for the preservation of animals.

To Indian Agents 3
and Sub Agents 3

Signed D. D. Metcalf
Capt. Ind. Aff.

Offic Sup't. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis April 26. 1843.

Sir.

I have the day receive your letter of the 11th instant,
enclosing less dollars on account of the sale of Stockbridge boats;
and also, my receipt for \$13.55 recd. forwarded to you on the 24th ulto.
This latter I am compelled again to enclose to you, as the amount
was carried at the time to the United States, & since that time
account rendered for the 1st quarter of the year. You will find a
check with, my duplicate receipt for the sum now rendered, which it is
presumed will be satisfactory to close the affair.

Andrew Long Esq.
A. S. Ind. Agt. 3

Very respectfully Your fr
P. M. D. Metcalf
(Signed, D. D. Metcalf
Capt. Ind. Aff.)

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Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs:
St. Louis April 28. 1843.

The bearer, Mr. William D. Stewart Park, who visits the
Indian Country on a tour of pleasure, is kindly authorized to
take with him as much Spirituous Liquor as he may reasonably
for the use of himself & party. (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
To the Ind. Agent
and other officers 3
Dept. Ind. Affairs.

Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis April 29. 1843.

I have received application recently in account of a
Stockbridge woman named D. Doxtader, who left him yesterday for
Westport. The whole amount thus encashed is \$18. Mr. Day \$6.00 from
Gulon to this place, and \$12. (including his board here) from the place
to Westport. I have accordingly directed that you will deduct
\$12.00 from the above sum for the money now in your hands
belonging to her. She will of course acquiesce this arrangement
I allow the amount to be included in her account or receipt to yours.

Very respectfully
D. D. Mitchell
Ind. Agent

Very respectfully
D. D. Mitchell
Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs

Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis May 3. 1843.

Your several letters of the 31 Inst. & 28 Feb. & 30 March and
6th April ulto. together with their enclosures have been this day rec'd;
and your last letter for the 1st quarter of this year, after the usual
examination, transmitted to the Comdg. Ind. Affairs.

Andr. L. Davis Esq.
Ind. Agent

Very respectfully Comdg
Ind. Affairs
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs

Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis May 5. 1843.

Your nomination of Joseph Park, colonel by an Asst.
Supt. for the Shawnees, has, after some delay on the part of the
Comdg. Indian Affairs, been sanctioned, provided it meets the
wishes of the Shawnees themselves.

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You will therefore, as early as convenient enter into the usual written
agreement with Mr Parks, physician a physician to this office.

Major R.W. Chapman
A.M. Agt 3

Very respectfully
T. M. O. S.
Sylvanus D. C. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Aff

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis May 9th 1843

I am advised of the Com^{ee} of Ind^{rs} Affairs, under date of the
29th ult^r, that a remittance will shortly be made to me for the sum of
the Delawars Shawnees under the acts of 2^d March 1833; & that
measure must be immediately taken to have a sale entered for them,
to purchase over soon.

Having received in the early part of April last a communication
from this Bureau, in which they state that they were about to enter
into a contract with a millwright for the erection of a mill,
and with Mr. Gereard for some twenty yoke of oxen; I wish you to
lose no time in ascertaining whether they have made these arrangements,
and if they have not to demand their prompt delivery of such, as
under my instructions, the building to be erected & the articles to be
furnished must be on contracts predicated on bids in the usual manner.
They must be made distinctly to understand, that I cannot recognize
any contracts made of them as in any way obligatory or ones or
forming any claim upon the funds that may be remitted for the
purposes above stated.

Should they not have presented the oxen, you are hereby authorized
to advertise for proposals to furnish said to the amount of \$25000,
hows including a team, to the amount of \$2000, and bridging logs to
the amount of \$150.

As I intend to visit your State again during the present month
if possible, I shall postpone sending those that I under otherwise say
concerning the mill - Should however, any thing occur to prevent
my visit, ample instructions shall be furnished & you with respect
Major A. L. Canis

A.M. Agt 3

Very respectfully
T. M. O. S.
Sylvanus D. C. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Aff

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Offic Sup't. Ind. aff.
St. Louis May 12. 1843

Your Cash account & property return for the 1st quarter of the year, have been returned by the Comd^y of Indian affairs to this office, accompanied by a letter pointing out sundry informalities, a copy of which you will find enclosed, together with the corrected above account.

The letter being so ample in its details of what is required of the Dept^t any remarks of mine would be unnecessary & out of place; I have therefore little more to say than to request that you will forthwith take up the regulations, examine the forms indicative of the Comd^y, - endeavour to conform your property return thereto, and when so completed, forward them to the office as little delay as practicable. Until however obtain, that when property has been purchased and paid for, a bill of sale or some evidence of the vendor, should accompany the return, and when property is received from an office of the Dept^t, his name & rank should likewise accompany it. And when necessary, provide a other property have been made to Indians, an abstract thereof agreeing to the previous forms and duly authenticated, should be made a return to your office.

I regret exceedingly that it should become necessary to send back your slips; it will however show you the manner of correctly studying the regulations forms in order to obviate any future occasion to so unpleasant a course.

P.S. R.S. Elliott Esq^r who goes up
to explain the Law as Sub Agent, will
kindly give this.

Dane Miller Esq^r
Ind. Agt. 3

Very respectfully
C. M. W. S.
Supt. D. D. Mitchell
Off. Ind. aff.

Offic Sup't. Ind. aff.
St. Louis May 13. 1843.

Your letters of the 5th April ulto. together with the enclosures have been received, your draft a sum of Mr. Pearson for \$100. paid on presentation; the other two drafts of which you advise me, will be paid whenever presented.

I am like as before, from your silence on the subject, that the package from the Comd^y Ind. Affairs, forwarded to you in the early part of March last, notifying you of your removal from office, had not been received when you wrote:- I was officially advised of the fact under date of 6th of March ulto. & that a Doctor Braund had been appointed in your stead; by another letter dated the 27th March, I

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was informed that Doctor D. had declined, that Mr. Charles S. Elliott was appointed in his place.

Mr. Elliott (the bearer of the communication) yesterday reported in person to the office, with power immediately to the Bluff to enter upon the duties of his office, to whom you will please to turn over such public funds & property as may be in your possession, provided he will of course render you the usual bonds.

Very respectfully,
Dr. W. D. Lewis Esq.
Commiss. Bluff S. App. 3.

Mr. W. T. St.
(Signed) D. C. Mitchell
Cap. Ind. Off.

Offic. Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, May 18, 1843.

Dear Sir,

You will, or accept being, take convenient measures for the arrest of the Messrs., who are charged with the murder of Carter George, agreeably to instructions from the Department which you will find in the enclosed copy of letter from the Com. of Ind. Affairs, dated the 9th instant, & repeat the result of your proceedings to the office as early thereafter as practicable.

W. G. Richardson Esq.
Ind. Sub. Off.

Very respectfully,
Mr. W. T. St.
(Signed) D. C. Mitchell
Cap. Ind. Off.

Offic. Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, June 15, 1843.

Dear Sir,

Your several communications of the 31st letter have been duly received agreeably to your desire, I have made out, herewith enclosed to you the account of P. Chouteau & Co., amounting to \$36.50 in the balance of the \$40. they have placed to your credit.

I also enclose the statement of your letter of the 2nd Auditor, which you were pleased to send me, shall the day following your letter of explanation to Mr. Lewis - I have often had remarks myself as well as others enable the Auditor to pass the heavy items suspended; to make effect this, I deemed it advisable to accompany my remarks with the extract from my letter to the Comdy. Secy. Ind. Off. & the copy of his reply.

To obviate any objection to the account herewith, I have noted on the face, that the article are included in my general contract with P. Chouteau & Co.

W. G. Richardson Esq.
Ind. S. App. 3

Very respectfully, W. T. St.
(Signed) D. C. Mitchell
Cap. Ind. Off.

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P.S.

Offic. Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis June 16. 1843.

Your duplicate occurs for the Munro's pension for the year, was handed to me a few days ago by Mr. S. B. Saenger of this city, to whom they were appear'd to have been sent by Mr. McDonough - why they were not forwarded by you due'd to the office, together with the bills of lading, as requested by my letter to you of the 18th April last. I am unable to conjecture - I have now to ask, that you will cause to forward the bills of lading to the office, immediately after the receipt of the communication. You must be aware that the detention of the bills of lading puts it out of my power to settle with the contractor for transportation.

David Long Esq.
St. Louis
Prairie du Chien

Very respectfully
Dr. M. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Aff.

P.S.

Offic. Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis June 16. 1843.

Your letter of the 17th Inst. detailing the nature of the difficulties which have arisen between Mr. Cooper, and yourself, concerning the Lab Agency house & premises, has been received.

You are clearly right in contending for the ownership of the property, as behalf of the United States; and as I have heard many complaints against Mr. Cooper, I highly approve of the course which you propose to adopt, viz.: his removal from the Indian Country, so soon as his existing permit shall have expired; a new Survey, & under his future conduct make it necessary to resort to such a measure.

R. S. Elliott Esq.
U. S. Ass'ty.

Same regards
Dr. M. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Aff.

P.S.

Offic. Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis June 21. 1843

Your several letters of the 5th & 17th Inst. have been received. The various subjects upon which you ask information and instructions, will be promptly attended to: as some of the matters however will have to be submitted to the Comdg. Ind. Aff: Some time will necessarily elapse before satisfactory answers can be furnished from the Office.

R. S. Elliott Esq.
U. S. Ass'ty

Very respectfully
Dr. M. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. Aff.

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Mr. Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis June 26th. 1843

I have just received your letter of the 14th instant & transmitting
to the Govr. to be applied in fulfilling the Treaty of 26th October 1832; you
are hereby authorized to draw on me at St. Louis for this sum, and at
the same time, to please to sign & return to me the enclosed copy thereof.

Very respectfully,
C. H. Mc. Clellan
(T. M. O. D. S.)
Sgtm. D. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. Aff.

Mr. Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis June 26th. 1843.

Your letter of the 5th inst. in relation to the life annuity
of the late Billy Caldwells, has been received.

A few days since, Mr. Robinson took out letters of administration
conformable to the instructions given to the Commissioner of Ind. Affairs.
I have however always been of the opinion that the money ought
in justice to be paid over to the widow; and have written to the Deptt.
to that effect. In support of this opinion, I forwarded you Com-
municated as this subject.

You can be answer to any inquiries which may be made
of the Indians, says, that the money will be paid to the administrator,
and distributed according to law; or, paid over to the widow together
with her pro rata portion of the past year's annuities according
as the Deptt. may decide.

Respectfully
R. S. Elliott Esq. T. M. C. L. S.
Supt. Ind. Aff. Sgtm. D. D. Mitchell
Cornel Bluff S. A. Supt. Ind. Aff.

Mr. Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis June 29. 1843.

I have this day received your two communications of the 6th &
May letter, & 9th June instant. With regard to the fact, which contains a
list of articles for the use of the Indian & the shop, I consider that it has
been superseded by the list made out by you when last here, a part
of the article embraced in which, you have already received, the balance
are set up, & will be forwarded by the Company's boat.

As to the Indian said to be employed by Mr. Cockran, it
was, according to your showing, a mere accident, and moreover the Indian
was in a place where he had no right to be, under the existing laws of the

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State - And as it respects the half breed Indians who are said to have sold their lands etc. they have a clear right to do so, under the authority of an act of Congress bearing upon this special question; I therefore consider it a private matter between the parties concerned, & one with which the Deptt. has no concern; hence I can see no necessity for you visiting Burlington for the purpose you state. Very respectfully,

W. T. Richardson Esq.

Asst. Secy. 3

At Ms. 88. St.

Signed D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 5. 1843.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs.

St. Louis July 1. 1843.

Mr George Simpson, a citizen of this place applied at this office a few days since, for a license to trade with the Arapahos and other Indians in the Arkansas river.

The license was made out, & the bond furnished, but it appears he took away the bonds from the office, and now calls for the license. I then understand that he has already started with out any authority whatever to trade in the Indian Country. If such is the case, it is fair to presume that he intends to violate the intercourse law, & will to avoid the penalties of the bonds. He will no doubt pass out on the Santa Fe trail, & consequently go near your Agency; if so, I have to request, that you make a sharp lookout for him & his party, and proceed against them as the law directs.

Very R. W. Cummins
Asst. Secy. 3

Respectfully D. M. W. T.
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 5. 1843.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs.

St. Louis July 5. 1843

It appears, that on the 21st November last, you purchased sugar or quantity of goods belonging to Pearson & Cooper; under the belief that they were about being sold, or had been sold to persons who intended to sell them to the Potowatomies without authority or license to trade.

The Supervisor, I do not consider sufficient to justify the sugars. When the trade and intercourse act is violated it is time enough to enforce its penalties; I have therefore to request that you will deliver a copy to be delivered to the persons that own this sugar, holding them responsible for the manner in which they are traders. Respectfully, D. M. W. T.
Richd. S. Elliott Esq.
Asst. Secy. 3

Signed D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 5. 1843.

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Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 6th 1843.

By a letter, this day received from the Comd. of Ind. Affairs,
I am notified that the Osage Lab Agency has been transferred to the
St. Louis Superintendency.

All your office business will henceforth be transacted through
the office. Such instructions as may be deemed necessary will be furnished
in due time.

Respectfully D. M. W.

Signed D. M. Mitchell

Sup. Ind. Aff.

R. S. Coleaway Esq.
Ind. Sub. Agen. 3
Osage Lab Agency 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 13th 1843

By the Steam. Bo't. "Oneida" I send up an Indian woman,
supposed to be a Potawatomie belonging to the Council Bluff.

This woman was picked up by some of our troops in Florida,
and the circumstance reported to the War Deptt. I was induced to ascertain
if possible her place of residence, & some her history. It may be that I am
wrong in sending her to the Bluffs of St. Louis. I have to depend that you will
endeavor to ascertain the tribe to which she belongs, and how her send
home at the expense of the Govt. I would also desire you to learn
her history, how she came to be in Florida etc. Report all the facts
to the Office.

Respectfully D. M. W.

Signed D. M. Mitchell

Sup. Ind. Aff.

R. S. Elliott Esq.
Ind. Sub. Agen. 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 15th 1843.

I have received your letter of the 20th ulto. covering your demand
of funds, per June, and an account of a sum of \$1000.00 due us
and how we during your late visit used the purpose of removing tresspasses
from the Potawatomie lands.

You inform me in the letter referred to, that you have drawn upon
me for the amount of Mr. Harbin's account; on this subject I am glad to have
the opportunity thus early to advise you, that it is not at the office rule
or no instant to remunerate, unless previously authorized; a contrary course
could only result in embarrassing myself and the holder, as it might
frequently happen that I would be drawn upon in other hands of service
for what no funds were at my command. When we draft an
account of the office, except in due form and made out for the

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amounts which are expected to be required & returned when the audit is made.
As the Contingent funds for the last half year will shortly be placed
in your hands, you can then take the same number from Mr. H. Schenck
at your regular account, the account of M. Starck's Company & himself
standing. Capital & some up the whole of the funds for your late
Agency & the next trip of the "Omaha", together with the amount due,
etc., etc.

Very respectfully

Dr. M. D. Mitchell

Paul S. Elliott Esq

Sat. Aug 3

Sym. Dr. D. Mitchell

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Sir:

Office Suprd. Indian Affairs

St. Louis July 15. 1843.

Your second letter of the 18th ulto, together with your last
account & property return for the 2nd quarter of the year, were yesterday
received at the office.

The account & return, after the usual examination, have
been this day transmitted to the Office of the Compty. Indian Affairs.
I have strongly recommended that, under the peculiar circumstances of
the case, the Dept. would render 13,000, or about 13,200, by the
purchase of one or two raffs of money for the Indians, but I must
again assure Sir to you, that I have done nothing to this subject.

I perceive from No. 4 of your abstract of current expenses,
that you have applied a portion of your Contingent funds to the purchase
of tobacco as provisos for the Omahas; this cannot be denied, and, as far as the occasion
and rate, no doubt, be reasonable, and has part to no occasion
more than to caution you, or no account hereafter, to divert
any amount of funds remitted for a specific object, to any other
purpose, however well intentioned, than those for which the remittance
was made. Any departure from the same will only result in embarrass-
ment of your account, and perhaps draw upon you the censure of
the Department.

Very respectfully Your Servt

Dr. M. D. Mitchell

Paul S. Elliott Esq

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Sep. 1st. 1843

Sir:

Office Suprd. Indian Affairs

St. Louis July 22. 1843.

By a letter the day received from the Compty. Indian Affairs
I am informed that you have volunteered to file the bond required
of the Department for the faithful discharge of its fiduciary