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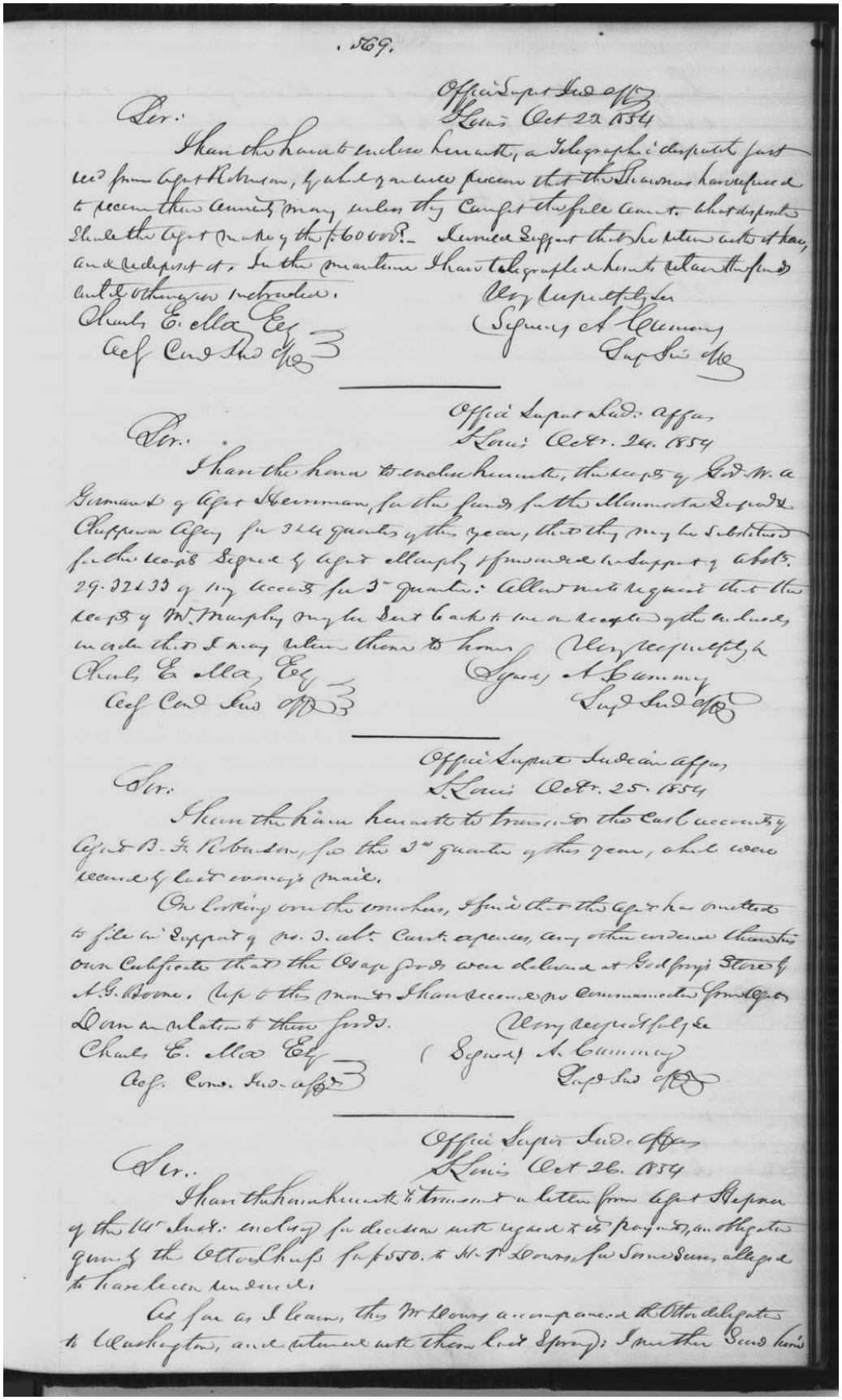
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Office Supt Ind Affrs
St Louis Oct 22 1854

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Telegraphic dispatch just rec'd from Agt R Johnson, by which you will perceive that the Shawnees have refused to receive their annuity money unless they can get the full amount which deposited should the Agt make up the $6000 00. Deemed it expedient that he return with it, and redeposit it. In the meantime I have telegraphed him to retain the funds until otherwise instructed.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A Cummins
Supt Ind Affrs

Chas E Mix Esq
Actg Com Ind Affrs

Office Supt Ind. Affrs
St Louis Oct. 24. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the receipts of Gov. W. A Gorman & Agt Herriman, for the funds for the Mississippi Sioux & Chippewa Agency for 3d & 4th quarters of this year, which they may be substituted for the receipts signed & Agt Murphy & forwarded in support of Abst. 29. 32133 of my accounts for 3d quarter. Allow me to request that the receipts of Mr Murphy may be sent back to me on receipt of the enclosed, in order that I may return them to him.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A Cummins
Supt Ind Affrs

Chas E Mix Esq
Actg Com Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis Oct. 25. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash account of Agt B. F. Robinson, for the 3d quarter of this year, which were received by last evening's mail.

On looking over the vouchers, I find that the Agt has omitted to file in support of Nos. 3. abt. Cont. expenses, any other evidence than his own Certificate that the Soap & Candles were delivered at Godfroy's Store by A. G. Boone. Esq & the amount I have received no communication from the Agt Dept in relation to these funds.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A Cummins
Supt Ind Affrs

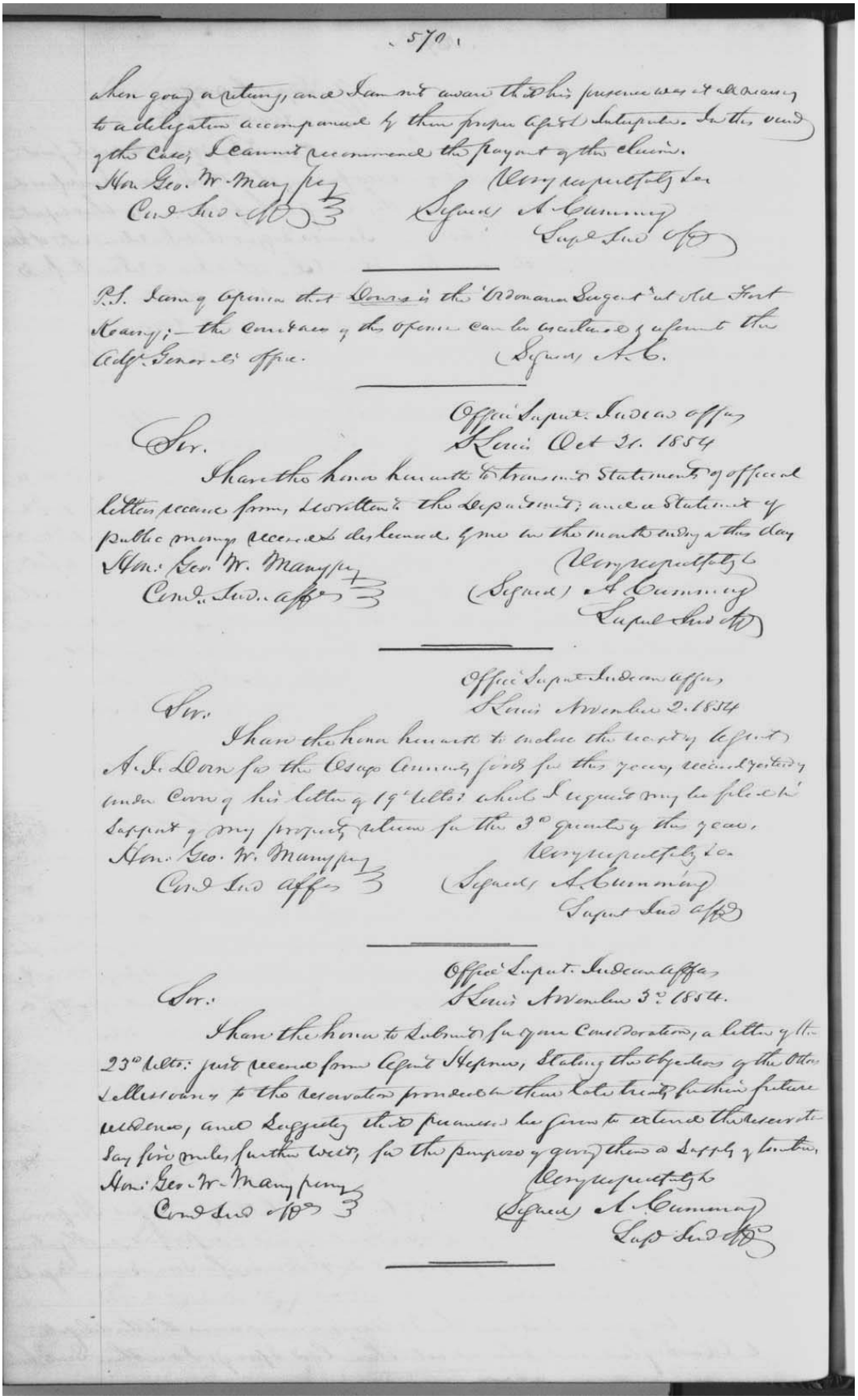
Chas E. Mix Esq
Actg. Com. Ind. Affrs

Office Supt Ind. Affrs
St Louis Oct 26. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agt Stephenson of the 16th Inst: enclosing for decision with regard to the payment an obligation given by the Otto Chiefs for $550. to M. T. Lowry for Some Seeds, alleged to have been rendered.

As far as I learn, this Mr Lowry accompanied the Otto delegation to Washington, and returned with them last Spring: I am therefore disposed to



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when going & returning, and I am not aware that his presence was at all necessary to a delegation accompanied by their proper agent & Interpreter. In this view of the case, I cannot recommend the payment of this claim.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

P.S. Since writing above letter I have seen Gen'l Harney & he informs me that Dorsey is the Indian Sergeant at Fort Kearny — the character of the service can be ascertained at the Adj't General's office.

Signed A. C.

Office Supt. Indian Affs
St Louis Oct 31. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit Statements of official letters received from, & written to the Department; and a Statement of public money received & disbursed by me in the month ending this day

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt. Indian Affs
St Louis November 2. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to endose the receipt of Agent A. J. Dorn for the $250 Commutation pay for the year ending September 30 1854 under Cover of his letter of 19th ult. which I request may be filed in support of my property return for the 3rd quarter of this year.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind Affs

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt. Indian Affs
St Louis November 3rd 1854.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a letter of the 23rd ult. just received from Agent Hepner, stating the objections of the Otoe & Missouria to the reservation provided them by the late treaty for their future residence, and suggesting that measures be taken to extend the present Say five miles further West, for the purpose of giving them a supply of timber.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind Affs

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Nov. 6th 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the reply of Agt James to the subject stated in the letter of the Acting Comr of Ind Affs of the 4th inst to certain allegations made by Jack Hardly, a white man half breed, together with documents from A. T. D. inclusive. Very respectfully &c

Hon G. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affs

Sylvester A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt. Indian affairs
St Louis Nov 6 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agt James to your address, stating the request of the Sacs & Foxes to have the chiefs of them returned annuity remittee for payments to annuity, as they owed no promises. Very respectfully &c

Hon. G. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind affs

Sylvester A. Cummings
Supt Ind affs

Office Supt Ind affs
St Louis Nov 6 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit invoices of goods, new & old, of Messrs Kinzie & Whistler & Bates & Servis this day rec'd under Contr a letter from Agt James.

Hon G. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind affs

Very respectfully &c

Sylvester A. Cummings
Supt Ind affs

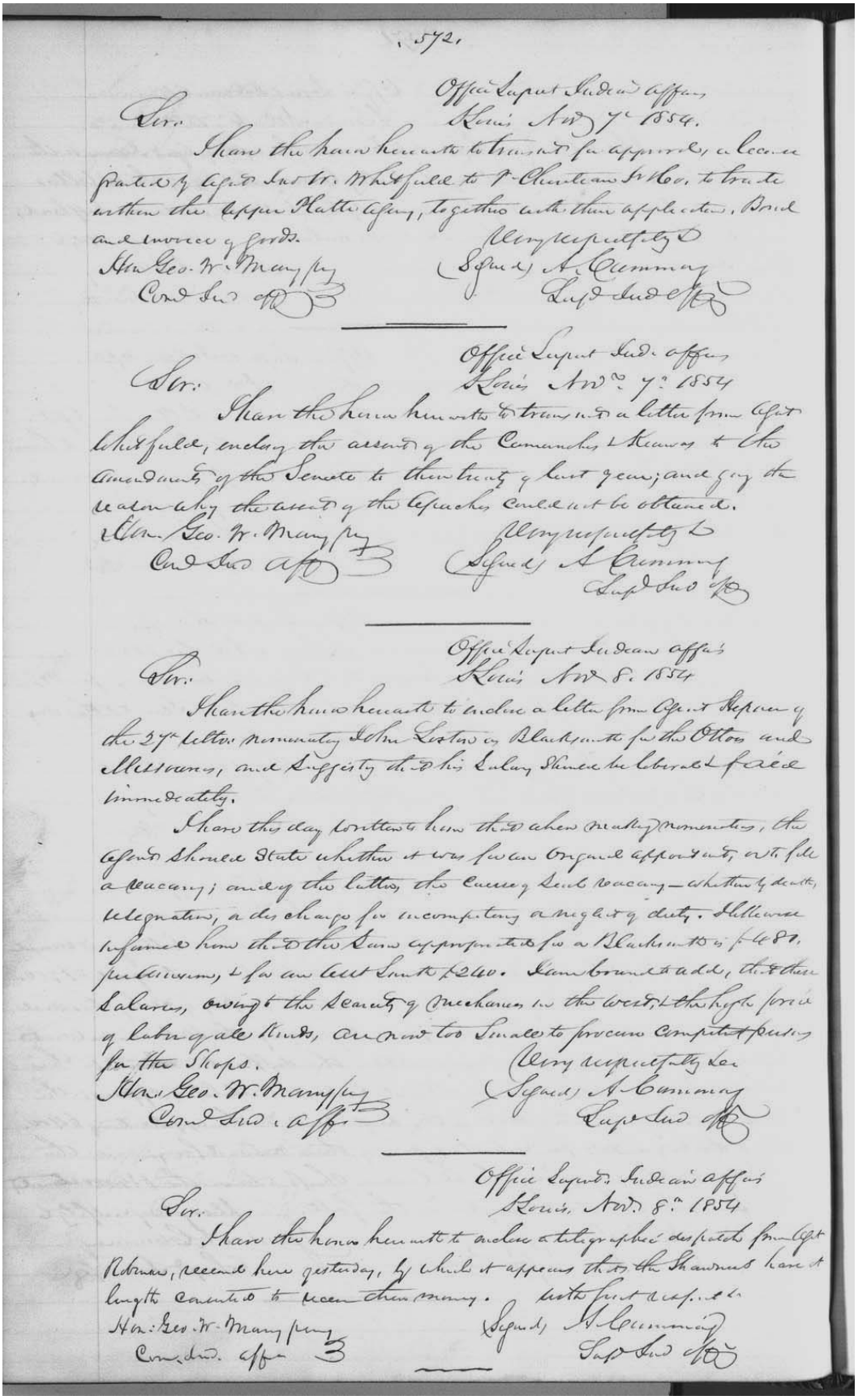
Office Supt Indian affs
St Louis Nov. 7th 1854.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit three letters just received from Agent Robinson, viz: One, asking instructions with regard to $900. returned by him out of the Delaware Annuity, for pay of Delegates, and stating the great dissatisfaction prevailing among the Delawares on account of the retention of their money; also, the depredations thrown in his way by intruders and the illegal conduct of Military officers; the second, requesting the arrest of the Delegates and to the application of $1500. of the Wyandott funds to the purpose of their national defence; and the third, – the request of the Delaware Chiefs to have the $34,000. returned, sent out warrants to be paid the same. Very respectfully &c

Hon Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind affs

Sylvester A. Cummings
Supt Ind affs



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Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Nov 7th 1854.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval a license granted by Agent Isaac W. Whitehill to P. Chouteau Jr & Co. to trade within the Upper Platte Agency, together with their application, Bond and invoice of goods.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind Affs

Office Supt Ind. affairs
St Louis Nov. 7th 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Whitehill, enclosing the assent of the Comanches & Kiowas to the amendments of the Senate to their treaty of last year; and giving the reasons why the assent of the Apaches could not be obtained.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind Affs

Office Supt Indian affairs
St Louis Nov 8. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agent Hepner of the 27th ult. transmitting John Easton's Blacksmith's for the Otoes and Missourias, and suggesting that his salary thereby be increased & fixed immediately.

I have this day written him that when making nominations, the Agents should state whether it was for an original appointment, or to fill a vacancy; and if the latter, the cause of such vacancy — whether by death, resignation, or discharge for incompetency or neglect of duty. I likewise informed him that the sum appropriated for a Blacksmith is $480, per annum, & for an Asst Smith $360. I am convinced that the present salaries, owing to the scarcity of mechanics in the west, & the high price of subsistence, are now too small to procure competent persons for the Shops.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind Affs

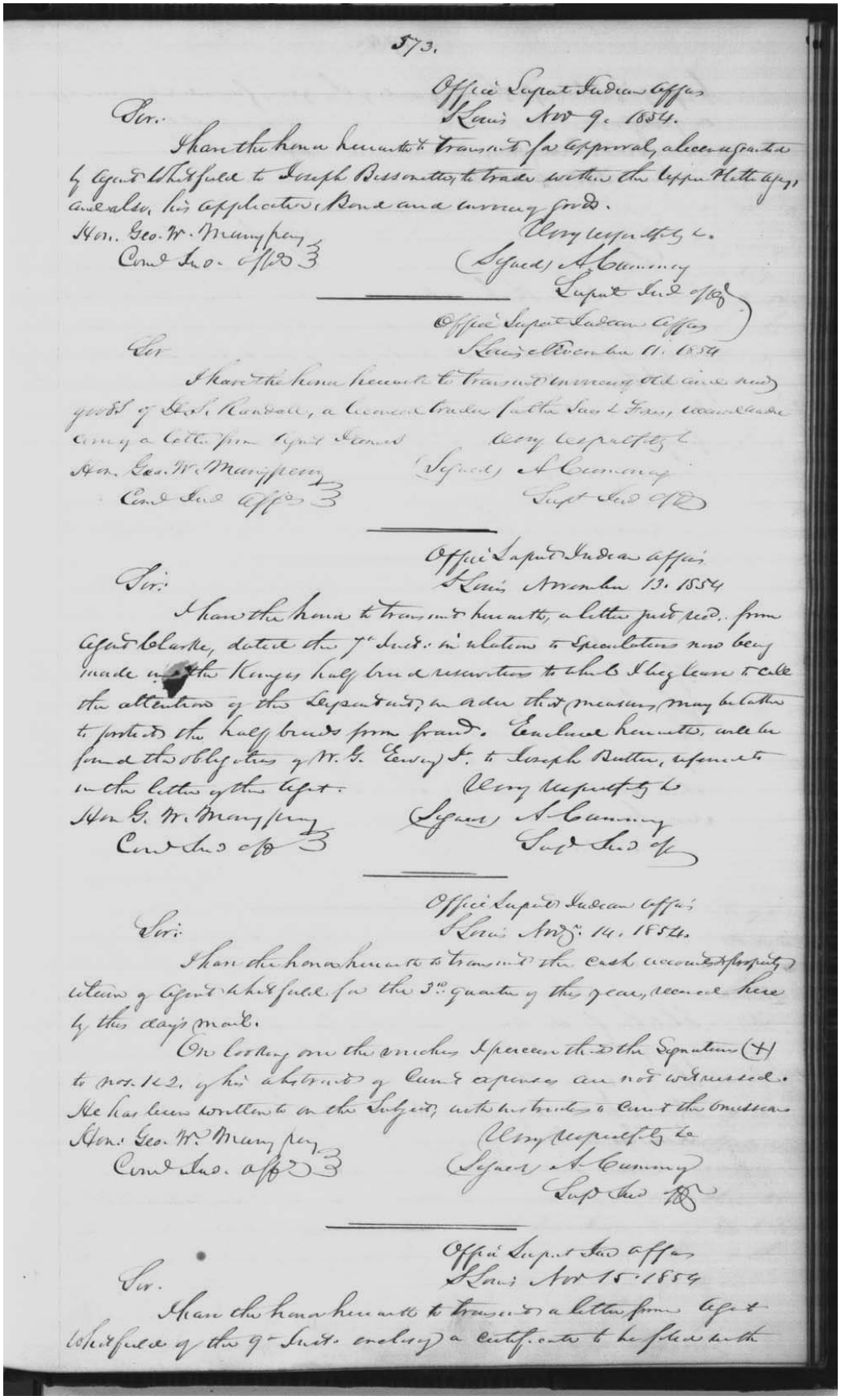
Office Supt. Indian affairs
St Louis, Nov. 8th 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a telegraphic despatch from Capt Robinson, received here yesterday, by which it appears that the Shawnees have at length consented to receive their money.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind Affs



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Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis Nov 9. 1854.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license granted by Agent Whitfield to Joseph Bissonette to trade within the Upper Platte Agency, and also his application, Bond and security thereto.

Very respectfully &c.
(Signed) A Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind. Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis November 11. 1854

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit Invoices and Abstracts of goods of Geo. S. Randall, a licensed trader in the Sac & Fox, Iowa and Kansas Country, a letter from Agent Leonard accompanying.

Very respectfully &c.
(Signed) A Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian affrs
St Louis November 13. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, a letter just rec'd. from Agent Clarke, dated the 7th inst. in relation to Speculations now being made in the Kansas half breed reservation, & beg leave to call the attention of the Superintendency to such measures, may be taken to protect the half breeds from fraud. Enclosed herewith, will be found the obligations of W. G. Ewing & Co. to Joseph Butler, referred to in the letter of the Agent.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon G. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis Nov 14. 1854.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash accounts & property returns of Agent Whitfield for the 3rd quarter of this year, received here by this days mail.

On looking over the vouchers I perceive that the Signature (+) to Nos. 1 & 2. of his abstract of Cash expenses are not witnessed. He has been written to on the subject, with instructions to Comply with the Regulations.

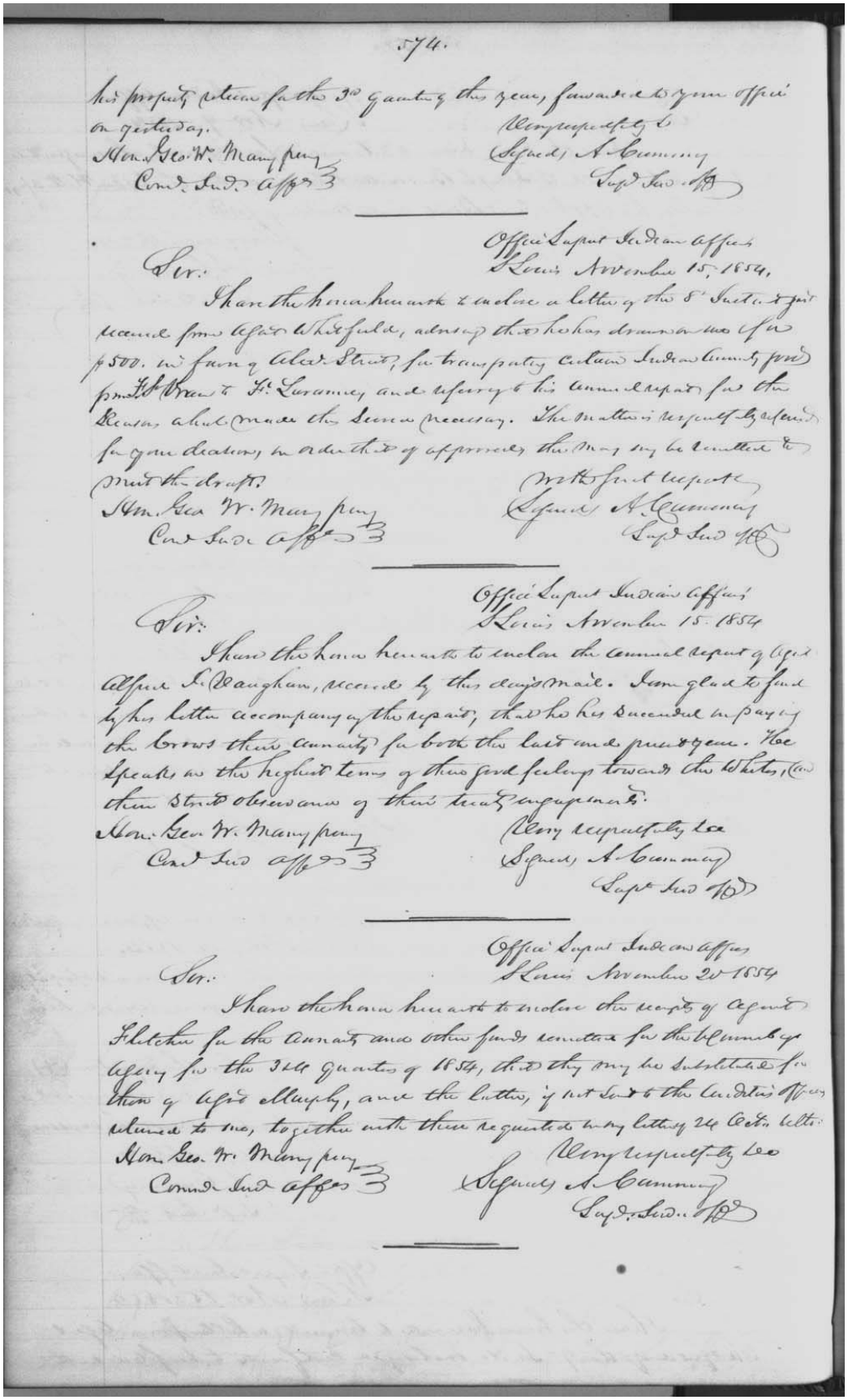
Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind. Affrs

Office Supt Ind Affrs
St Louis Nov 15. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Whitfield of the 9th inst. enclosing a certificate to be filed with



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his property returns for the 3rd quarter of this year, forwarded to your Office on yesterday.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr. Ind. Affrs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis November 15, 1854.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter of the 8th Inst. & just received from Agent Whitfield, advising that he has drawn on me for $500. in favor of Abel Streit, for transporting Indian Annuity goods from Ft Leavenworth to Ft Laramie, and asking to be remitted for the Kansas which I have the honor necessary. The matter is respectfully referred for your decision in order that if approved the Money may be remitted to meet the draft.

Hon. Geo W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

With great respect
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis November 15. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to enclose the annual report of Agent Alfred J. Vaughan, received by this days mail. I am glad to find by his letter accompanying the report, that he has succeeded in paying the Crows their annuity for both the last and present year. He speaks in the highest terms of their good feelings towards the Whites, and their strict observance of their treaty engagements.

Hon. Geo W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis November 20 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to enclose the receipts of Agent Fletcher for the Annuity and other funds remitted for the Blackfeet Agency for the 3rd Quarter of 1854, which they may be substituted for those of Agent Murphy, and the latter, if not sent to this Office will be returned to me, together with those requested in my letter of 24th Oct. last.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affrs

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Office Supt. Indian affairs
St Louis Nov. 20. 1854.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Special report of Agt. J. W. Clarke in relation to the Pottawatomie Annuity for this year; from which you will see that these Indians absolutely refused to receive them money unless they also became the P. S. Govt. assignees of the Treasury, to be invested at a future day for many promises for their support. You will also perceive that the Agt. was impelled by the importunity of the Pottawatomies, to cancel their Orders from the traders & paid over as Annuity, drawing upon me in favor of those from whom he got the funds. Six of these drafts, each for $625. have been already presented to me for payment, and of course upon there being no funds in my hands to meet them, no authority existed in the Agt. to pay the individual debts. The whole matter is respectfully submitted for your decision, and such instructions as you may deem necessary in the premises.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com. Ind. Affs. D.C.

Very respectfully &c
Your obt. Servt.
Signed A. Cummings
Supt. Ind. Affs.

Office Superintendency Indian Affs
St Louis Nov. 20. 1854

Sir

I have the honor herewith to enclose Agt. Robinson's Statement of public money received & disbursed by him in the month of October last.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com. Ind. Affs. D.C.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cummings
Supt. Ind. Affs.

Office Supt. Indian affairs
St Louis Nov. 20. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration, a letter of the 7th Inst. just received from Agt. Vaudeslice, reporting the payment of the Annuities to the Indians of his Agency &c.

In view of the speedy removal of these Indians to their future homes, the Agt. thinks it now expedient to have the money stipulated to be paid them to enable them to settle their affairs & remove further unmolested. He also asks for $382.50 to pay for the Surveys of their boundary lines. It is to be regretted that he does not state what portion of the $1000. in his hands on account of Surveys, belongs to each of the tribes, as this would have afforded data for the sum actually needed.

In relation to his remarks about the running of the boundary lines, I have to state, that the "Field notes" rec'd from your office, of the Said Survey Surveys, were dated to June the 3rd Inst. Consequently, could not have reached here at the date of his letter.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com. Ind. Affs. D.C.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cummings
Supt. Ind. Affs.

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Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Novr 22. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license granted by Agent Vandeusen to Joseph Robidoux to trade with the Sweet Sioux & Yanktonais Sioux, together with his application, surety's bond and bond.

Very respectfully &c.
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Novr 23. 1854

Sir:

I have had the honor to receive by this morning's mail, your letter of the 18th Inst. requesting my opinion as to the cheapest and best mode of providing for the transportation of the goods intended for the Contemplated treaty with the Blackfeet Indians next year, as well as for the transportation of the Upper Missouri annuity goods.

As at present advised, I see no reason to alter the opinion I expressed to you when last here; I shall however, in the meantime, make the necessary enquiries, and let you know the results as soon as practicable.

My health, thro' a good Providence, is fully re-established & gradually improving, so much so, that I intend leaving to day or tomorrow for the Sac & Fox Agency to investigate the charges against Agent Thomas. Should you require any duties to be performed by me of a Special nature, while in the Kansas Territory, instructions sent to this office will be promptly forwarded to me.

Very respectfully &c.
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Novr 24. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, a letter to your address from Agent Thomas, dated the 14th Inst. in which he suggests a change in the application of the $1000. remitted for Salt & Tobacco for the Sac & Fox Indians, that $350 be remitted in the Spring, and $650 in the Autumn. Should you see fit, I am at liberty to concur in this suggestion.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr of Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs
Washington City

(Telegraph)
St Louis Novr 28. 1854.

A telegraphic despatch from Supt Cumming dated this day requests that you inform him whether a reply to his letter of the 24th inst. will reach him

on his return to Fort Pitt, to wait for any orders on the assignment of any Special Agents.

(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Sup. Office

Office Superintendency Indian Affairs
St Louis Nov 29. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose for your information, the following letters, which I received from Agent Robinson — the 1st. relating to the death of the Delaware Chief Saguandines, & the claim of his Son to succeed him and receive the life annuity; the 2nd. the refusal of the Delaware Chiefs to receive their last annuity on the ground that they are entitled to more; the 3rd the request of the Shawnees to have their Smith's paid by the U.S. & the residue paid over, and the Agent's statement of the balance in his hands on account of said Smith; and the 4th, the request of said Shawnees to have their western boundary line run out and marked, & to have the amount necessary for these purposes (560) applied to that object.

I likewise enclose a fifth letter from Mr R. dated the 23rd Inst. relating the payment of the Shawnee annuity, and asking for instructions as to the disposition to be made of the balance in his hands due to Orphans and Drunkards.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk. Sup. Office

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind Affrs

Office Superintendency Indian Affairs
St Louis Nov. 29. 1854

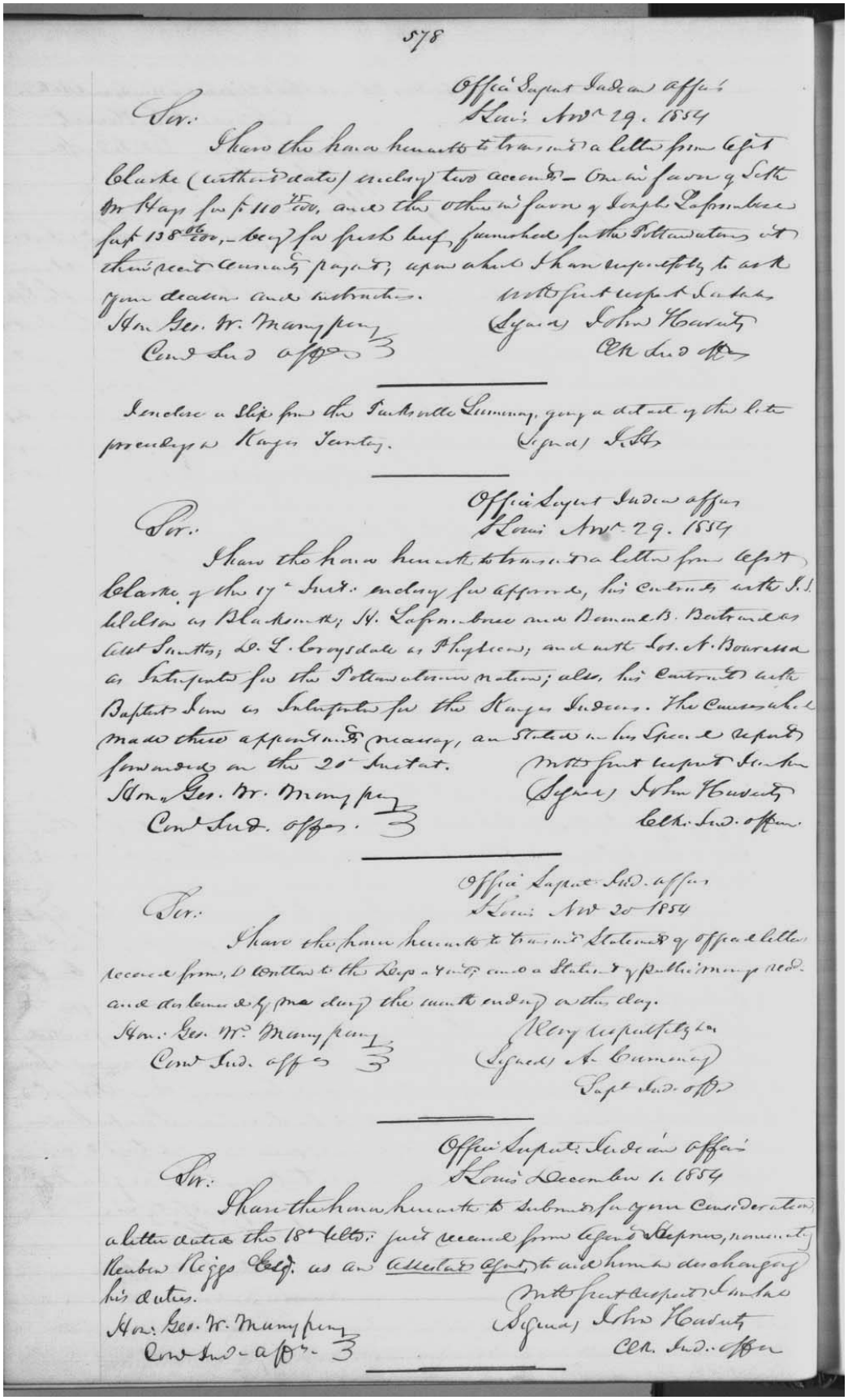
Sir.

Superintendent Cumming's letter of the 23rd Inst. will have informed you of his intention to set out on that day or the next, for the Sac & Fox Agency on official business; he did not leave however, until the 25th Instant.

I have the honor, in his absence, to transmit a letter from Agent Robinson, inclosing for approval a license (renewal) granted by him to Cyprien Chouteau to trade with the Delawares, together with his bond. I also enclose another letter from Mr R. in relation to a license granted by him to W. G. Ewing Esq.: this license together with two others granted by Agent James to Rogers & Whetstone & Isaac Smart, were forwarded from this Office on the 26th January last, to Superintendent Cumming, through Washington who handed them over to the Defendant for its action; those for Rogers and Whetstone and Isaac Smart were approved and returned on the 8th of July last, but no notice was taken of the one granted to Mr Ewing.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Sup. Office

Hon Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind Affrs



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Office Supt Indian affairs
St Louis Nov 29. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Capt Clarke (without date) inclosing two accounts — One in favor of Seth M Hays for $110.75 cts, and the other in favor of Joseph Lafromboise for $138.66 cts, — being for fresh beef furnished for the Pottawatomies at their recent Annuity payment, upon which I have respectfully to ask your decision and instructions.

Hon Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind affrs

Most respt Your obt Servt
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind Office

I enclose a Slip from the Jacksonville Sentinel, giving a detail of the late proceedings in Kayes County. Signed J. S.

Office Supt Indian affrs
St Louis Nov 29. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Capt Clarke of the 17th Inst: inclosing for approval, his Contracts with J. J. Gibson as Blacksmith; N. Lafromboise and Samuel B. Barbonais Asst Smiths; D. L. Craysdale as Physician; and with Lt. A. Bourassa as Interpreter for the Pottawatomie nations; also, his Contracts with Baptiste Isaac as Interpreter for the Kayes Indians. The Commissioner made these appointments (in case) and Statutes in his Special Report forwarded on the 20th Inst ult.

Hon Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind. affrs.

Most Respt Your Obt Servt
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk. Ind. Office

Office Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Nov 30 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit Statement of Appeal Letters received from D. Conklin & the Reps of Wm Gray and a Statement of Public Moneys received and disbursed by me during the month ending on this day.

Hon: Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind. affrs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind. Office

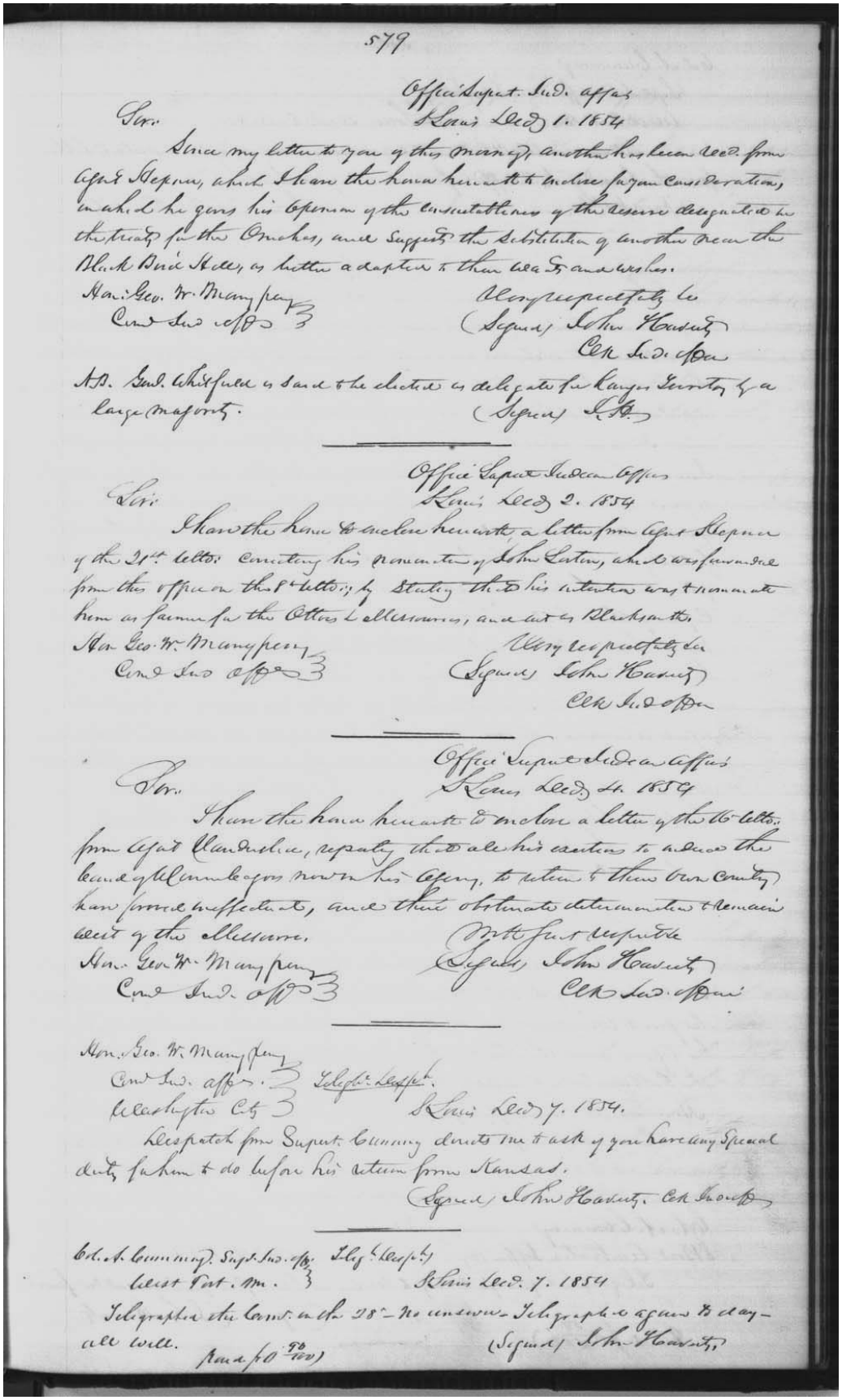
Office Superintendency Indian Affairs
St Louis December 1. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration a letter dated the 18th Ult: just received from Capt Stephens, requesting Reuben Riggs Esq. as an Assistant Agent to aid him in discharging his duties.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind Affrs

Most Respt Your Obt Servt
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk. Ind. Office



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Office Supt. Ind. affrs
St Louis Dec. 1. 1854

Sir.

Since my letter to you of this morning another has been rec'd. from Agt Stephens, which I have the honor herewith to inclose for your consideration, in which he gives his opinion of the inconstitutionality of the reserve designated in the treaty for the Omahas, and suggests the substitution of another near the Black Bird Hills, as better adapted to their wants & wishes.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind affrs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind. Office

P.S. Gen. Whitfield is said to be elected as delegate for Kansas Territory by a large majority.
(Signed) J. H.

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Dec. 2. 1854

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Agt Stephens of the 21st ult. covering his nomination of John Easton, which was forwarded from this office on the 8th inst.; by stating that his intention was to nominate him as farmer for the Otoes & Missourias, and not as Blacksmith.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind affrs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind. Office

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Dec. 4. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to inclose a letter of the 16th ult. from Agt Vandruff, stating that all his exertions to induce the bands of Missourias now on his agency, to return to their own country, have proved ineffectual, and that their obstinate determination to remain west of the Missouri.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind affrs

Very respectfully
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind. Office

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind. affrs.
Washington City

Telegraphic Despt.
St Louis Dec. 7. 1854.

Despatch from Supt. Cumming directs me to ask if you have any special duty for him to do before his return from Kansas.

(Signed) John Haverty. Clk Ind. Office

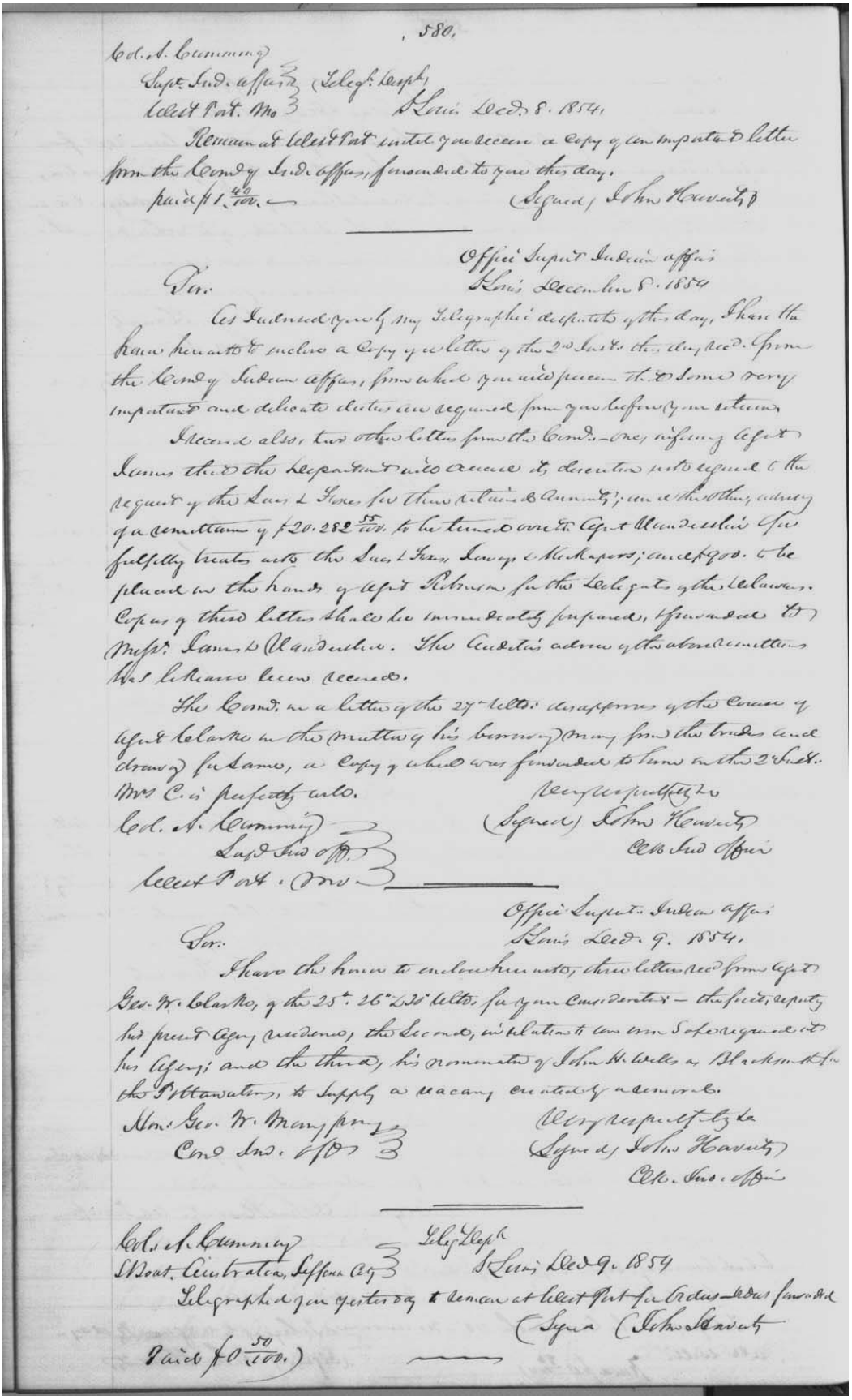
Col. A. Cumming. Supt Ind. affrs
Council Bluffs Mo.

Tlg. (Despt.)
St Louis Dec. 7. 1854

Telegraphed the Comr. on the 28th - No answer - Telegraphed again to day - all well.

Read for 9th inst.

(Signed) John Haverty



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Col. A. Cumming
Supt. Ind. affairs (Telegraph)
Select Port. Mo St Louis Dec. 8. 1854.

Remain at Select Port until you receive a copy of an important letter from the Comr of Ind. affairs, forwarded to you this day.
Paid $1.40/100

(Signed) John Haverty

Office Supt Indian affairs
St Louis December 8. 1854

Sir.

As indicated yesterday by my Telegraphic despatch of this day, I have the honor herewith to inclose a copy of a letter of the 2d inst. this day rec'd. from the Comr Indian affairs, from which you will perceive that some very important and delicate duties are required from you before your return.

I forward also, two other letters from the Comr — one, relating to Agent James Abbott, the Despatch will enable me to direct him to remit to the regular of the Sac & Fox, for their distribution annuity, one of the Drafts of a remittance of $20.282.55/100. to be issued under Agent Vandeventer's specific treaty with the Sacs & Foxes, Iowas & Mickapoos; and $900. to be placed in the hands of Agent Robinson for the delegate of the Delawares. Copies of these letters shall be immediately prepared, & forwarded to Messrs Sam & Vandeventer. The Auditor's advice of this remittance has likewise been received.

The Comr in a letter of the 27th ult. disapproves of the course of Agent Clarke in the matter of his borrowing money from the traders and drawing for same, a copy of which was forwarded to them on the 2d inst.

Mrs C. is respectfully invited.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind Affairs

Col. A. Cumming
Supt Ind affrs
Select Port. Mo

Office Supt. Indian affairs
St Louis Dec. 9. 1854.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, three letters rec'd from Agent Gen. W. Clarke, of the 25th. 26th & 30th ult. for your consideration — the first, asking his present agency residence; the second, in relation to some $ of the Peoria; and the third, his nomination of John H. Wells as Blacksmith for the Pottawatomies, to supply a vacancy occasioned by a removal.

Mrs Gen. W. Many pm

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk. Ind. Affairs

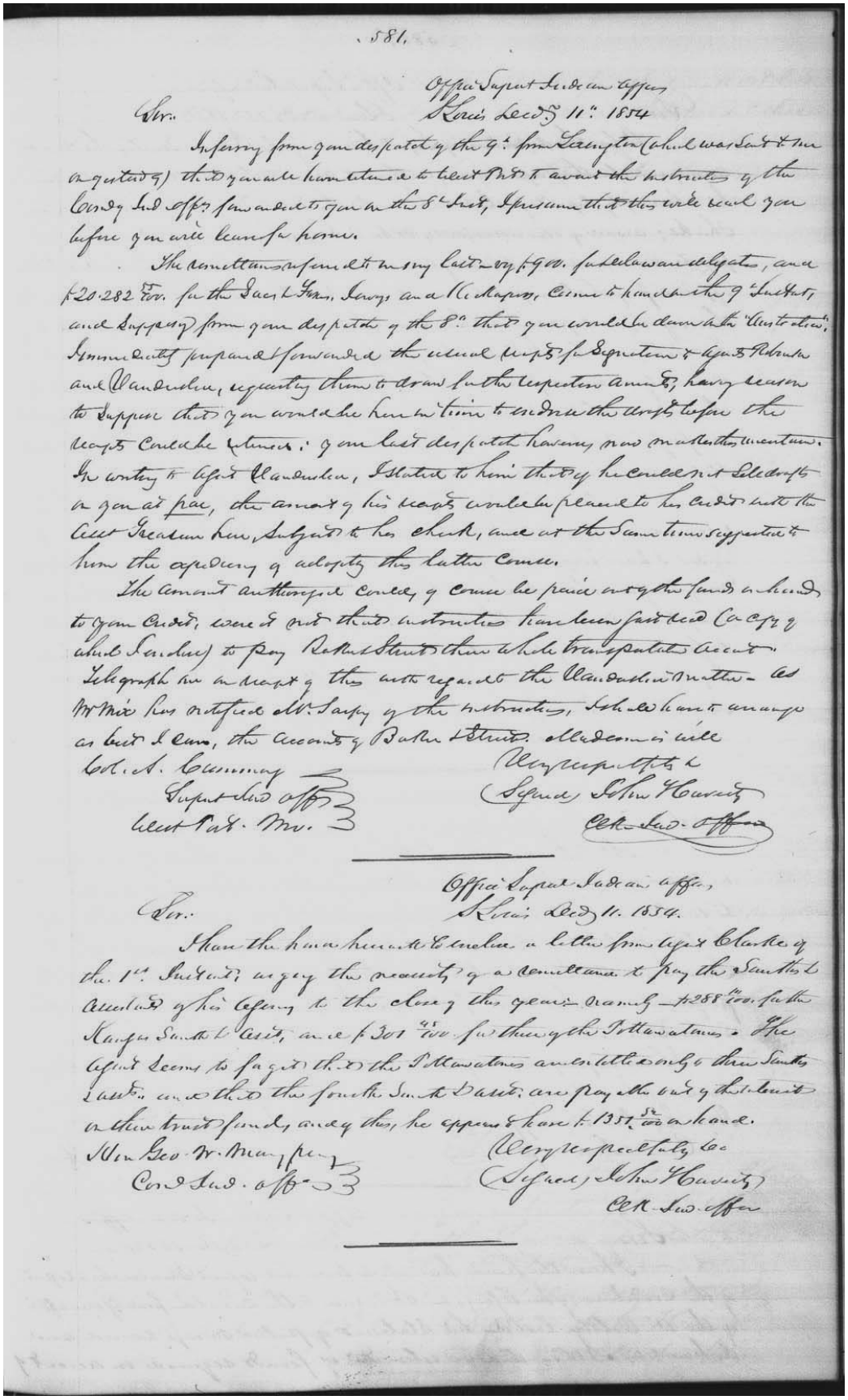
Col. A. Cumming
Supt. Central Agency, Iowa City

Telg Dept
St Louis Dec 9. 1854

Telegraphed you yesterday to remain at Select Port for Orders — Mail forwarded

(Signed) John Haverty

Paid $0.50/100.



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Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Dec 5 11th 1854

Sir.

Inferring from your despatch of the 9th from Lexington (which was sent to me requested) that you would have returned to West Point to await the instructions of the Dep Ind Office, forwarded to you on the 8th inst, I presume that this will reach you before you will leave for home.

The remittance forwarded to you on my last was of $900. for Delaware annuity, and $20.282 for the Sac & Fox, Iowa, and Kickapoo, Comm to have left the 9th inst, and supposing from your despatch of the 8th that you would be down the next day, I immediately prepared & forwarded the usual drafts for Signeteur & Agent Robinson and Vandruska, requesting them to draw for the respective amounts, having reason to suppose that you would be here in time to endorse the drafts before the receipts could be returned: your last despatch having now made this uncertain. In writing to Agent Vandruska, I stated to him that if he could not sell drafts on you at par, the amount of his receipts would be placed to his credit with the Asst Treasurer here, subject to his check, and at the same time suggested to him the expediency of adopting this latter course.

The amount authorized could of course be paid out of the funds on hand to your credit, were it not that instructions have been just received to pay Robert Stewart there whole transportation account.

Telegraph me in regard to this matter in regard to the Vandruska matter - as Mr Mix has notified Mr Sarpy of the instructions, I should have to arrange as best I can, the accounts of Baker & Stewart. All else is well

Col. A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs
West Pat. Mo.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind. Office

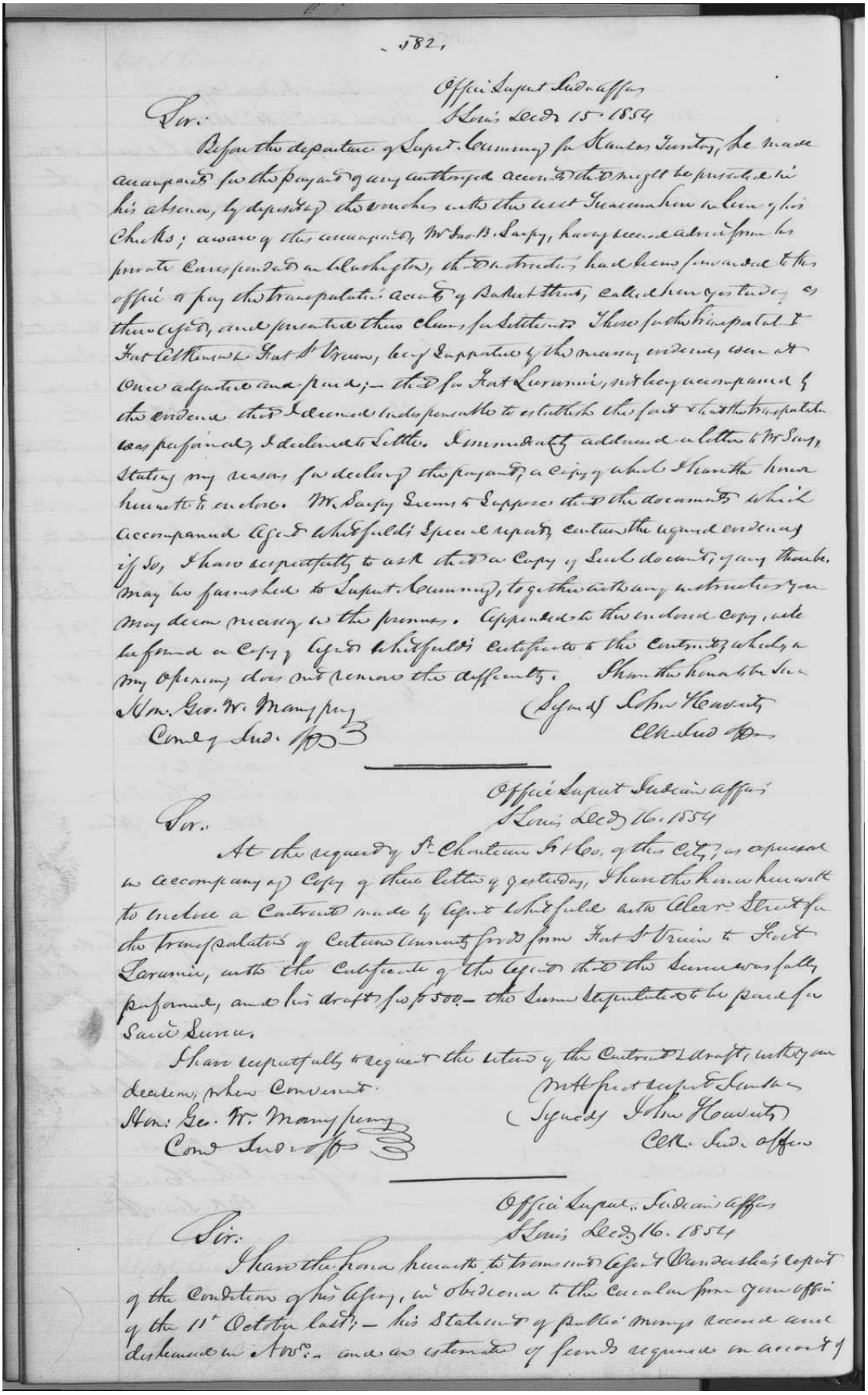
Office Supt Indian Affrs,
St Louis Dec 11. 1854.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agent Clarke of the 1st Instant, urging the necessity of a remittance to pay the Sac & Fox accounts of his agency to the close of this year - namely - $288 00 for the Kansas Sac & Fox, and $301 41/100 for the Pottawatamies. The Agent seems to suppose that the Pottawatamies are entitled to the fourth Sac & Fox payment, and that the fourth Sac & Fox are paid out of their trust funds, and as this, he appears to have $351 50/100 on hand.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind. Office

Wm Geo. W. Murphy
Com Ind. Affrs



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Office Supt Ind Affrs
St Louis Dec 15 1854

Sir:

Before the departure of Supt. Cumming for Kansas Territory, he made arrangements for the payment of any authorized accounts that might be presented in his absence, by depositing the vouchers with the Asst Treasurer to liquidate his Checks; aware of this arrangement Mr Jno B. Sarpy, have received advice from his private Correspondent in Washington, that Vouchers had been forwarded to this office to pay the transportation accounts of Baker Thies, called there yesterday & there refused, and presented their claims for Settlement. These for the transportation of Fort Leavenworth Fort Pierre, being supported by the necessary evidence were at once adjusted and paid; — those for Fort Laramie, not being accompanied by the evidence that I deemed indispensable to establish the fact that the transportation was performed, I declined to settle. I immediately addressed a letter to Mr Sarpy, stating my reasons for declining the payment, a copy of which I have the honor herewith to enclose. Mr Sarpy seems to suppose that the documents which accompanied Agent Whitfield's Special report, contain the required evidence if so, I have respectfully to ask that a Copy of such documents, if any there be, may be furnished to Supt. Cumming, together with any instructions you may deem necessary in the premises. Appended to the endorsed copy, will be found a copy of Agent Whitfield's Certificate to the Contract which, in my opinion does not remove the difficulty. I have the honorable Secy

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr of Ind. Affrs

(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian affrs
St Louis Dec 16. 1854

Sir.

At the request of P. Chouteau Jr & Co. of this City, as expressed in accompanying Copy of their letter of yesterday, I have the honor herewith to enclose a Contract made by Agent Whitfield with Messrs Chouteau Jr & Co. for the transportation of certain Annuity goods from Fort Pierre to Fort Laramie, with the Certificate of the Agent that the same was fully performed, and his draft for $ 500 — the sum stipulated to be paid for said service.

I have respectfully to request the return of the Contract & draft, with your decision, when convenient.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis Dec 16. 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit Agent Vandeusen's report of the Condition of his Agency, in obedience to the Circular from your Office of the 11th October last. — His Statement of public Moneys received and disbursed to Nov 1st and an estimate of funds required on account of

Contingencies; this estimate he has made under instructions from this Dep't Oct. last. From his letter, and Talbot's notes, it appears that $120. will be required to close his accounts for the year under the Contingent head.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Cl'k Ind'n Office

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind'n Affs

Office Sup't Indian Affairs
St Louis Dec'r 18th 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Whitfield of the 2nd October ult'o (only received here yesterday) enclosing for approval, a license granted by him to Andrew Dripps to trade within the Upper Platte Agency, together with his application, bond and invoice of goods.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Cl'k Ind'n Office

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind'n Affs.

Office Sup't Indian Affairs
St Louis Dec'r 23d 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Hepner of the 11th Inst't, enclosing a Supplemental Treaty made by him as he states, by your orders, with the Otoe & Missouria Indians.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Cl'k Ind'n Office

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind'n Affs

Office Sup't Indian Affairs
St Louis Dec'r 26. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor herewith, to submit for your consideration, a letter from Agent Robinson of the 20th Inst't: enclosing a Copy of an agreement made between Dr. Chas. Robinson, and Barcoxie, a Delaware Chief, whereby the latter agrees to furnish to the former a certain quantity of timber.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Cl'k Ind'n Office

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind'n Affs

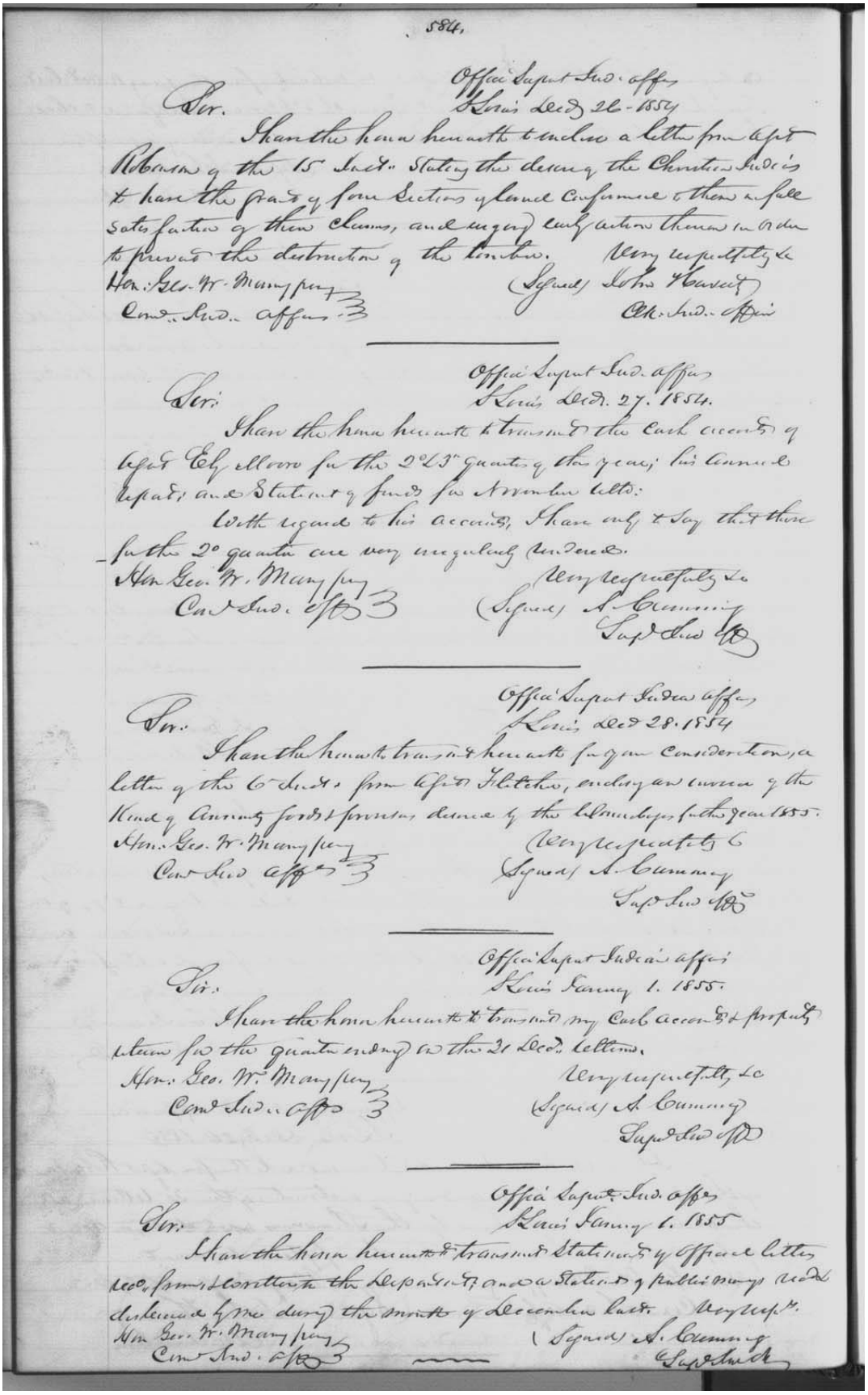
Office Sup't Ind'n Affairs
St Louis Dec'r 26. 1854

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Robinson of the 19th Inst't: enclosing, under your instructions of the 30th ult'o, all the claims filed with him by the Shawnees up to date, on account of depredations. There are altogether, fifteen documents.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Haverty
Cl'k Ind'n Office

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind'n Affs



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Office Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Dec. 26 - 1854

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agt Robinson of the 15 Inst. stating the desire of the Christian Indians to have the grant of four Sections of land conformable to them in fee simple for quantities of their claims, and urging early action thereon in order to prevent the destruction of the timber.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) John Harvey
Ch. Ind. Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com. Ind. affrs

Office Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Dec. 27. 1854.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash accounts of Supt Ely allowed for the 2d & 3d quarters of the year, his Annual report and Statement of funds for November 1854.

With regard to his accounts, I have only to say that those for the 2d quarter are very irregularly rendered.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind. affrs

Office Supt Indian affrs
St Louis Dec 28. 1854

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your consideration, a letter of the 6th Inst. from Agt Fletcher, enclosing an invoice of the kind of Cattle for breeding purposes during the ensuing year 1855.

Very respectfully &
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind affrs

Office Supt Indian affrs
St Louis January 1. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit my Cash accounts & property returns for the quarter ending on the 31 Dec. last.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind affrs

Office Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis January 6. 1855

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit Statements of Official Letters rec'd from & sent to the Department, and a Statement of public money received & disbursed by me during the month of December last.

Very Resp.
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com Ind affrs

Offic Supt Ind Affrs
St Louis Jan 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to submit for your decision, a letter from Agent Clarke, of the 18th ult: in relation to Christopher Columbus, charged with trading among the Kansas Indians, and to whom a renewal of license was refused by the former Agent D. W. Whitfield Esq.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Offic Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Jan. 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agent Robinson of the 29th ult: reporting the trespasses of white settlers on the Shawnee reserve.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Offic Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Jan. 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Allison of the 27th ult: enclosing an account from Young & Kennard, amounting to $604 77/100. for outfits &c furnished Indian delegates. In this connection I will remark that the Agts Account Current for 3d of 1854 shows a balance of $218 45/100 remaining in his hands applicable to that object.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

P. S. Permit me to request the return of the enclosed letter from Gardiner
(Signed) A. C.

Offic Supt Indian affrs
St Louis Jan 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agent Clarke of the 22d ult: in explanation of certain remarks & Contracts made by him to Pottawatomie Indians. Also a letter transmitting another letter of his of the 15th ult: enclosing his approval of Contracts with Sam B. Wells & Blackmore & with Wm H. Wells & Waggon Maker for the Pottawatomie Indians. Respectfully,

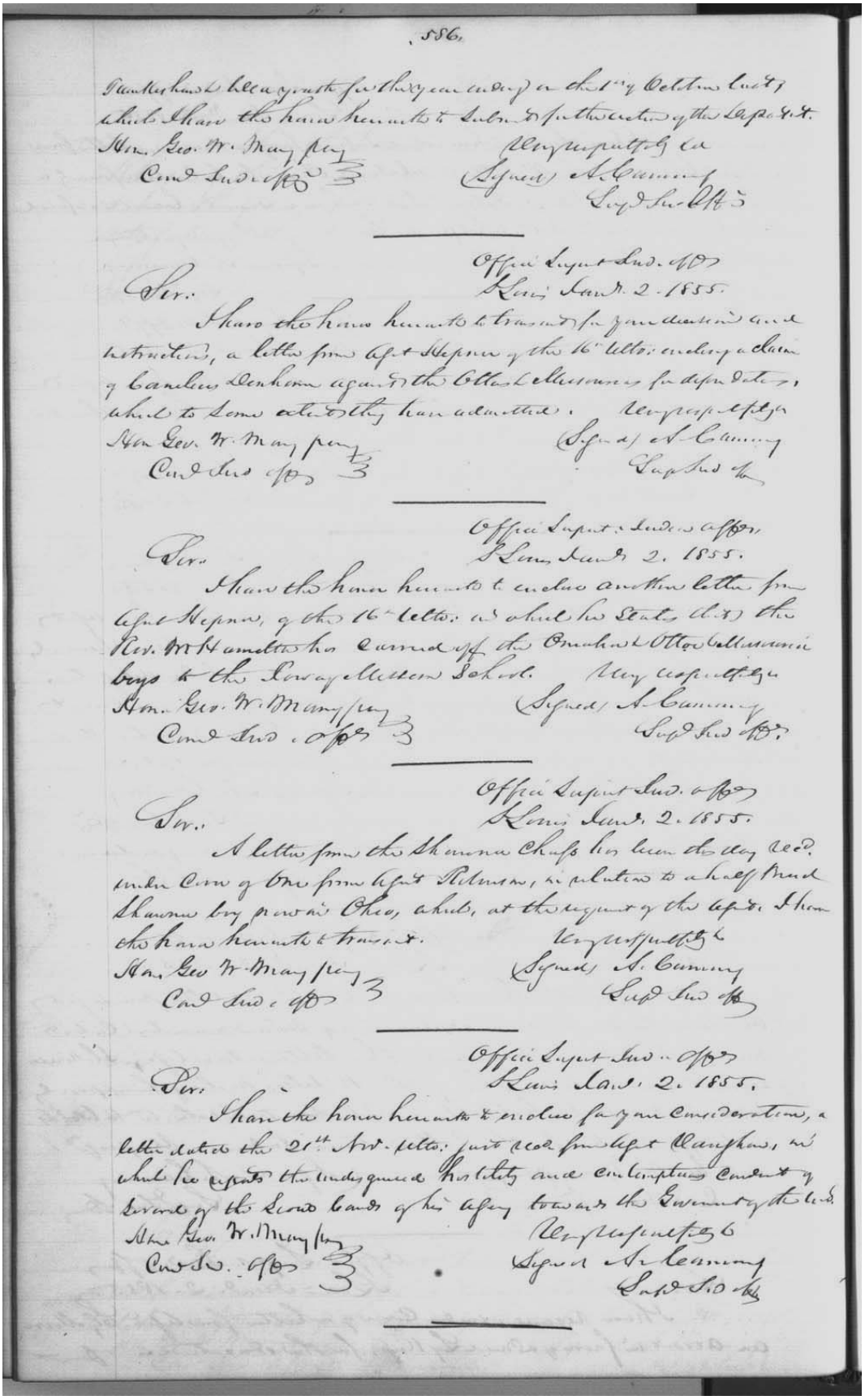
Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon Geo W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Offic Supt Ind. affrs
St Louis Ind. 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have received under Cover of a letter from Agent Ely Moore an account in favor of Daniel Lykins for the education &c of —



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Gentlemen I have the honor to forward you under the 1st of October last, which I have the honor herewith to submit for the action of the Department.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs
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Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Office Sup't Ind. Affs
St Louis Mo. 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit for your information and instruction, a letter from Agt Hepner of the 16th ult: inclosing a claim of Caroline Denham against the Otoe & Missouria for depredations, which it seems others they have admitted.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs
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Office Sup't Ind. Affs
St Louis Mo. 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose another letter from Agt Hepner, of the 16th ult: in which he states that the Rev. W. Hamilton has carried off the Omaha & Otoe Missouria boys & the Iowa Mission School.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs
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Office Sup't Ind. Affs
St Louis Mo. 2. 1855.

Sir.

A letter from the Shawnee Chiefs has been this day rec'd. under cover of one from Agt Robinson, in relation to a chief named Shawnee by name in Ohio, which, at the request of the Agt. I have the honor herewith to transmit.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs
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Office Sup't Ind. Affs
St Louis Mo. 2. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose for your consideration, a letter dated the 21st Nov. ult: just rec'd from Agt Vaughan, in which he reports the undisguised hostility and contemptuous conduct of several of the Sioux bands of late, towards the Government & the whites

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs
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Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis January 2. 1855

Sir

In compliance with your order of the 2d ult. I proceeded to Fort Leavenworth and its neighborhood to inquire into matters pertaining to the Delawares, and particularly with regard to the accidents caused by the intrusion of Citizens of the United States upon their lands.

I have now the honor to report that, notwithstanding the careless intrusions upon their lands by Citizens and others, the confidence of the Delawares in the integrity of the Government remains entirely unshaken; for accustomed to an implicit conformity on their part to treaty Stipulations, they cannot realize the possibility that the Government will tolerate their violation by others.

In reference to the character of the claims on the lands of the Delawares, there are many Citizens of Missouri and other States of the highest respectability, who have made claims under the expectation of a change in the late treaty with the Delawares, and the consequent Sanction of the Government. - Others have doubtless been influenced by the misrepresentations of designing individuals, - and still another, and perhaps the largest class has been induced to locate claims by the indifference and apathy manifested by the Government in relation to the violations of treaty Stipulations. It may be well to suggest in this connection, that in the event of a change in the treaty with the Delawares it would be unjust to the Community at large, to establish the precedent that they who violated treaty Stipulations and set laws at defiance by unauthorized claims and Settlements, should be protected to the exclusion of the more scrupulous and law abiding, who would have desired to make Settlements on the same lands. It must be clear to every one, that if the Government tolerate these intrusions on the lands of the Delawares, the reserves stipulated in the recent treaties with the Delawares, Shawnees and others, will soon attract the attention of those who are on the look out for desirable locations.

In reference to that part of your instructions which directs me to report the proceedings of the intruders, and whether any Officers of the Government are implicated in any transactions violative of treaty Stipulations or laws, I have to State, that the current Opinion throughout the Country sustained by admissions voluntarily made to me at Fort Leavenworth, induces the conviction in my mind that not long after the promulgation of the Delaware treaty, an Officer of the Quarter Masters Department U.S.A. became an efficient partner in an association which staked a certain tract of 215 acres of land lying in the Missouri river in the Delaware lands immediately South of the Military reserve known as Fort Leavenworth; and at a subsequent period, the associates added to as a members, an Officer of the Pay Department U.S.A. who also became a Share-holder. On the 9th Octbr

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Last, this Association proceeded to sell lots in the above described tract of Reserve Lands in accordance with an advertisement Signed by the Officer of the Pay Department U.S.A. who thus Sanctioned the transaction by his well Known and highly respected name. On the day and at the place of Sale, the Officer of the Quarter Masters Department, addressed the people assembled, and assured them of the certainty that the title of them imperfect would be eventually made good and confirmed by the Government. At this Sale and Subsequently, Several other Officers both Civil and Military, became Lot holders by purchase. The Association and individuals interested, have cut down the Eagle beeches and Some timber, - excavated the ground and made an embankment, - Constructed houses, among which is One Hotel, One Saw mill, a Blacksmiths Shop, a printing Office, and other buildings used as Stores and dwellings. The inhabitants seem intelligent and orderly. In the rear of this So called "City", many claims are located - One or more by Officers of the Army. In the attempt to build up this establishment Some timber was necessarily destroyed, and much more will be required by these Settlements previous during the ensuing Spring and Summer.

Before closing this part of my report, it may be well to State, that Mr. John C. McCoy, a highly respectable Citizen of Jackson County Mo. who Surveyed the town Site for the Association, Stated to me that Colored Men employed in the Quarter Masters Department, with a Wagon and team belonging to the Government, were employed in effecting said Survey.

In Compliance with another branch of your instructions of the 2d Ultimo, I have the honor to report, that efforts are now being made by the Agent and a few influential men of the tribe to diminish the Intemperance and debauchery which so prevailed among the Miamies Indians; the Condition of the Smaller tribes in this Agency is Comparatively good, but much is to be apprehended from their proximity to the White Settlements; this however, is mostly the case, and they are now in a more favorable Condition for the trade than Some of their neighbors. The Swan Tribe are quiet and Satisfied, being busily engaged at present in hunting. The Potawatomies are in a Condition which requires the unbidden effort of their Agent and best men to Shield them from temptations which seem too have for them to overcome daily, but I have great hopes of their improvement as Soon as arrangements shall have been made to Secure the presence of their intelligent and energetic Agent in their midst. The long absence of their Agent from the tribe, in Consequence of there being no house for his accommodation has occasioned many abuses which have been Complained of by them, and been answered by the Government, has very naturally excited distrust & dissatisfaction in this tribe, which Contains many individuals of great merit. No tribe can boast of individuals of more intelligence and Cultivation, and with the guidance of an Agent Constantly residing among them, a quick moral renovation might be effected, and the whole tribe become remarkable for its improvement in the arts of Civilization, as Some of its individuals

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manners are now remarked for uncouth Savageism.

The Delawares although manifesting no distrust of the strong arm of their Great Father in rescuing them from the grasp of the intruders, are yet deeply mortified by the indifference manifested, as they conceive, when their agent has invoked the power of the Government to remove the intruders from their lands: but they seem to be sober and quiet, and promise to avail themselves of their advantages, so that in the spring I hope they will follow the excellent example of some of their more prudent men in building comfortable houses and cultivating the earth more extensively than heretofore. The Delawares are a brave, honorable and generous race, and under favorable circumstances, are as susceptible of civilization as any other tribe in this Country. It seems a cruel destiny that their almost unlimited confidence in the Government should be the cause of their ultimate ruin.

The Shawnees are every where advancing towards a perfect civilization; the sound of the hammer, the saw and the axe are now as familiar as in our newest frontier Counties. Their school is in a most prosperous condition; with such devoted instructors and intelligent Children, a most cheering prospect is presented in the future. The moral standard is as decidedly high, as their Civilization is advanced. There are still some drunken Shawnees, but the late judicious measures adopted in relation to them, and the zeal of the Chiefs and principal men to arrest the evil, orderly, I trust, be attended with entire success in eradicating this great evil from amongst them.

I regret that time did not permit me to visit the Great Nemaha agency, but I feel confident that the tribes composing it will be found in a favorable condition to avail themselves of the advantages secured to them by their late treaties.

It will, I fear, be a source of regret for some years yet, that the Indians will continue to appropriate a portion of their money to the purchase of articles for the gratification of present wants, rather than in careful and wise the shape of some permanent values.

It is cheering to perceive that the Indians are now fast obliterating the track of the wolf in their prairies into the ruts of their own Comfortable Waggons, in which their families ride to the Store, or to visit the neighbors and friends.

Many the Shawnees, some of the bands who have resided to hold their lands in Common, are now anxious to be placed on the same footing with the balance of the tribes, which I encouraged them to believe would be permitted by the Government.

All the Agents in this Superintendency manifest a lively interest in the performance of the duties assigned to them; but I must beg leave again to urge the necessity of having Suitable houses in the midst of the tribes over whom they are to exercise Control.

There are many decades and abuses which can only be

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remedied by the immediate presence of the Agent. Letter from Supt. respecting
Hon Geo. W. Manypenny
Commissioner &c &c &c

Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis January 3rd 1855.

Sir

On the 3rd Dec last, I proceeded to the Sac & Fox Agency in accordance with your orders to investigate the following charges preferred against B. A. James, Agent for the Sacs & Foxs, by Arthur I. Baker, late a trader for that tribe. On my way from this place to Kansas, I called upon Thos. H. Reed Esqr, at Independence, Jackson Co Mo — the attorney of Mr Baker — and gave him notice in person of my intention to proceed forthwith to the Sac & Fox Agency, to examine and report upon the charges made by his client. Said Communicated the like information to Mr Baker, through his brother in law, Mr Hasfelter. neither Mr Baker nor his attorney however, attended at the Agency.

The Charges preferred against the Agent are as follows —

1st. That Agent James, on the 20th December 1853, refused to renew Baker's license, and in violation of the regulations, omitted to furnish to the Department all the papers appertaining to the Matter, and the reasons which induced him to refuse him a license.

2nd. That no evidence was adduced to prove that Baker, or an associate was to be in the Indian Country, and have a license to trade with the Indians.

3rd. That Agent James had stated that there were already too many traders in his Agency, and yet licensed A. L. Randall, who is supposed to be a relative, and partner or factor of the Agent.

4th. That the mode of payment adopted by Agent James of issuing Cards to the heads of families, entitling the number of each on the pay rolls, was injurious to many traders, and ruinous to One.

5th. That Randale was furnished by the Agent with information which facilitated his collections and injured those of others.

6th. That Randale kept a Store known as the "Dog Store" of the Indians, and extended his credits with the expectation of a treaty to be made with the Sacs & Foxs.

7th. That a Mr. Son of Agent James was employed as a clerk in the Store of Randale.

8th. That Agent James improperly withheld from Thomas L. Connolly, a private letter written to the said Connolly by Gov W. Ewing. and

9th. That Agent James paid a Mr Chambeau Indian who had no right to be enrolled among the Sacs & Foxs.

I have the honor to report that Agent James (whom I found sick in bed on my arrival) rests his defence on the papers herewith inclosed marked A to R inclusive, which consist of affidavits and Statements over the Signatures of persons who for the most part are well known

to me, and who are entitled to enter Confederate Warranty. The papers above referred to seem to me to refute the testimony and argument addduced by Mr Baker against the Agent, and to exonerate him in every important particular from the charges brought against him by the Complainants

It will be perceived by examining the affidavit of Connolly, that the charge the payment of 12 Shares to a Miamibaya Indian living on the Wabash, by reference to the last Fox pay roll, 4th quarter 1853. it will be seen that no payment was made to any head of a family exceeding 11 Shares. This charge is presumed to have reference to Ah ta co, number 504, who is represented to be the descendant of a Fox Woman by a Miamibaya, and to the payment of whom, no objection was made by the Inds.

The paper marked B. shows a receipt for $350. from Ah ta co ta, by H. I. Randale, which I presume was intended for Ah ta co, the payment of an account as well as that by Ke she co shuck – no 503. Pay order to Baker, was made as I believe to those traders by the Agent at the request of the Indians, and the balance paid over to them.

The affidavit of Northrop, Christ Blackberry, accompanies by an invoice of the goods sold by them to H. I. Randall, is intended to show the character of Randall's Stock of goods.

The letter of Geo. W. Ewing to Connolly was voluntarily handed by Connolly to the Agent, and only returned by him for the purpose of making an extract therefrom – had Connolly retained upon the Agent it would have been returned to him – it is herewith forwarded.

All of which is respectfully Submitted for the favorable action of the Department.

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind affs

Hon Geo. W. Manypenny
Comm Ind affs

W. Hunt will take the documents sent from your Office.

Office Supt Ind affairs
St Louis Jan 24th 1855

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Robinson of the 29th ult. inclosing a memorial of the Delaware Chiefs to the President of the United States on the Subject of the intrusions on their ceded lands in contravention of the Stipulations of their treaty of last year, to which I beg to call your particular attention.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comm Ind affs

Office Supt Ind affairs
St Louis January 4th 1855

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to Submit for your decision and instructions, another letter from Agent Robinson of the 29th ultimo, in

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in relation to the disposition proper to be made of the Shawnee Smith's Shop, tools, and dwelling house, as these Indians have concluded no longer to employ a Smith. I concur in the opinion of the Agent that the property should be sold, and the proceeds invested as you shall hereafter instruct.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis January 6. 1855

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a duplicate of the letter of the 4th inst from Agent Clandenin, in relation to certain outstanding claims against the Iowa Indians; and an estimate of the amount required for agricultural purposes & Smith Shop for said Indians.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind. Affs

Office Supt Ind. affairs
St Louis January 6th 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose for your consideration, two letters this day rec'd. from Agent Stephens, of the 25th ultimo — One, relative to the half breed claims to the reserve between the two Nemahas; and the other, in regard to the proper construction of the 5th & 12 articles of the treaty of last June with the Otoes & Missourias.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

Office Supt Indian Affairs,
St Louis January 9. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the report of Agent Stephens, made in compliance with your instructions of the 8th ult. in which he states the several modes used by the Omahas in the selection of their Chiefs; (&c) the names of the persons at present recognized in that capacity; and also, his intention of removing Logan Fontenelle from the Office of Interpreter on the expiration of the 4th quarter of last year.

I likewise enclose and the letter of even date (27 ult.) from the Agent, reporting the progress of obtaining the required number of Omaha Children for the School at Bellevue, of the 1st grade established

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affs

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Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis January 9. 1855

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit two letters from Agent Hepner of the 27th ultimo— One covers a depredation claim of Stephen Rees, against the Omaha Indians; and the other, a claim of Cornelius Vanhorn against the Sauk tribe. The Indians in Council admit the former, but deny the justness of the latter. They are known to be untrue for the decision of the Department.

Very respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Signed A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Note—The claim of S. Rees is for a Cow valued at $30. C. Vanhorn for 102 Sheep $204. $234

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis January 9. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Vaudalia, dated 28th ultimo inclosing, in conformity with your instructions of the 22nd ult, his valuation of the Kickapoo improvements &c. in documents marked A. and B.

Very respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Signed A. Cummings
Supt Ind. Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis January 10. 1855.

Sir:

Under your instructions communicated to me last fall, I have endeavored to ascertain by what arrangements the transportation of the Upper Missouri Supplies for this year could be most economically effected. Up to this time, I have found no boats willing to contract to ship absolutely; this is paid unless from the fact that I am unable to state precisely at what time the transportation will be required, & for what quantity of freight. I am now inclined to think that contracts will have to be made on proposals invited in the usual way, and I believe that the earlier this is done, not only for the better transportation, but also the lower Carriage, the better. Should troops be stationed at the Sioux, as seems to be expected, the demand for means of transportation will be thereby increased, and rates even higher. I shall accordingly be grateful to early as convenient, your special instructions upon these points.

I have the honor to be Sir
Very respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Signed A. Cummings
Supt Ind. Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Indian Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis January 12, 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Robidoux of the 8th Inst and reiterating the complaints of the Shawnees concerning

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Office Supt. Indian Affrs
St Louis January 12. 1855

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agt R Brunot of the 5th Inst. reiterating the complaints of the Shawnees concerning intrusions on their Lands, and suggesting the organization of a volunteer force to drive off unauthorized Settlers.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind. Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comd Ind. Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis January 12. 1855

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose for your instruction in the subject, a letter from Agent Hepner in relation to the annuity Stipulated to be paid to Louis Sansouci, under the provisions of the 11th article of the late treaty with the Omahas.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comd Ind. Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis January 13. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a copy of a letter addressed by Col. Cooke, Commanding at Fort Leavenworth, to the Assistant Genl. at this place, setting forth certain matters of complaint made by the Kickapoos against their Agent, W Vanderslice. I have furnished the Agent with a copy, to which I have directed him to make a prompt reply, which when received, will be immediately forwarded.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comd Ind. Affrs

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis January 13. 1855.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose an estimate of funds required for the service of this Superintendency and pay districts for the 1st & 2 quarters of the year. In preparing this estimate I have omitted to include any specific amounts for the Omahas, Otoes & Missourias, Ioways, Kickapoos and Sacs & Foxes of Mo. - leaving it to the Department to remit such sums for each tribe above named, as may be deemed expedient.

It is desirable that the remittances should be made early enough to enable the Agents to pay the employees at the end of the quarter.

Very respectfully &c
Signed A. Cumming
Supt Ind Affrs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comd Ind. Affrs

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Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Jany 15. 1855

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash Accounts of Agt B. F. Robinson, for the 4th quarter of 1854.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind. Affs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Jany 15. 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agt Moore, of the 2d Inst: inclosing the memorial of the Miamie Indians in relation to the $26,000. in the Settlement of their affairs, as provided for in their late treaty;

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind. Affs

Office Supt Ind. Affs
St Louis Jany 15. 1855

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agt Moore, dated the 2d Inst: inclosing for approval, two Licenses to trade with the Miamies, granted by him — One to M. O. Rickardville, & the other to Wm A. Gentile — both renewals — together with their bonds &c.

Very respectfully &c.
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt. Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind. affs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Jany 15. 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Supt Moore, dated 6th Inst, with letters inclosing three Stds of claims of the Miamies, under their late treaty — viz: for property abandoned in Indiana; for losses incurred in removing from Sugar Creek; and for property stolen &c. of the Whites.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comr Ind. affs

Office Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Jany 15. 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agt Moore of the 6th Inst, giving a list of the employees at the Osage River Agency, with their places of birth &c. and inclosing his Estimate & requisition for the same — namely — for Louis Gebeau as Blacksmith for Miamies, Jno Robidoux as Asst. Smith; and for Joseph Gebeau as Miller for Seneca; with Lathes Tools & Blacksmith Tools, Pincers, Hammers &c.

and with Louis Vasseur, a Chief of the Santee Sioux. Very respectfully
Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affairs.
(Signed) A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Office Sup't Indian Affairs
St Louis January 16. 1855.

Sir:

In conformity with the instructions Communicated in your letter of the 9th inst. I have deposited the several balances therein indicated, amounting in the aggregate to $10 224 47/100, with the Asst Treasurer at this place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, for which I have the honor herewith to enclose a duplicate of the certificate of deposit. I have appended to this Certificate a Statement showing to what heads of account the same belongs.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Office Sup't Ind. Affs
St Louis January 16. 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash account of Agent B. A. James for the 4th Quarter of 1854, received here by this days mail.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. Affs

Office Sup't Ind. affs
St Louis January 16. 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agent James to your address, giving an estimate of the cost of the tobacco & Salt required in fulfilment of treaty Stipulations with the Sioux Tribes for the year, which will be found somewhat lower than the amount stated in my estimate forwarded on the 13th Instant.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. affs

Office Sup't Ind. affs
St Louis January 16. 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Robinson, expressing the desire of the Delawares to have some $3.500. dollars appropriated for a Steam Saw Mill, out of their Annuity. which I hope you will approve.

Very respectfully &c
(Signed) A. Cumming
Sup't Ind. Affs

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com'r Ind. affs

Col. A. Cumming
Supt. Ind. Affrs
Washington City.

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis January 19. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor to transmit herewith, Sd letters rec'd. from Agt Clarke, esqr. One of the 3rd Inst: inclosing a letter from S. M. Ewing in relation to the claim of Mrs Beard - the daughter of Pierre Leclerc, a Pottawatomie Chief now deceased of the 4th reporting the establishment of a mail line depot in the Kaw or Lands & J. Keller, with enclosures; also of the 4th inclosing papers relating to the refusal of a license of Genl. Whitfield to C. Columbus; of the 5th in relation to the unpaid claim of Mary Nuds & her Children - a Pottawatomie woman; of the 6th the application of the Agent for a leave of absence to bring on his family from Arkansas; and of the 10th reporting the settlement of Chiefs on the Kansas half breed lands. You will of course, examine these closely before you leave them over to the Department and I would suggest that Sd Duplicates as may not be required in the files at Washington, be returned from there.

Most respectfully Your Ob. Sert
(Signed) John Haverty
Ch. Ind. Office

Office Supt Indian affrs
St Louis January 19. 1855.

Col. A. Cumming
Supt Ind. Affrs
Washington City.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash Accts of Agt Clarke for the 4th Quarter of 1854, this day received.

On examining the vouchers, I find that the Signature to No 9. Abstr. 1. (+) is not witnessed; that vouchers 14. & 15. same Abstract are not Certified to by the Agent; and that No. 21. Same Abstr. is [illegible] the first Certificate, whereas according to usage, it should be Abstract 2. the same remark applies to No. 4. Abstract 2. I have written to the Agt. & spoken out these matters to him.

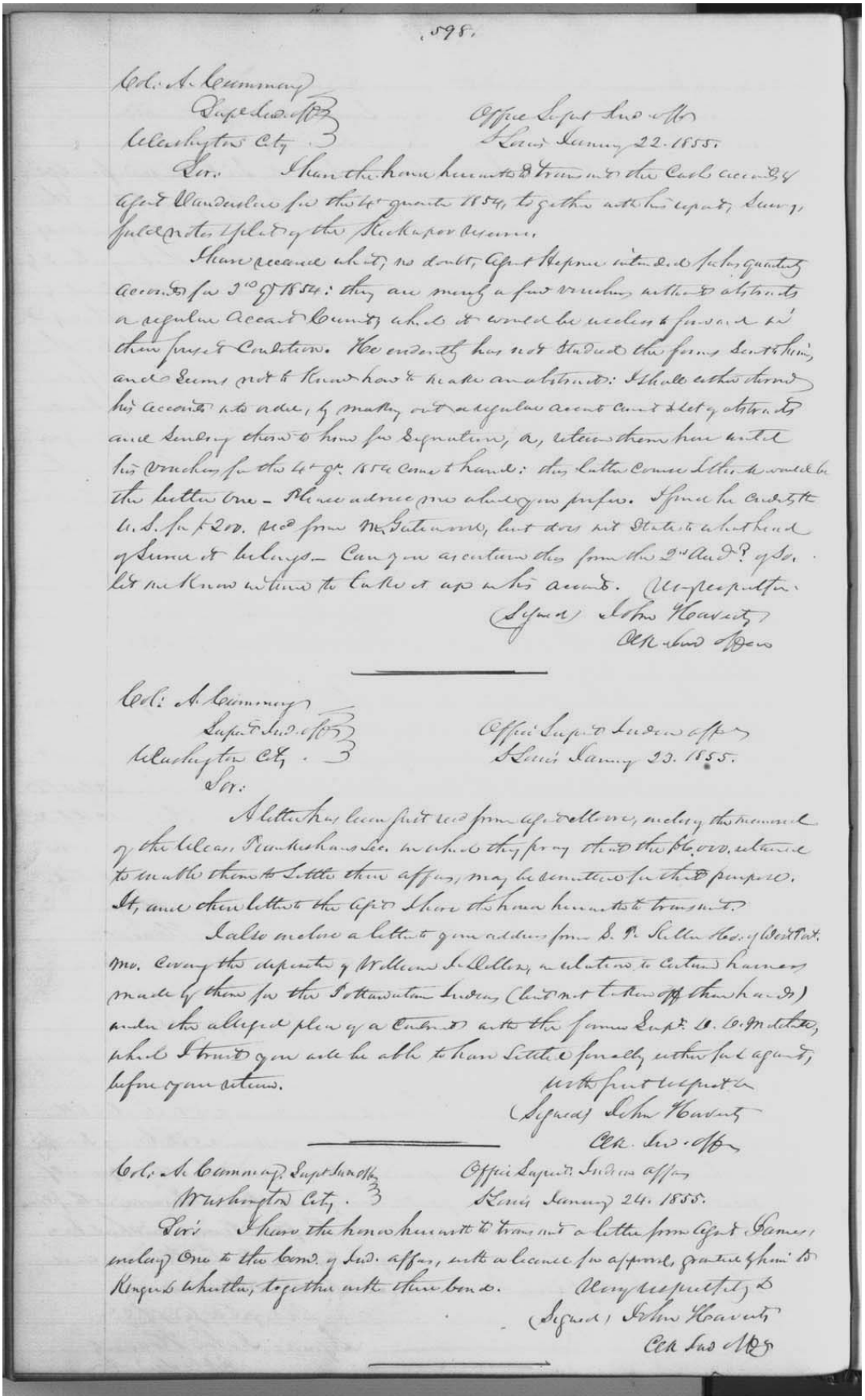
Very respectfully
(Signed) John Haverty
Ch. Ind. Office

Office Supt Indian affrs
St Louis January 19. 1855.

Col. A. Cumming
Supt Ind. Affrs
Washington City.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to enclose two letters from Agt Clarke of the 9th Inst: One of which is addressed to this Comy Ind. Affrs on the subject of the Miami Improvement Claims; and the other to yourself relative to the deposits certain Public Moneys with the Asst Treasurer at St Louis. Also enclose two Contracts made with Baptiste Peoria, which he is required to act in the double Capacity of Interpreter for the Miamis, and the United Bands of Peoria, Kaskaskias, Kaskaskias & Peorias.

Very respectfully
(Signed) John Haverty
Ch. Ind. Office



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Col. A. Cummings
Superintendent &c
Washington City.

Office Supt Ind Affrs
St Louis January 22. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash account of Agent Vandenlinden for the 4th quarter 1854, together with his report, Summary, Journal entries, Ledger &c &c.

I have reason to think, no doubt, Agent Vandenlinden intended to forward his quarterly Account for 3rd Qr 1854: they are many a few vouchers without abstracts to a regular Account Current, which it would be needless to forward in their present Condition. He evidently has not studied the forms sent him, and seems not to know how to make an abstract: I shall return his Accounts with order, to make out a regular account current & Letter of abstract, and sending them to him for Signature, & return them here with his vouchers for the 4th Qr. 1854 comes to hand: this Letter comes after it would be the better one - Please advise me what you prefer. I find he credits the U.S. for $200. rec'd from Mr Gatewood, but does not state to what kind of Funds it belongs - Can you ascertain this from the 2nd Auditor's Office. Let me know whether to take it up in his Account. Very respectfully

(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind Affrs

Col: A. Cummings
Supt Ind Affrs
Washington City.

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis January 23. 1855.

Sir:

A letter has been just rec'd from Agent Allerton, inclosing the Memorial of the Weas, Piankashaws &c. in which they pray that the $6,000. returned to enable them to settle their affairs, may be remitted for that purpose. If, and then letter the Agent shall have the honor herewith to transmit.

I also inclose a letter to you address from D. D. Keller Esq. of Detroit, Mich. Enquiring the disposition of William S. Allen, in relation to certain Manuscripts made by them for the Ottawa Indians, (which not to be taken off their hands) under the alleged plea of a Contract with the former Supt. W. C. Medill, which I trust you will be able to have settled finally either for or against, before your return. Very respectfully

(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind Affrs

Col: A. Cummings Supt Ind Affrs
Washington City.

Office Supt Indian Affrs
St Louis January 24. 1855.

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Vaness, inclosing one to the Comr of Ind. affrs, with a license for approval, granted by him to Rogers Wheeler, together with three bonds. Very respectfully &c

(Signed) John Haverty
Clk Ind Affrs
