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Office Super. Ind. Affairs:

Louis May 1. 1850

Sir:
I have had to day a conversation with Mr. Agar Richardson relative to the agricultural fund of the State of Mo., from which sum of Opennin' the 27th Ann'd designated in your letter of the 10th ulto. as available - namely \$1500. can lawfully be expended for that purpose. I have so instructed the Secy. Agar whom accordingly to request that the remittance be made as early as convenient.

The Su. of Ind. has had their Smith ship in operation again; but in consequence of not knowing the fact when my estimate was prepared, no provision was made for the Smith, Asst. Com. for funds to expend the \$1500. be remitted further by the 1st ulto. when sending the agricultural funds.

Hon Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. Affairs

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Secy. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs:

Louis May 1. 1850

I have the honor to inform you that the copy of your communication to Gov. Romney, which your State was enclosed in your letter of the 22nd ulto. advising me of remittances of \$997.00 to pay your farmers for the return of horses, has not been rec'd. at this office.

Hon Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. Affairs

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Secy. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs:

Louis May 10. 1850

As a sequel of the conditions of your letter of the 27th Ultmo. I have the honor to advise the sum of funds deposited by P. Chouteau & Co. for the trade in the Upper Missouri.

Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. Affairs

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Secy. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs:

Louis May 13. 1850

I have the honor hereto to forward a letter from Agar Lewinsky for Appomattox, a Counterpart James. G. Miller or Blount to the Potowatomi.

Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. Affairs

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Secy. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs:

Louis May 13. 1850

I have the honor hereto to forward a copy of statement of funds for April ulto. very respectfully
Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. Affairs

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Secy. Ind. Affairs

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Office Super. Ind. affairs
St. Louis May 16. 1850.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, licenses granted by Agent Lee to Robert Harper, Snell, Lashly and Simpson & Blanton to trade with the Ottawas; and to Cyprius Chouteau to trade with the Lakota Sioux, and Sioux, together with their bands and families.

Very respectfully etc.
John Orlando Brown
Comd. Ind. offr. 3

Signature: D. O. Mitchell
Date: Ind. offr.

Office Super. Ind. affairs
St. Louis May 16. 1850.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval a contract made by me with Messrs. Stevens, New & Co. of the City for furnishing arms & provisions for the Indians, Sioux & Chippewas for the year, accompanied with the bond for the payment of the sum. I also enclose an abstract of the proposals and for furnishing these supplies.

Very respectfully etc.
John Orlando Brown
Comd. Ind. offr. 3

Signature: D. O. Mitchell
Date: Ind. offr.

Office Super. Indian affairs
St. Louis May 18. 1850.

Dear Sir:

Pardon me to call your attention to the act of the 2d and 3d Legislative Council making appropriations for National purposes, which was passed and signed approved under Comdg's letter from the office on the 17th of February last. It contains a list of all debts due, and not yet paid, to the amount of \$10,000,000.00, and as the Agent attorney will not file a certificate to pay over this money out of their accounts without your previous sanction, I have directed him to deliver the amount appropriated in his hands unto your direction enclosed, which I respectfully request may be as early as convenient. I have the honor etc.
John Orlando Brown
Comd. Ind. offr. 3

Signature: D. O. Mitchell
Date: Ind. offr.

Office Super. Ind. affairs
St. Louis May 22. 1850.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Sub Agent Barrows of the 5th Dist. remonstrating Henry Ellmore to Santa Fe the Omahas, and a Charles M. W. Phillips in Santa Fe the Navajo, in place of Mrs. W. Conner and Mr. P. Snuffin resigning, and enclosing for approval his contract with the former, whom I named.

Very respectfully I am etc.
John Orlando Brown
Comd. Ind. offr. 3

Signature: D. O. Mitchell
Date: Ind. offr.

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Offic Super. Indian Affairs

Louis May 31. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit a statement of official letters received from, & sent to the Department; and a statement of public money disbursed by me, during the month ending on this day. Very respectfully etc
Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. affs. 3

(Signed) L. D. Mitchell

Supt Ind. off

Offic Super. Ind. affs

Louis June 3rd 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit the Cash account of Capt C. A. Hardy, for the 1st quarter of this year, which comes hand of the day's mail.
Very respectfully etc
Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. affs. 3

(Signed) L. D. Mitchell

Supt Ind. off

Offic Super. Ind. affs

Louis June 5. 1850

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit a duplicate extract made by me at S. S. Phelps for furnishing & delivering beef, cattle & the like to the Alamedos, together with his bill for the performance of the same.

I enclose under an abstract of the bills paid at this office for the transportation of the Alamedos & some presents & others for the citizens of the Mississippi.

Very respectfully yours
Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. affs. 3

(Signed) L. D. Mitchell

Supt Ind. off

Offic Super. Ind. affs

Louis June 6. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit a letter from Mr. Agard Merdy, covering the proceedings of the Wyandot Convention called to pass upon the late treaty negotiated by their delegation when in Washington City.

By a reference to the report of the Wyandots for the 4th of 1849, we will find the aggregate number stated to be 606, of whom 167 are men and heads of families - of these 167, it appears by the proceedings of the convention, that only 83 voted - 63 for, & 20, against the treaty. Under these circumstances, I cannot consider the vote taken as expressing the sense of the majority of the nation.

Very respectfully etc
Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. affs. 3

(Signed) L. D. Mitchell

Supt Ind. off

Offic Super. Ind. off

Louis June 6. 1850

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit an account current with me,

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of Rev. D. Lykins, for money rec'd from an account of the Congregation of Indians
in the 3^d quarter of 1848. Very respectfully,
Signed L. D. Mitchell

Hon. Orlando Brown Supd. Ind. off.
Con. Ind. off. 3 Offic. Supr. Ind. affairs

Sir:
I have the honor humbly to transmit a letter from Agent Lee,
and by C. Christie and his new course of goods for Indians trade.
Hon. Orlando Brown Very respectfully
Con. Ind. off. 3 Signed L. D. Mitchell

Lew. June 6. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor humbly to transmit Agent Harvey's Statement of public
money rec'd & disbursed by him in the month of April under allay last.
Hon. Orlando Brown Very respectfully
Con. Ind. off. 3 Signed L. D. Mitchell

Lew. June 10. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor humbly to submit for your consideration a letter of
the 1st. Inst. rec'd. from Agent Lee, in relation to the necessity of requiring
the Fort Leavenworth Agency buildings, and, suggesting the expediency of diminishing
the number of tribes to prevent comprehendence with his agency.
Also before to my own views as the subject combined in his letter,
I beg leave refer to my last annual report. Very respectfully
Hon. Orlando Brown Signed L. D. Mitchell
Con. Ind. off. 3 Supd. Ind. off.

Offic. Supr. Ind. affairs
Lew. June 10. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor humbly to transmit to Mr. Richard Nixon, collector
of New York at Blacksmith & Church, Eggers & Co. Smith & Son
Fees of Cons. together with his entrance into them, in conformity with your
instructions of the 7th ultim.
Also enclose his statement of funds for allay last.
Hon. Orlando Brown Very respectfully
Con. Ind. off. 3 Signed L. D. Mitchell

Supd. Ind. off.

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<p style="text-align: center;">270</p> <p><i>Sir:</i></p> <p>I have the honor herewith to transmit to the Carl Agard Statton for the 4th quarter of 1849, and 1st quarter of 1850.</p> <p>For Orlando Brown 3 Com Ind. off^{ce}</p>	<p>Office Super. Ind. affairs St. Louis June 12. 1850.</p> <p>Very respectfully Signed D. D. Mitchell Sup. Ind. aff's</p>
<p><i>Sir:</i></p> <p>I have the honor herewith to submit for approval, a license granted by Carl Agard Statton to Peter A. Saenger to trade with the Pecos Indians, accompanying which will be found his application, bond & source of goods.</p> <p>For Orlando Brown 3 Com Ind. off^{ce}</p>	<p>Office Super. Ind. affairs St. Louis June 12. 1850.</p> <p>Very respectfully Signed D. D. Mitchell Sup. Ind. aff's</p>
<p><i>Sir:</i></p> <p>I have the honor herewith to submit for approval, a license granted by Carl Agard Statton to Peter A. Saenger to trade with the Pecos Indians, together with their application & bond. Their names of goods for that trade will be furnished directly the packer is completed.</p> <p>For Orlando Brown 3 Com Ind. off^{ce}</p>	<p>Office Super. Ind. affairs St. Louis June 13. 1850.</p> <p>Very respectfully Signed D. D. Mitchell Sup. Ind. aff's</p>
<p><i>Sir:</i></p> <p>I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration, a letter from Mr. Agard Morley, enclosing the request of Robert Robertson, also a grant of land, for the location of the lands which he is entitled under the provisions of the Treaty of 1842.</p> <p>I am aware that by a former decision of the Department of the Interior the lands under the Treaty, have been required to be within locations on unappropriated lands in one body, and contiguous to each other.</p> <p>For Orlando Brown 3 Com Ind. off^{ce}</p>	<p>Office Super. Ind. affairs St. Louis June 13. 1850.</p> <p>Very respectfully Signed D. D. Mitchell Sup. Ind. aff's</p>
<p><i>Sir:</i></p> <p>I have the honor herewith to transmit to Mr. Agard Morley Statement of public money and disbursements of him in May ulto.</p> <p>For Orlando Brown 3 Com Ind. off^{ce}</p>	<p>Office Super. Ind. affairs St. Louis June 13. 1850.</p> <p>Very respectfully Signed D. D. Mitchell Sup. Ind. aff's</p>

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Offic Super Ind. affis

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Sir:
I have the honor to transmit the signed and accompanying documents of Lieut Agent Harry Harvey in relation to the Osage Indians, 1st complaint made by George Whitehair and the Osage delegation when in Washington last fall. In the main, I fully concur with Mr Harvey in his views, and have induced to believe that he will be an efficient & valuable agent for the Osages.

Also, at his request, enclose three specimens of painting executed by the female pupils of the Osage School, which he desires may be presented & dedicated to the President or each.

Should you wish further information, please advise me to write to Mr. George Whitehair and also Captain of the Osage Dragoons.

Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. aff. 3

With great respect etc
(Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Supd Ind. aff.

Offic Super Ind. affis
St. Louis June 17. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to enclose a letter this day handed to me by Lieut Agent H. Harvey in relation to a Mexican boy accused from the Indians of an Osage Indian, and placed by him in Charge temporarily of a White man in Neosho, Newton County, Mo., but who now refuses to give him up.

I trust that under your kind & sympathetic intercession Mexico, prompt measures will be taken to have the boy liberated & delivered to his parents.

Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. aff. 3

Very respectfully yours
(Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Supd Ind. aff.

Offic Super Ind. affis
St. Louis June 20 1850

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit a letter from Lieut Agent Murch, enclosing the Consideration of the Leg. and Govt, regarding the removal of the Leg. etc.

Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. aff. 3

Very respectfully yours
(Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Supd Ind. aff.

Offic Super Ind. affis
St. Louis June 20 1850

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit a letter from Agent Harvey enclosing a new name of the trader, Major C. F. Chester, & by place of the one returned is defective.

Hon. Orlando Brown
Com. Ind. aff. 3

Very respectfully yours
(Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Supd Ind. aff.

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Sir. *Office Super. Ind. affairs*
Louis June 20 1850.

I have the honor to transmit for approval, a license granted
by Agent Hardy & C. D. Mitchell to trade with the Kansas Indians, together
with their applications, bearing goods and bonds.

Hon. Alanson Brown
Com. Ind. off. 3

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Sir. *Office Super. Ind. affairs*
Louis June 20 1850.

I have the honor to enclose for approval, a license granted
by Agent Hardy & S. R. Berthold to trade with the Sioux Foxes Indians; also
under his application, bearing goods and bonds.

Hon. Alanson Brown
Com. Ind. off. 3

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Sir. *Office Super. Ind. affairs*
Louis June 20 1850.

I have the honor hereto to enclose two letters from Agent Hardy
to give address, embracing the objects made by both the Sioux Foxes
and the Indians, to the deduction made from their Spring annuities
for the payment of debt claims, which I trust will receive the attention
of the department.

Hon. Alanson Brown
Com. Ind. off. 3

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Sir. *Office Super. Ind. affairs*
Louis July 1. 1850.

I have the honor hereto to transmit my Cash Agent property
return for the quarter ending on the 30th instant.

Hon. Alanson Brown
Com. Ind. off. 3

With great respect & see
Signed L. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Sir. *Office Super. Ind. affairs*
Louis July 1. 1850.

I have the honor hereto to transmit statement of official letters
rec'd & written, as a statement of the unpaid & delinquent of ms
during the month of June instant.

Hon. Alanson Brown
Com. Ind. off. 3.

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

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Sir: Office Super. Ind. affs
St. Louis July 1. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to transmit the applications of Mr.
 Agent Statler, for the grants, under a law 30 June 1846.
 Hon. Alando Brown very respectfully
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. affs
 Com. Ind. affs. 3

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affs
St. Louis July 1. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license
 granted by Sub Agent Bureau of Indian Affairs, to one of the
 Ottos, Lellicons, and Pawhus, and also, his application for bond.
 Hon. Alando Brown very respectfully
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. affs
 Com. Ind. affs. 3

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affs
St. Louis July 1. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to transmit bonds of Mr. Wm.
 Folsom, licensee for the establishment of a Church & Co.
 Hon. Alando Brown very respectfully
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. affs
 Com. Ind. affs. 3

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affs
St. Louis July 9. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license
 granted by Agent Kellypatrick to Dr. Johnson to trade with the Ogallalas
 Cheyenne, together with his application for bond.
 Hon. Alando Brown very respectfully
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Super. Ind. affs
 Com. Ind. affs. 3

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affs
St. Louis July 9. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to enclose the application, bond No.
 of David Waldo, who wishes to establish a trading post in the
 Arkansas River.
 The papers are some what singular, but this I hope will be
 overlooked, and the license approved. I consider it very important
 that a trading post should be established on the plain between, as it
 will be off much from the main course, as well as the Mexican
 Indians, travellers to and from Santa Fe. It will also tend to
 civilize the wild tribes inhabiting that region of country. I am

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well acquainted with Mr. Blalock, and know him to be a worthy man.
Agent Gilpatrick was not present at the time. Respectfully
Hon. Orlando Brown, (Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Comptd. off 3 Sept 2d 1850

Sir: Office Sup't Ind. aff's
St. Louis July 9. 1850.
I have the honor to enclose my duplicate receipt for
Sunday Indian Committee goods forwarded by the "Troy & Erie Line". It will
be seen by my remarks that the four packages of powder have not
been received. Very respectfully etc
Hon. Orlando Brown (Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Comptd. off 3 Sept 2d 1850

Sir: Office Sup't Ind. aff's
St. Louis July 10 1850.
I have the honor to transmit a letter just rec'd. from Agent
Harvey, enclosing the new & corrected bonds of Major Brown & Company,
which I trust may be filed with the other papers.
Hon. Orlando Brown, (Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Comptd. off 3 Sept 2d 1850

Sir: Office Sup't Ind. aff's
St. Louis July 10 1850.
I have the honor to transmit a letter from Agent Gilpatrick
at the instance of Col. Agent Dow, addressed to me, in relation to a
deputation claim presented against the Osages by Major Thompson, Miller
and Turley, for traders. From other sources of information I come
by some to the conclusion that their claim has no foundation against
the Osages, but the letter of Agent G. in my opinion, settles the matter
definitely, and I have therefore to request that the letter of Mr. Gilpatrick
may be filed with the report of Col. Agent Harvey, which was forwarded
from the office on the 17th ult.

I hope hereafter the claims of every description brought against
Indians, will be carefully and promptly investigated before any
portion of the money of the Indians be appropriated for payment.
Hon. Orlando Brown, (Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Comptd. off 3 Sept 2d 1850

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Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 12. 1850

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash accounts
of Sub Agent Mechadaw, for the quarter ending 30th ultmo.

I enclose under his letter of explanation, the lease to
direct your attention especially to the part of it which refers to the
appropriation by the Board of Executive Councils, as also to my
letter of 19 Feb^r & 18^c of May, as the Subject of your predecessor.
Hon: Luke Lee
Cordis off: 3
Washington Ct. 3

Lease for next quarter
Signed, L. D. Mitchell
Supd. Ind. off

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 12. 1850

In addition to previous delay in transmitting the remittance
after Congress shall have passed the appropriate bill for the
present fiscal year, I have the honor herewith to enclose an
estimate of the funds required for the Superintendent for the
3^d & 4th quarters of this year. *With great respect &c.*
Hon: Luke Lee
Cordis off: 3
Washington Ct. 3
(Signed) L. D. Mitchell
Supd. Ind. off

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 15. 1850

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash accounts
properly estimated of Sub Agent Mechadaw for the 2^d qtr of the year,
together with his letter of explanation relative to Superintendent's return etc.

The temporary absence of the Super. of Ind. Affairs prevents
me from having opportunity to communicate with him.

Hon: L. Lee
Cordis off: 3
Washington Ct. 3
Very respectfully &c.
(Signed) John Hassey
Cordis Ind. off

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 19. 1850

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash accounts
properly estimated of Sub Agent Mechadaw for the 2^d qtr of the year,
together with his letter of explanation relative to Superintendent's return etc.

The temporary absence of the Super. of Ind. Affairs prevents
me from having opportunity to communicate with him.

Hon: L. Lee
Cordis off: 3
Washington Ct. 3
Very respectfully &c.
(Signed) John Hassey
Cordis Ind. off

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Sir:

Offic Sup't Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 22. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to transm. a letter from Sub Agent Richardson, enclosing his application, a license granted by him to James McDonald to trade with the George Lewis Party, over with the Cherokees
Sub agent, together with his application and license - the license to be furnished during his first purchase. With best regards
Hon. L. Lee. Signed John Howard
Concl. 100 Sept 1st 1850

Sir:

Offic Sup't Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 26. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to transm. a letter from Agent Lee,
enclosing the Counter bond of C. Cheatum, as Sub Agent, which he
has & requires may be filed with his other papers
Hon. L. Lee. Very respectfully etc
Concl. 100 Signed D. D. Mitchell
Sept 1st 1850

Sir:

Offic Sup't Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 26. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to transm. a license granted
to James McDonald to trade with the Ponahs, and
Seneca, together with his application, license and license. The Sub
agent Hutton being in his last account near the Yellow Stone, and
it out of the power of Mr. Robinson to obtain a license from him
in due account, for my having acted w^t the premises.
Hon. L. Lee. Very respectfully etc
Concl. 100 Signed D. D. Mitchell
Sept 1st 1850

Sir:

Offic Sup't Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 27. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a duplicate of my rec'd
for five packages of annual goods for the Chippewas of the Mississ.
and two on the 20th Inst. of the "Iron Erie line", which completes
the annual goods required for those Indians.

I feel bound to add, that in consequence of the removal of
the powder acts the other stores, I was compelled to leave one
at Adams & have it stored in one of the Magazines provided
for that purpose, whereby an expense of Twenty three dollars (\$23)
has been incurred, which would have been avoided had it arrived
with the other stores, as under my arrangement, the latter were transferred
from one boat to another (with the exception of the Drayford) without

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the expense of the drags or storage. It is further requested to decide whether the extra expense is chargeable to the "Time & Wages" and.

Hon. L. Lea
Com. Sec. off. 3

Very respectfully in
Yours, D. D. Mitchell
Sig'd Sec. off.

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 29. 1850

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a letter from Agent Lea, remitting Lewis R. Dailey or Peters, foreman, Sam'l Lewis & Asst. Blacksmith, and Noah Daniel & Almon S. Olcott, laborers at Potowatamie Saw mill, together with contracts with each of the above named.

Hon. L. Lea
Com. Sec. off. 3

Very respectfully
Yours, D. D. Mitchell
Sig'd Sec. off.

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 29. 1850

I have the honor to inform you, that since my letter to you of the 27th Inst. I have ascertained & paid the amount of the drags and storage of the Chippewa powder while amounting to forty dollars and fifty Cents.

Hon. L. Lea
Com. Sec. off. 3

Very respectfully
Yours, D. D. Mitchell
Sig'd Sec. off.

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 30. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter of the 21st Inst. this day recd, from Agent Lea, in relation to the complaint of the Potowatamies, about the retention of \$6.000, from their annuities to cover advances made to them during their stay at Blackfoot in 1845. The letter of Agent Cummings, referred to in the enclosed, was forwarded from Office by my predecessor under date of letter of 25 January 1849, to Agent Lea by letter to inform you, and in which you will find the allegations of the Potowatamies fully sustained.

Hon. L. Lea
Com. Sec. off. 3

Very respectfully
Yours, D. D. Mitchell
Sig'd Sec. off.

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis July 31. 1850

I have the honor by last evening mail to receive your letter of the 23rd instant, acknowledging the receipt of the Cash copy of the Agent's Monthly Report for the 2^d Quarter of 1850.

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"The letter of the 19th July last," to which you say I call your attention in view of the 12th Inst. must certainly be a clerical mistake; the letter referred to in the copy on record here, was that of the 19th of February and 18 May of this year, copies of which I have herewith to enclose.

Very respectfully etc.

Gov. L. Lea 3
Conf Secy. offr 3

(Signed) G. D. Mitchell
Capt Secy offr

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs
Kans August 1. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to transmit statements of official letters received, written to the Department, and a statement of public money held & disbursed by me, during the month of July ultim.

Gov. L. Lea. 3
Kans Augt 1850 3
Washgtn City 3

Very respectfully etc
(Signed) G. D. Mitchell
Capt Secy offr

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs
Kans August 1. 1850.

I have the honor to repeat to you that in the 15th letters, a delegation of twelve principal men of the Fox tribe of Indians arrived here with many words of the U.S.A. ostensibly for the purpose of laying before our then government, but really with a view to obtain permission to go to Washington. These Indians are representing the marauding bands so much complained of by the people of Iowa, and asked the War Department to bear witness to their removal to their own Country.

There is a Council with them on the 15th - listened with attention to what they have to say, which for the most part was very unordered; advised them to return immediately with their people to the lands assigned to them; this done could not be introduced at that time, to call a general meeting of the band - ascertain the nature of their complaints, and to transmit a report thereof to the office, when, if well founded, measures would be taken to pursue their said facts, with a view to induce them to return peacefully to their country & induce these people to return at home, I made them some presents of money, articles of clothing etc, of which they stood greatly in need, amounting to the whole to \$200, which I struck, under the Circumstances, stated, will be approved by the Department, and a Committee be made to due time to pay for the article - They departed apparently well satisfied, promising not only to stay at home themselves, but to exert their influence in keeping their people at home also.

Gov. L. Lea 3
Conf Secy. offr 3

(Signed) G. D. Mitchell
Capt Secy offr

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Dr:

I have the honor hereunto to transmit a letter recently recd from
Lie Agent Harvey in relation to the Osage Indians, with Consideration of
the Subject.

With regard to the Indians due the Osages under the 4th article
of their Treaty of 11 Aug. 1839, it will be found by referring to my estimate
for the Current year, that I anticipate the Lie Agent's requiring
\$3500. under this article, which I think is as much as can be judiciously
expended this year. I request that Mr Harvey in Supply of the
means of took Sec. for the Osage Mill, dole out for an estimate
of the amount required; I would beg leave to supply the Oneida,
by recommending that the sum of \$200. be remitted for that purpose.

I would also respectfully recommend that the sum of \$300.
be allowed for prints at the Osage Councils payed this fall,
to be forwarded with the Seven Annual Committees - The Osages
are numerous - neary 5000 - and should be allowed prints
while assembled to be enrolled. Respectfully
Yours L. S. M. -

Com. Ind. Affairs

(Signed) L. S. M. -

Sept the 10th

Offic Supr. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis August 2. 1850

Dr:

I have the honor hereto make a communication from Agent
Fitzpatrick, in relation to a Military post about to be established on
the Arkansas River.

I deem it important that Agent Fitzpatrick should accompany
Col. Sumner, and be adressed with a to the locality of the Post: he is
extremely acquainted with the Country and the Indians, and could
do much towards satisfy them, in the event of any objections being
made to the establishment of a Garrisoned Station of Country.

I would also earnestly recommend that he be authorized to
furnish the Agent with say Five thousand (\$5000) dollars worth
of Indian goods, to be distributed among the Indians as a compensation
for the destruction of the timber, game, grass &c. that the establishment
of a military post must necessarily produce.

I consider our Government in honor bound to pay the Indians
in any deprivations of which they can justly complain. It will
be also found, that in the Scale of Justice, to say nothing of honest
humanity, that the Indians of the Plains should be justly &
liberally treated.

Hon L. S. M.
Com. Ind. Affairs

Respectfully
(Signed) L. S. M. -

L. S. M.

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St. Louis August 3. 1850

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter this day received from W. G. Clegg Esq., a highly respectable Citizen of Indiana, and for many years connected with the Indian trade; presenting charges against Doctor J. L. Kins, who is at present employed as Physician among the Shawnees, and Super't. of one of their Manual Labor Schools (the Baptist). I am well acquainted with the gentlemen whom he refers, and a know them to be all of good standing. Of the truth or falsehood of these charges I know nothing, I therefore respectfully refer them for due examination to the Agent at my disposal & from whom the call.

Hon. L. Lea
Comd'rs. off. 3

With great respect
Lyman, G. D. Mitchell

Sep't 1. 1850

Offic Supr. Ind. offis

St. Louis August 3. 1850

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to transm. a letter from Agent Hardy, stating that he has opened the sum of \$500.00 to be expended to advantage this year, as the largest Manual Labor School for the Bishop Indians is the Contractor w/ the part of the Methodist E. Churc. I concur w/ opening with the Agency and respectfully request that that amount be forwarded to Mr. Rev. Mr. Stevenson the Treasurer of the Society to disburse.

Hon. L. Lea
Comd'rs. off. 3

Very respectfully I remain
Lyman, G. D. Mitchell
Sep't 1. 1850

Offic Supr. Ind. offis

St. Louis August 5. 1850

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Hardy, reporting the decision of the Indians in favor of placing their Manual Labor School under the direction of the Baptist Society. I likewise enclose a Counter Statement previously signed by the Indians, but to which I cannot attach much importance as the signatures are not witnessed.

Hon. L. Lea
Comd'rs. off. 3

Very respectfully
Lyman, G. D. Mitchell
Sep't 1. 1850

Offic Supr. Ind. offis

St. Louis August 8. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration, a letter from Agent Lea in relation to a claim advanced by Joseph Lafromboise, a Potawatomie half breed, for his salary as Interpreter for the 324979

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of 1847, which he alleges has not been paid to him. I have examined accounts to be made of the vouchers of the late Lt Agent R. D. B. Mitchell, and of those of Major R. W. Cummins, the result of which appears to some extent, in the claim set forth. It is as the next of Lieutenant & M. Mitchell, dated 26 July 1847, for \$126.00, in favor of his pay from 29 June to 30 June 1847 inclusive; and his account to the same, dated 14 Oct 1847 for \$75. in full of his salary to include 30 Sept 1847. The next payment appears by his receipt to have been made to him on the 18th Nov. 1848, of R. W. Cummins, Lt. & Co. for \$1.650. for the 1st 2^d quarters of 1848. Having found no other pay for 4th quarters of 1847, I am induced to suppose that he has not been paid for that quarter. That Mr. Mitchell recycles the funds for that purpose as plain from the files of the office, but how he has disposed of them I am unable to say. His accounts, I believe, are not yet finally closed in the Treasury Department. Should my suggestion be found correct, that he has not been paid for the 4th quarter of 1847, I beg that the 8th Com'd due him for that quarter may be immediately remitted.

It may be well here to state, that from the correspondence record between the late Agent Harry L. Cage Cummins, the claimed Lieutenant was continually employed as Interpreter for the Indians, from January 1847 to 30 June 1848.

Hon. L. Lea
Com'd Sec'y of War

I have the honor to be etc.
Signed, L. D. Mitchell
Sept 1st 1850

Office Sup't. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis August 9. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash Book and property return of Lt Agent J. C. Barnes, for the quarter ending 30 June ultimo.

Hon. L. Lea
Com'd Sec'y of War

Very respectfully etc
Signed, L. D. Mitchell
Sept 1st 1850

Office Sup't. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis August 9. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license granted by Lt Agent Richardson to Mr. W. Freeman to trade with the Sioux and Sioux Indians, the applications, bonds and names of Mr. Freeman are herewith enclosed.

Hon. L. Lea
Com'd Sec'y of War

Very respectfully etc
Signed, L. D. Mitchell
Sept 1st 1850

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Pri. Offr. Supr. Ind. affrs
St. Louis, August 9, 1850.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter of the 25th ultm^r, from Sub Agent Barrow, in reference to three accounts sent by him to the office in January last, and at St. Louis, that these accounts were forwarded by me to your precision for decision on the 10th of April last, since which time I have heard nothing further from them. I respectfully ask that a decision may be made on them as early as convenient.

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
(Sub Adm't)

Sir. Offr. Supr. Ind. affrs
St. Louis August 12, 1850.

I have the honor herewith to forward for approval, a license granted by Agent Lee & Ino. to Volk to trade with the Shawnee Indians, together with his application and bonds. The sum will be furnished directly the goods are delivered.

Mr. L. Lee
Offr. Supr. Ind. affrs
Con'd Sub. off'r

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
(Sub Adm't)

Sir. Offr. Supr. Ind. affrs
St. Louis August 13, 1850.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a contract made by Sub Agent Barrow with Chas. M. W. Phelps or Blacksmith, fisherman, this contract was returned to him for correction, together with one made by him with H. Moore or Smith for the Oneidas; the latter he has withdrawn as much as he was compelled to discharge Moore on the 30th June last for immoral conduct. I trust the contract now enclosed will be found correct.

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
(Sub Adm't)

Sir. Offr. Supr. Ind. affrs
St. Louis August 13, 1850.

I have the honor herewith to transmit Sub Agent Richardson's statement of the public funds in his hands for the month of July ultimo.

Very respectfully
Signed L. D. Mitchell
(Sub Adm't)

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Offic Supr. Indus. affars
St Louis August 11. 1850.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the Cash Account & property statement of Agent Mr. Gilpatrick for the year ending 30 June ultmo.

It is due the Agent to State this, in consequence of the pecuniary portion of the Service in which he was engaged - his distance from the place and the want of proper facilities, it was out of his power to conduct his accounts or the expences of each quarter, as required by the regulations.

It will be perceived that the Agent renders no monthly report of the Indians for the articles delivered to them as presents; to account for this omission, I herewith enclose his letter of explanation, and have only to remark that the reasons given assign him very sufficient satisfactory in a similar case of the Agent for the Settlement of his accounts for the year ending 30 June 1849.

Asst L. Lea
Com. Indus. affars

Very respectfully, &c
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Supd Ind. 400

Offic Supr. Indus. affars
Lemis August 16. 1850

I have the honor to transmit the Cash Account of Agent Lea for the quarter ending on the 30th June last, which were received here by last evening mail.

Asst L. Lea
Com. Indus. affars

Very respectfully, &c
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Supd Ind. 400

Offic Supr. Ind. affars
Lemis August 16. 1850

Sir: I have the honor to enclose a letter from Agent Gilpatrick informing me that the term of four years from the date of his appointment, expire as the 6th of this month.

There is nothing on file in the office, going to show when Agent Gilpatrick was nominated or confirmed by the Senate; this information can however be easily obtained by reference to the records of the Department. If Mr. Gilpatrick's term of Service has expired, it becomes necessary to appoint him, at least some one else as his successor.

Asst L. Lea
Com. Indus. affars

Respectfully yours
Signed D. D. Mitchell
Supd Ind. 400

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Office Sup't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis August 20. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of Henry Statement of
Robt. Morris, and disbursements of him, & the month of July last.
Hon. L. Lee
Comd. Ind. off. 3
Very respectfully, etc.
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Superintendent
Indian Affairs

Office Sup't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis August 22. 1850.

In Compliance with the requirement of your letter of the 13th Inst.
(the day and) I have the honor herewith to enclose a copy of the act of the
Senate Committee, making appropriations for the Current expenses of
the Indians for this year, the original of which was forwarded under our
que letter from the office on the 19th last July. Also enclose
a copy of the Del. agent's letter transmitting the act referred to.
Hon. L. Lee
Comd. Ind. off. 3
Very respectfully,
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Superintendent
Indian Affairs

Office Sup't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis August 22. 1850.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter this day received
from Col. George Davis, giving one addressed to the President
of the U.S. in which they ask to be furnished with certain documents
state charges of their children. It will be perceived that among
the signatures are written, while that of Custer makes the
document valuable.
Hon. L. Lee
Comd. Ind. off. 3
Very respectfully,
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
Superintendent
Indian Affairs

Office Sup't. Indian Affairs
St. Louis August 29. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agent Lee of the
21st ulto, transmitting for approval, a license granted by him to Mr.
Dykes Mason to trade with the Delawares, Kickapoos, Shawnees,
together with their application therefor; in consequence of his family
being compelled to send back three papers for correction, which will
account for the length of time that has elapsed between the date of
the agent's letter and its transmission to your office.
Also enclose another letter from the same of the 19th Inst.,
transmitting for approval, a license granted by him to James McDonall
to trade with the Shawnees, and likewise his application
was denied. The errors in both cases to be furnished herewith.
Hon. L. Lee. Com. Ind. off.
(Signed) D. D. Mitchell, Super.

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Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit statements of official letters received, & sent to the Department, and a statement of the money paid or disbursed by me, on the 20th inst. of this day
 Attn: L. Lee
 Com: Ind. Affairs
 Con: Ind. Affairs

Very respectfully yours
 Signed L. D. Mitchell
 Sup: Ind. Affairs

Sir: There is a small band of Mokotahes Indians residing among the Kickapoos, contrary to the orders of the Department, near the Hunt and situated upon the tract of 5 June 1846.
 By order of the same Indians however, this band desirous to return to parts of their country until such time as they settle in the neighborhood of Union Town, kept to this time they have refused to remove and others parts of the country consequently withheld. It now remains for the Department to determine whether this band shall be permitted to remain permanently among the Kickapoos; or whether pecuniary means should be agreed upon to induce them to move; - or in the event of their refusing, whether or not they shall be forced to move.
 For my part as the Agent I prefer you to a communication which I addressed to your publication before last.
 Attn: L. Lee
 Com: Ind. Affairs
 Con: Ind. Affairs

Respectfully yours
 Signed L. D. Mitchell
 Sup: Ind. Affairs

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a bill of exchange drawn by Agent Fitzpatrick to Capt. Blane & Guerin, to trade with the Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Sioux, Apaches, Kiowas, & Comanches, together with their apprentices, horses and bonds,
 Attn: L. Lee
 Com: Ind. Affairs

Very respectfully yours
 Signed L. D. Mitchell
 Sup: Ind. Affairs

Sir: I have the honor herewith to enclose the new bonds of Mr. Bowd & Bernard, Indian traders, in view of the defective ones returned in correction under cover of your letter of the 22 July last.
 The present ones are in strict conformity with the former

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granted Agent Henry to the above name to trade with the Sioux Indians & the Sioux Foxes of the Mississippi. Very respectfully, etc
Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. affs. 3
(Signed) D.L.D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affs.
St. Louis Sept. 9. 1850

I have rec'd by the, many's mail, from Col. Agent Barlow, the Application from P. H. Scott, a license to trade, required under your instructions of the 22 July last, wh. I have the honor to enclose. Very respectfully I am Sir your
Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. off. 3
(Signed) D.L.D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affs.
St. Louis Sept. 9. 1850

I have the honor to enclose for approval, a license granted by Agent Lea & Messrs A. Scott, & Co to trade with the Potowatamie Indians, together with his application, terms & conditions. It will be perceived that there is a slight discrepancy between the bond and the license, - the former being dated on the 3rd Sept., and referring to an instrument posterior in date - the license being dated the 4th Oct. I hope that notwithstanding the discrepancy, the license will be approved. A copy bond, if required, will be furnished.

Very respectfully, etc
Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. affs. 3
(Signed) D.L.D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Office Super. Ind. affs.
St. Louis Sept. 9. 1850

I have the honor to enclose for approval, a statement of P. H. Scott, recd, and delivered by him to the amount of August 1st: Very respectfully, etc
Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. affs. 3
(Signed) D.L.D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

Office Super. Ind. affs.
St. Louis Sept. 9. 1850

I have the honor to enclose for approval, a contract made by Agent Henry with Henry L. Hicks for his services as Miller for the Miami Indians. I also enclose his statement of P. H. Scott's recd & delivered in the month of August ultimo: Very respectfully
Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. affs. 3
(Signed) D.L.D. Mitchell
Sup. Ind. off.

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Sir: Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Sept. 10 1850.
I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter of the 29th ulto; just
recd from Agent Standy, requesting that the \$1500 due A. Majas under his
Contract for breaking down & planting land for the Kansas Indians may be
immediately remitted.
The Contract with Mr. Majas was made by the late Agent R.W.
Brewer under the instructions of my predecessor, and forwarded by me for
approval on the 25th April 1849; it was approved on the 5th May following
by the then Comdg. Ind. Affairs, Mr. McRae, as appears by his letter of the
letter date on file in this office.
I would request that the above amount may be forwarded with
the remittances for the current half year.
Very respectfully, I am etc
Geo. L. Lee
Comdgnd. appr. 3

Very respectfully, I am etc
Geo. L. Lee
Comdgnd. appr. 3

Sir: Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Sept. 13 1850.
I have the honor herewith to transmit the annual report of
Agent Standy for the year, together with the reports of Rev. Dr. David
Clymer & Nathan Merle, Missionaries, within his Agency.
Very respectfully, I am etc
Geo. L. Lee
Comdgnd. appr. 3

Very respectfully, I am etc
Geo. L. Lee
Comdgnd. appr. 3

Sir: Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Sept. 13 1850.
I have the honor herewith to submit for the consideration of the
Department, a Contract made by Agent Lee with Indians ^{below} for the
erection of a Cow camp about mile from the mouth of the St. Lawrence River.
He states in the Agent's letter, in which he states the cause
of what may appear the high price he has contracted to pay for the
work in question (\$5,000); and requests that if approved, the
opinion may be informed through télégraph, in order to make it
convenient to get as much of the work completed as possible
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before the approach of winter. very respectfully I am etc
 Hon. L. Lea (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Comr. Ind. affars 3 Supd. Ind. off.

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affars
 St. Louis Sept. 13. 1850
 I have the honor herewith to transmit the names of goods of
 Messrs. Harvey, Prince & Co., Lubecantrader, required by your letter of the
 28th June last, returning their license. very respectfully see
 Hon. L. Lea (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Comr. Ind. affars 3 Supd. Ind. off.

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affars
 St. Louis Sept. 16. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to enclose a certificate as to the character of
 the employees of Mr. David Waldo, a licensed trader, together with a
 certificate concerning his goods, as required by your letter of the 23rd July last
 returning his license with your approval. very respectfully I am etc
 Hon. L. Lea (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Comr. Ind. off. 3 Supd. Ind. off.

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affars
 St. Louis Sept. 16. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to transmit two letters just rec'd.
 from Agent Lea, enclosing copies of old stock and new property Rec'd.
 Messrs. L. Simpson & Hunter, licensed traders among the Indians.
 Hon. L. Lea (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Comr. Ind. off. 3 Supd. Ind. off.

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affars
 St. Louis Sept. 16. 1850.
 I have the honor herewith to enclose the annual report of
 Thomas Alvey Jr. Secy. Ind. off., for the present year.
 Hon. L. Lea (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Comr. Ind. affars 3 Supd. Ind. off.

Sir: Office Super. Ind. affars
 St. Louis Sept. 14. 1850.
 In submitting my annual report for the present year, I must,
 as usual, refer you to the reports of the agents, and the life of its duty,
 in regard to Indian affairs comprised within the limits of this
 superintendency.

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It however affords me much pleasure to be able to state, so far as I am informed, the condition of the border tribes is gradually, though slowly improving. Every year seems to impress them with the necessity of improving their grounds, as all of their fields are gaudous. In my annual report of last year, I directed the attention of the Department to many changes which I considered important, so far as the Indians, the traders and existing regulations were concerned. Experience during the last year has only tended to confirm in the belief, that these changes will have a very beneficial effect (so far as the Indians are concerned) and prevent many annoyances and inconveniences to those the offices of the Indian Department and the subjects. For information concerning the border tribes, I therefore respectfully refer you to my annual report of 1849.

No changes of importance have occurred during the past year, which would seem to require any special action on the part of the Department, so far as the border tribes are concerned; but the Trained, or wandering tribes inhabiting the vast region of Country lying between the Mississippi and the State of Texas, the case is somewhat different.

In the beginning of the present year, they were induced to believe that the Government of the United States would make them some compensation for the depredations committed upon their soil, during the last few years, by tramps, emigrants and travellers passing through their country en route for Santa Fe, Oregon and California. With these implied assurances, they have remained comparatively quiet up to the present time; but they confidently expect that the conditional promises of the agents of the Government will be carried out during the ensuing season.

If any one is to be blamed for producing this impression in the minds of the Trained tribes, I trust the whole responsibility will rest on me, as Ianthony & the Agents and Sub Agents, as well as the Indian traders to say to the prairie and mountain tribes who considered themselves aggrieved, that their Great Father would see that they were fairly dealt with; and that any injuries they might have sustained in consequence of the destruction of their game, timber, & grass by the passing of the white men through their country, would be fairly paid by the Government of the United States. In making this promise, I felt myself fully justified by the action of the United States' Senate, and the wishes of the late President of the United States - Genl. Taylor. I had the honor during the last winter, of having a while introduced into the Senate, Anthony the President of the United States, to hold a treaty with the various prairie and mountain tribes, the object of which was to compensate them for the destruction of their game, timber, grass &c. by the citizens and soldiers of the United States, passing through their country, without their knowledge or consent. This bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent; and it is much to be regretted, that the unhappy difficulties existing as the subject of slavery delayed the

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Senate bill in the house of representatives, until it was too late to be carried into effect during the present year. Measures have however been taken to explain this to the various tribe interests; and up to this time they have consented to deposit themselves in a manner that gives no just cause of complaint. For a full understanding of this contemplated and promised treat, I refer you to the Senate bill appropriating "two hundred thousand dollars" for the specific purpose; the bill passed the Senate unanimously, but was delayed in the lower house, until the time for action (during the present year) had passed. Still hope it will pass during the present session of Congress, and the just and humane objects contemplated carried out during the summer of 1851.

I presume the wants of the Agents, Sub Agents, and Superintendents of the Manual labor schools established among the Indians, will inform the Department of the almost total failure of their crops during the last summer, owing to the extraordinary drought of the last season. This dispensation of Providence falls heavily—not only upon the Indians, but the various Missionary Societies who have undertaken to educate the Indian children at a very inadequate compensation. I would therefore recommend that any aid that can be afforded them out of the education fund, should be promptly furnished; otherwise, their limited means will not enable them to carry out their contracts in a manner satisfactory to the Department, or useful to the Indians.

I regret to say that great dissatisfaction exists among the tribes who are the recipients of annuities from the general Government, and in my humble opinion their complaints are well founded. It has been the practice of the department, for many years past, to agree to an allowed claim against the various bands tribes, and retain portions of their annuities to satisfy the claimants. These claims are generally allowed upon ex parte statements of the tribe. It too frequently happens, that the first information the Indians receive of the existence of certain claims against them is from the Agent or Sub Agent when their annuities are about to be paid. They are then told that so many thousands dollars of their money have been retained, and paid over to individuals who presented claims of a national character against them at Blackfoot City. It is under such circumstances to protest against it, a duty the justice of the claim; the only satisfaction they can get, is the poor one of abusing the Government and its agents. They claim, and in my opinion with good justice, properly, that the whole amount of their annuities should be fairly and honestly paid over to them, and let them in their national individual capacity settle with their creditors. By adopting this course, the character of the Indian would be elevated, and all complaints of the kind would necessarily cease; and when it was once understood, that such would be the inevitable protection, no Indian trader, or any one else, would have a right to complain.

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If they enter the Indians, it would be at their own risk, and with a full knowledge of the fact, th. they might look only to the Indians for payment. All claims against the Indians, either of a national or individual character, should be presented to the Indian Country, at the time their annuities are being paid; the owner at least for the Indians an opportunity of presenting testimony to their part, against any claim they might denounce as fraudulent or unjust. Should the office making the payment be ignorant that the claim was just, and the Indians notwithstanding refuse to pay it, let it be his duty to report all the facts of the case to the Department for its future action.

Whilst on the subject, I will venture the opinion that the Agent of the Government may not even the Rebels of the United States or Congress itself, has the legal power to take one dollar out of the Indian annuities, for any purpose whatever, without their knowledge or consent. I have always considered these stipulations as paramount to all other laws or regulations. If this be admitted, when does any executive Department of the Government, or even Congress derive the power to withhold money which the faith and honor of the nation is pledged to pay to another? If the Agent or he has the authority who has been so long exercised over the Indian annuities, then our friends with their unfortunate and feeble Nation, are nothing more than solemn mockers!

We entered into these stipulations with Mexico, by which we pledged our national faith and honor to pay her, in the stipulated sum of fifteen millions of dollars - the sum of lands ceded by her to the United States. Has we the legal right to take any portion of this money and pay it over to merchants, or other American Citizens who may have claims against the Republic of Mexico or the Cities thereof? If we have not the authority in the one case, I cannot understand how, or why we have it in the other. These suggestions are made merely for the consideration of the Department as I feel it to be a part of my duty to protect the rights and interests of the Indians (within the Superintendency) as far as practicable. In expressing these views, I am fully sustained by several gentlemen eminent for legal attainments, with whom I have consulted: Some of them go so far as to contend, that the Indians have a clear right to require the Government of the United States to refund every dollar that has not been paid in accordance with these treaty stipulations. This subject I trust, will receive such consideration as its importance seems to demand.

I am informed by Indian traders recently from the Platte, and upper Missouri, that several bands of the Sioux Indians have suffered severely by the Cholera. This epidemic they contend, was introduced by the whites for the purpose of causing them more easily annihilations. Superadded to this fresh cause of complaint,

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They, together with other prairie tribes, continually construct a threatening language against the destruction of their game, tuberculosis of the Whites passing through their Country, and the establishment of Indians party by the Government. However we may despise their threats, policy and humanity requires that they should, to some extent be compensated, and pacified.

Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. off. 3

Respectfully yours,
L. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. off.

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to transmit my annual report
for the past year, and to be
Yours very respectfully
Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. off. 3

Office Super. Ind. off.
St. Louis Sept 16. 1850

left for Republic
Signed L. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. off.

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of your Consideration and
decision, on application made by Agent Lea thru the Agent of the
Wyandot nation or behalf of a Wyandot woman, thersely Sarah Parks,
a Shawnee chif, for her part of the Committee price & said nation sum
the year 1831, and her claim for the proceeds of a certain reservation said
woman made by her father & the tribe of 1831, together with the
advice decision of the Wyandot Council.

These papers are submitted with the special notary of Agent Lea
as will be seen by his letter herewith. Very respectfully
Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. off. 3

Office Super. Ind. off.
St. Louis Septem. 18. 1850.

Very respectfully
L. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. off.

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license
granted Agent Lea to Robert H. Steele, to trade with the Pawnee
Indians, together with his name, application and bond.

Hon. L. Lea
Com. Ind. off. 3

Office Super. Ind. off.
St. Louis Sept. 22nd 1850

Very respectfully
L. D. Mitchell
Supt. Ind. off.

Sir:
I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license issued
by Agent Lea granted to Miss. Beaubien & Rockwood to trade with
the Cheyenne, Arapahoe & Sioux within the Upper Platte

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Agency, together with their applicat^{rs}, inclosed bond, very resp^t
 Hon. L. Lea 3
 Com. Ind. offr 3

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Sep. 23. 1850

Sir:
 I have the honor herewith to transmit an invoice of the food intended
 by Duncan Macdonell, for his trade with the Sioux Indians, for me to
 examine by you letters of the 3rd ult^r returning his license.
 Hon. L. Lea
 Com. Ind. offr 3

Very respectfully etc
 (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Sep. 23. 1850

Sir:
 I have the honor to transmit a letter from Mr Agent Morley
 inclosing one from the Warrenton Chiefs in relation to certain balances
 of money due to members of their nation, to whom they claim &
 call the attention of the Department.
 Hon. L. Lea,
 Com. Ind. offr 3

Very respectfully etc
 (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Sep. 23. 1850

Sir:
 I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter just rec'd. from
 Mr Agent Morley, transmitting for approval, a contract made by him
 with George Edgerly to repay the Agency bonds. This was drawn
 and made the circumstances stated, the price stipulated in the contract
 is not, in my opinion, extravagant. I therefore hope that the Contract
 will be approved.
 Hon. L. Lea
 Com. Ind. offr 3

Very respectfully etc
 (Signed) D. D. Mitchell
 Sep. 23. 1850

Sir:
 I have the honor herewith to transmit the annual report of
 Agent Fitzpatrick for the past year. Very respectfully
 Hon. L. Lea 3
 Com. Ind. offr 3

(Signed) D. D. Mitchell
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Sir:
 I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license
 granted by Mr Agent Harvey to Gerard & Chouteau to trade with

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the Osage Indians, together with their bonds, were not applicable.
Hon. L. Lee
C. S. A. off. 3
Very respectfully
Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 2d 1850

Offic. Supr. Ind. Affairs
Louis. Sept. 25. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit for your approval the enclosed
Contract made by Lieut. Asst. Surveyor with E. K. Howland as Master,
Peter Chouteau & Deodoro Barnaby as First Mates, George Parker and
Alfred Pennington as Blacksmiths, & Captains Young, Mcleod &
as First Smiths for the Osage Indians. Very respectfully
Hon. L. Lee
C. S. A. off. 3
Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 2d 1850

Offic. Supr. Ind. Affairs
Louis. Sept. 25. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to enclose herewith, for the action of the Department,
a letter from Lieut. Lee, setting forth the claim of James Kelchen, a Delaware
Indian, for a house taken for him by a White man; also, another letter
from Mr. Lee, explaining the reasons for his contract with the Shawnee
George Miller.
Very respectfully
Hon. L. Lee
C. S. A. off. 3
Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 2d 1850.

Offic. Supr. Ind. Affairs
Louis. Sept. 27. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit for your approval a license issued
by Lieut. Asst. Surveyor with Messrs. Waldo & Hall, to trade with the Kansas Indians
together with their applications, enclosed bond. Very respectfully
Hon. L. Lee
C. S. A. off. 3
Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 2d 1850.

Offic. Supr. Ind. Affairs
Louis. October 1. 1850.

Sir:
I have the honor to transmit my early account of propertations for the
quarter ending on 30th ultimo; together with a general statement of disbursements
made by me during the preceding year, and an estimate of funds for the Super-
intendent to pay due and for the year to commence on 1st of July previous.
Very respectfully
Hon. L. Lee
C. S. A. off. 3
Signed, D. D. Mitchell
Sept. 2d 1850.

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