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Hon Geo W. Mayes Esq^r *Telegraph*
 Comd Ind. off^r 3 St. Louis, January 24, 1855
 Washington City 3
 Despatched 22nd Inst - Sup't. Cramming left for Washington on the 18th Inst.
 (Signed) John H. Harris

Col. A. Cramming
 Sup't Ind. off^r 3 Office Sup't Ind. off^r
 Washington City 3 St. Louis, January 29, 1855
 Sir. I have the honor to enclose a letter from Agent Wm. H. Davis,
 dated the 20th Inst., in reply to the complaint made against him by Mackenay,
 and other Indians at Chey. Very respectfully etc
 (Signed) John H. Harris
 Comd. Ind. off^r.

Col. A. Cramming
 Sup't Ind. off^r 3 Office Sup't Ind. off^r
 Washington City 3 St. Louis, Jan'y 30, 1855
 Sir. I have the honor to enclose the following official
 letter and copy, one of Public money rec'd and disbursed by you during
 the month ending this day, in order that you may sign, and send them over
 to the Comd. Ind. off^r. Enclosed also from the Stationery letters
 rec'd, that there is a total suspension of the mail, caused by the deep snow
 on the rail road track, will be immediate probably a removal of the
 obstruction. The road is gorged above and below, but still open opposite
 this city.

I wish you would give an order from the Comd. to turn over to the General
 the trifling balance on hand or bank of the Cheyenne (2003) Council, (etc.)
 I find Laromie Indians (2,38) - they were enroute in California; the time to have
 been referred to you, by you duly credited. I am exceedingly anxious how
 of your safe arrival at Washington, but shall the State of the roads be
 such that I must exercise my patience. Most faithfully yours
 (Signed) John H. Harris
 Comd. Ind. off^r.

Col. A. Cramming
 Sup't Ind. off^r 3 Office Sup't Ind. off^r
 Washington City 3 St. Louis, Feb'r 1, 1855
 Sir. I have the honor to enclose two letters of the
 20th ultmo, from Agent Mayes - one, containing the claim of Stephen Gray
 against the Ottos, for their killing of them; and the other, the request
 of the Ottos & One has to have a part of their annuity paid him up.
 I have also rec'd. from Agent Mayes what he calls his account
 for the 4th quarter of 1854, which consists of a bundle of vouchers with
 arrangements or abstracts. Referring to the second paragraph of my
 letter to you of the 22nd ultmo, in relation to his 3rd quarter account,

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I have respectfully to ask you instructions as to what you deem best to be done in the premises.

(Signed) John Howard
C.R. Ind. offr

Col. A. Cummings
Superior offr
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. affr
St. Louis Feb 2. 1855.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Clarke (to the latter party, whom I beg to call your attention) respecting the bond of the Guardian Appointed to take charge of the funds of the Shoshone Orphan children.

Such enclosures for apparel, two letters printed & left blank to S. P. & W. H. Miller to transcribe the Ottawas & Kansas Indians, together with their bonds, invades me.

Agent Clarke request me to call your attention to his application for a leave alone, forwarded to you from this office on the 19th ulto. No eastern mail yet - the Rail R. train from Springfield to Chicago by State obtained by Gov. [unclear]
(Signed) John Howard

C.R. Ind. offr

Col. A. Cummings
Superior offr
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. affr
St. Louis Feb 3. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter of the 23rd ulto, from the Executive Office of the State of Iowa, Complying with the demands of the Legislature upon the citizens of that state to manumit the bands of Omahas, Ottos & Sioux. I have this day written to Agent Clarke, informing him of the Complyance and request him to use his influence in calling them off his lands to their homes. From the State of the roads, we expect no eastern mail before the end of next week.

(Signed) John Howard
C.R. Ind. offr

Col. A. Cummings
Superior offr
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. affr
St. Louis Feb 5. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Clark, & the bond of said offr, dated 22nd ulto, enclosing apparel, a leave blank & printed, given to Israel Smith together with his Bond.

No eastern mail yet - last Washington dated recd at this office, 16th ulto.

(Signed) John Howard
C.R. Ind. offr

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Col. A. Cammey
Sup't Ind. off^{er} B
Washington City, D.C.
Sir.

Offic' Super Ind. affas
St. Louis, Feb. 8. 1855

I have the honor to enclose a letter dated the 28th instant, from Agent Robinson, a relation to certain Indians married to Shawnee women, and now residing with the tribe, who have been excommunicated by the Shawnee Council from a participation in their annuities. The Agent requests a decision of the Deptt. on the case submitted; and also on another important point namely - whether such persons as head of families, are entitled to the two hundred acres of land to the westward, provided for in the late treaty.

As early mail you will probably receive my answer next.

Very respectfully,
Signed, John Harvey
Off. Ind. off^{er}

Col. A. Cammey
Sup't Ind. off^{er} B
Washington City, D.C.
Sir.

Offic' Super Ind. affas
St. Louis, Feb. 10. 1855

I have the honor to enclose the monthly returns and report of Agent Mandan for January last, and his letter of the 26th ulto: in reply to the complaint made against him by certain Kickapoo Indians to Col. Lookout.

I likewise enclose a packet recd from him, containing a letter from Miss L. Leonard & Kemper, Surveyor, with a return of the lines of the Indian Reserves, and description of the areas of the Lower & Sac & Fox lands.

You have rec'd to day the first extract made wth three weeks - the two letters from the Compy Ind. off^{er} of 19 & 20th ulto: have been promptly attended to.

Very respectfully
Signed, John Harvey
Off. Ind. off^{er}

Col. A. Cammey
Sup't Ind. off^{er} B
Washington City, D.C.
Sir.

Offic' Super Ind. affas
St. Louis, Feb. 12. 1855

I have the honor to enclose for your consideration, two letters from Agent Hepner of the 28th ulto: - One, Complaint of the interference of Frank Robinson with the Otoes & Ottos; the other, a relation certain half-breed Omaha & Otoes who claim to be considered as Amherstians.

Lated date from Com. 28th ulto: of one of 30th ulto: recd.

Very respectfully
Signed, John Harvey
Off. Ind. off^{er}

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Col. A. Cumming
Super. Ind. Affairs
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Feb^r 12. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit the monthly State of Agent James for January, letter and his report of the condition of his office, addressed to the Comdg. Indian Affairs.

I also enclose a letter to you from the former General Agent, J. C. Barrody, in relation to the plan for breaking land for Omahas & Ottos, & allude a settlement of his life, & the separation of the late Agent Ratnerwood.

I remain respectfully
Yrs, John Hausey
Clerk Secy Office

Col. A. Cumming
Super. Ind. Affairs
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Feb. 13. 1855.

Sir:

M. Bennett of the firm of Russell, Bennett, have just got home from the east, I have obtained from him this signature to a transcript of Dr. S. J. of your acts for 1st of 1854, containing the 50 C. S. published containing the 8th of the Omahas, which I have enclosed, in order that you may have it substituted for the one objected to.

Please inform me when I may expect you back.

I have the honor to be truly,
Yrs, John Hausey
Clerk Secy Office

Washington, D. C.
Feb^r 6. 1855.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Agent Vandashaw dated January 25th in reply to the complaint made by Ma Choo and other Six Nations Chiefs.

After a mature consideration of all the circumstances and the statement made by Agent Vandashaw, I am satisfied that the complaint alludes to no fact, and is unfounded.

Very respectfully,
John G. W. May Jr.
Oneida

Col. A. Cumming
Super. Ind. Affairs
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis Feb^r 7. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Clarke, asking for approval two leases - one to Solomon McDaniel and the other, to Seth M. Hayes, together with their bonds.

I also enclose a letter from Agent Robinson, covering his statement of public money recd and disbursed in January last. You will see that

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the complaint of the insufficiency of the sum allowed him for Conting & expenses.
I have recd your letter of the 6. 8. 49. & inclyg. the Compt of exps from
6-8-72nd Inclusive, all of which has been duly attended to. Very respct^r.
(Signed) John Harvey
C.R. Ind. offr.

Col. A. L. Kennedy
Sept 2nd 1853
Washington City
Sir. I have the honor to enclose to you the Cash account
of Capt. Elmore for the 4th quarter of 1854; - his statement of funds for
Capt. Kennedy letter, and a counter-voucher for a payment made to
Baptist Home, to be deducted his account for 1851-1852.

The accounts are very irregular the payments made on account
of the officers blends in with the same abstract with those made on
account of the Clerk, Pay Master, etc. in place of entering them in
separate abstracts; his mode also of numbering his vouchers is
quite confused.

Very respectfully
(Signed) John Harvey
C.R. Ind. offr.

Col. A. L. Kennedy
Sept 2nd 1853
Washington City
Sir.

I have the honor to enclose to you the report
in relation to the selection of the Omaha reservation near the
"Black Bear" hills, notice the 8th instant, and enclose the money
mark.

The last recd from Washington is the letter of the Comdg of the
15th Inf'rty. The rail road between Blumfield & Chicago is again
rendered impassable by snow, so that we have no prospect of public
works to come, or being a mail by that route.

Very respectfully
(Signed) John Harvey
C.R. Ind. offr.

Col. A. L. Kennedy
Sept 2nd 1853
Washington City
Sir.

I have the honor to enclose to you my signature, a
Statement of public money, word & clerical, and a statement of official letters
received, during the month ending on to day. There having been but one letter
written (that of which you sent me the copy) I deemed it better to repeat it
in the Statement for allumba.

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Col.

I have rec'd post day from the Department some time ago the 15th instant, no. from yourself, dated the 9th en route from Chicago & the place is quite impossible on account of the snow, and will bring it over so sometime. The weather here is cold but dry and agreeable. I shall hope to hear from you the 18th ultimo this evening.

Very respectfully
Signed, John Harvey
Off. Ind. Affs.

Col. A. Cummings

Asst. Secy. Ind. Affs.
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. Affs.
Louis. March 1. 1855

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Agent Chundliss of the 15th ultimo enclosing the minutes of a Council held by him with the Kickapoo Indians; also, a letter from Agent Steppen complaining of the evil influence exercised by the traders over the Indians of his Agency.

Very respectfully
Signed, John Harvey
Off. Ind. Affs.

Col. A. Cummings

Asst. Secy. Ind. Affs.
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. Affs.
Louis. March 7. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, two licenses - One, granted by Agent Grinnell to S.B. Scott to trade with the Santa Fe, and the other, granted by Agent Clarke to G.G. Brown to trade with the Pottawatomies, together with the bonds in each case.

Very respectfully
Signed, John Harvey
Off. Ind. Affs.

Col. A. Cummings

Asst. Secy. Ind. Affs.
Washington City

Office Super. Ind. Affs.
Louis. March 8. 1855.

Sir. I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, two licenses granted by Agent Clarke to O.S. T. Volk to trade at two different points with the Pottawatomies, and two licenses of the same, to Mr. Northrup Clark to trade with the Pottawatomies Kansas, together with the bonds and letters of the Agent.

I enclose also Agent Chundliss' report of the conduct of his Agency, and his statement of funds in the treasury of Leavenworth.

Very respectfully
Signed, John Harvey
Off. Ind. Affs.

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Col. A. Cummings
 Room 68, S. Nicholas Hotel,
 New York. 3

Col. A. Cummings
 Dept. Ind. Off.
 Washington City. 3

Mr. I have the honor to enclose two letters from Agent Clarke, of the 9th Inst. — the first, respecting the fact, reporting that he has set out for Arkansas under the care of a known traitor to himself & you on the 28th ult., and his intention to be back here by the 15th prox.; and the second, urging again the necessity of my supplies, with a good man safe for the Secy. of the R. B. I. & his charge.

Very respectfully etc
 (Signed) John Howard
 C.R. Ind. office.

Col. A. Cummings
 Dept. Ind. Off.
 Washington City. 3

Mr. I have the honor to enclose for your consideration, a letter from Agent Clarke, dated 19th Inst. respecting instructions with regard to the disposition to be made of a quantity iron hardware purchased for the Kansas Smith Shop, but found to be unsuitable for use; and likewise stating that he has found enough iron to purchase the necessary iron & steel for the same at the present price.

Very respectfully etc
 (Signed) John Howard
 C.R. Ind. office.

Col. A. Cummings
 Dept. Ind. Off.
 Washington City. 3

Mr. I have the honor to transmit Agent James' monthly report and statement of funds for February, ultimo.

Very respectfully etc
 (Signed) John Howard
 C.R. Ind. office.

Col. A. Cummings
 Dept. Ind. Off.
 Washington City. 3

Mr. I have the honor to transmit a letter from Agent Hepner, dated the 19th letter, inclosing in due season, the claim of

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of Augustus Gravaser against the Omaha Indians, he has alleged there
been stolen by them.

Very respectfully &
Sincerely, John Harvey,
C.R. Ind. Offr.

Sir. Offic Sup't Ind. Affs
Louis. March 15. 1855.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
9th instant by this day's mail, enclosing a publication copy of a statement
for land and water transportation of Army and food, and to inform you
that the copies sent by Sup't Cuming were read on the 5th Inst.,
and immediately published in two of the City Papers. Tales took
immediate measures to have this further land transportation published
in several of the Upper County Papers.

Very respectfully
Hon. Geo W. May per
C.R. Ind. Offr.

Sincerely, John Harvey,
C.R. Ind. Offr.

P. S. Telegraphed Sup't Cuming to the above effect on the 9th Inst.

Sir. Offic Sup't Ind. Affs
Louis. March 15. 1855.

I have the honor herewith to enclose the map and field
notes of the "Delaware Reserve" as made out by Iro. C. McCoy Esq.;
which has been this day received under cover of a letter from Capt
Robinson.

Very respectfully &
Sincerely, John Harvey,
C.R. Ind. Offr.

Sir. Offic Sup't Ind. Affs
Louis. March 15. 1855.

I have the honor herewith to enclose additional deposition
claims of the Shawnee tribe of Indians, under the promise of their
last treaty, which have been just received from Capt. Robinson.

Very respectfully &
Sincerely, John Harvey,
C.R. Ind. Offr.

Sir. Offic Sup't Ind. Affs
Louis. March 15. 1855.

I have the honor to state that on the 22nd January and 1st
of February last, I wrote to Sup't Cuming on the subject of the account
of Agent Chapman, which much consisted of a bundle of vouchers without
abstraction of a few entries, as they relate to the disbursements proper
to be made of them. In the meantime I found it necessary to
return to the Agent some of his vouchers for Committee. Not having

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Second the subnotes asked for, and the Agent having sent back the originals with the necessary corrections, I have made out the several abstracts, & present and propost view, which I have this day forwarded to the Agent for his signature. I deemed it due to Agent Chapman to make this statement, in order that you may know the reason why his account has not been forwarded to the Department when due. Very respectfully
 Hon. Geo. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ind. &c. No. 3

(Signed) John H. Casen
 Comd. Ind. &c. No. 3

Office Super. Ind. affs
 St. Louis March 15. 1855

I have the honor to enclose a letter this day rec'd. from Agent Chapman, in relation to the Indian bands of the Osage.
 Hon. Geo. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ind. &c. No. 3

Very respectfully
 (Signed) John H. Casen
 Comd. Ind. &c. No. 3

Office Super. Ind. affs
 St. Louis March 19. 1855

I have the honor to trans. into the plain English notes of the Survey of the several lands of the Sac & Foxes of Mo. and the Loways; - the full notes of the Survey of the line which divides the lands of the Sac & Foxes from those of the Loways; the full notes of the Survey of the Kickapoo, Sac & Fox and Loway lands; and the letter of Agent Mandanishie, stating the time & reguarce with the funds in his hands, to pay the Surveyors - resp. Agent Leonard.
 Hon. Geo. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ind. &c. No. 3

Very respectfully
 (Signed) John H. Casen
 Comd. Ind. &c. No. 3

Hon. Geo. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ind. &c. No. 3

Washington City D.C. Lily Leopold
 St. Louis March 31. 1855.

Barker Street, lowest bidder for land transportation, at Forty dollars and twenty cents per hundred - shall I close a contract with them?
 (Signed) S. Gurney
 Sept. Ind. &c. No. 3

Office Super. Ind. affs
 St. Louis March 31. 1855.

I have the honor to inform you that, agreeably to advertisement, & from to day I opened the proposals for the land transportation of the annual goods to Fort Atkinson, Fort Laramie, and the Barker Street of last year. the transporters of last year, are the lowest bidders, as

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as you will see by the enclosed abstract of bills. I telegraphed you to this effect to day, and requested to know if I should close a contract with them. Should the despatch not have arrived, be pleased to give me this information as early as possible. Very respectfully etc
 Hon. Geo. W. May, per
 Cont'd. off. 3 (Signed) A. Cammeyer
 Sup't Ind. affs

Sir: Office Super't Ind. affs
 St. Louis April 5. 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transmit my Cash account and property statement for the first quarter of the year.

Hon. Geo. W. May, per
 Cont'd. off. 3 (Signed) A. Cammeyer
 Sup't Ind. affs

Sir: Office Super't Ind. affs
 St. Louis April 5. 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transmit statements of official letters recd from me written to the Department, and a statement of public property recd and disbursed to the Indians of the several tribes.

Hon. Geo. W. May, per
 Cont'd. off. 3 (Signed) A. Cammeyer
 Sup't Ind. affs

Sir: Office Super't Ind. affs
 St. Louis April 5. 1855.

I have the honor to report to you that the supplies for the Upper Missouri have arrived here this morning, with the exception of ten packages which have given to understand by the forwarder agents at Cheyenne may be expected in a few days. I shall store them until the time arrives, until the necessary arrangements are made for transportation.

I state this occasion to request that a supply of medals may be forwarded to me by express as early as possible, particularly among the Blackfeet Indians - leaving the number to be determined by your own judgment.

Hon. Geo. W. May, per
 Cont'd. off. 3 (Signed) A. Cammeyer
 Sup't Ind. affs

Sir: Office Super't Ind. affs
 St. Louis April 5. 1855.

I have the honor to inform you that Maxwell McCarlins - the Osage Agent - arrived here on the first instant and presented his letter to his Agency.

Hon. Geo. W. May, per
 Cont'd. off. 3 (Signed) A. Cammeyer
 Sup't Ind. affs

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Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 5, 1855

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from Miss. Brown, Mrs. that bears, of the 25 ulto, pointing out an error in the compensated contract of W^m Ellendock, the Agent for the Delawares, and transmitting a new and correct contract to be made - this, I add, hereto enclose, and request that the defendant now file in your office, may be retained the first named gentleman. I have made the necessary corrections in the copy furnished me from your office.

At Geo. W. May, Jr.
Comd. Ind. Mo. B

Very respectfully
Signed A. Cumming
Subd. Ind. Mo.

Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 6, 1855

I have the honor herewith to transmit the office bond & oath of Office Edmonst. C. Hatch Esq; the Agent for the Blackfeet Indians, ratified, as you will perceive by the affto Justice of和平 of Kansas Territory.

At Geo. W. May, Jr.
Comd. Ind. Mo. B

Very respectfully
Signed A. Cumming
Subd. Ind. Mo.

Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 6, 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transmit and enclose notes of the Survey of the Delaware Northern Boundary line, the agreed upon copy, a letter from Agent Robinson.

At Geo. W. May, Jr.
Comd. Ind. Mo. B

Very respectfully
Signed A. Cumming
Subd. Ind. Mo.

Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 6, 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transm. and the new office bond and oath of Office of Agent Dr. G. Robinson, ratified, as you will perceive, by the Chief Justice of Kansas Territory.

At Geo. W. May, Jr.
Comd. Ind. Mo. B

Very respectfully
Signed A. Cumming
Subd. Ind. Mo.

Sir.

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 7, 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transm. the Cash account of B. Dr. Robinson Esq; as Kansas Agent for the past quarter.

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of this year. Amo. Geo. W. Mangay Comd. Ind. off. 3	Very respectfully Signed A. Cammey Sup't Ind. off.	
Mr. Geo. W. Mangay Comd. Ind. off. 3 Washington City	Left head St. Louis April 10 1855 John Campbell Comptroller - Fort Riley & Fort Leavenworth Interim rate paid - Fifteen dollars per hundred to Fort Riley - Ten thousand dollar per day for detainer shall I accept? (Signed) A. Cammey Sup't Ind. off.	
Sir:	Office Sup't Ind. off. St. Louis April 10 1855 I have the honor herewith to enclose an abstract of the proposals rec'd. and opened to day at noon, for the transportation of annuity and other funds to the Upper Missouri Posts, from which you will see that John Campbell is the Comptroller. I telegraphed you also to day to the above effect. Shall contracts be made with him equally to his bid? Very respectfully Amo. Geo. W. Mangay Comd. Ind. off. 3	
Sir:	Office Sup't Ind. off. St. Louis April 10 1855 I have the honor herewith to transmit the cash account of Agent Davis for the first quarter of this year, together with his monthly report for blank letter. Very respectfully Amo. Geo. W. Mangay Comd. Ind. off. 3	
Sir:	Office Sup't Ind. off. St. Louis April 10 1855 I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Capt. Robinson of the 31 st letter, enquiring the views of Genl. Sherman Chf. of Ind. regard to their internal affairs. Very respectfully Amo. Geo. W. Mangay Comd. Ind. off. 3	

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Mr. Geo. W. Manypenny Telep^c Dept.
 One Thousand 3 St. Louis, April 11, 1855
 Washington City
 From St. Louis to Fort Benton \$1500 dollars, plus hundred and fifty dollars
 for a Two hundred and fifty per day for detention of Boat at Fort Union, and at the
 same per diem, for any further delay of the Boat or her return, by low water,
 getting aground &c., growing out of the first detention at Fort Union. Sub-billing
 has started this afternoon for Washington City. See letter of the date.
 (Signed John Harvey)

Sir.
 Office Super. Indian Affairs,
 St. Louis April 11th, 1855.

I have this morning at home ago, to inform you by despatch telegraph
 to you of this date, that the fifteen dollars plus hundred were for the
 Blackfeet freight from St. Louis to Fort Benton, and that Superintendent
 had left this afternoon, for Washington City. In order to prevent all
 ambiguity, immediately after rec'd of your despatch, I called upon Mr.
 Lamplier for an explanation, which he gave me as above stated.
 With regard to the premium charge for detention of Boat at Fort
 Union to await the return of the Commissioners, he also stated, & now
 that the meaning of his bid was, likewise a premium charge of Two
 hundred a dollar for any further detention he might experience in the
 return of the boat by low water, getting aground &c. growing out of the
 first detention of the boat at Fort Union. Before I sent my
 despatch of to day, I rec'd it to him in order that he might be
 satisfied that I reported his views correctly. I have the honor
 now to enclose a copy of his bid. (Despatched)
 Mr. Geo. W. Manypenny Signed John Harvey
 One Thousand 3 Col. Secy. Office

Sir.
 Office Super. Indian Affairs,
 St. Louis April 12, 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of advertisement
 published in this Morning's paper, for Indian prints, specimens &c and
 your instructions of the 2^d ulto. Very respectfully
 Mr. Geo. W. Manypenny (Signed) John Harvey
 One Thousand 3 Col. Secy. Office

Sir.
 Office Super. Indian Affairs,
 St. Louis April 12, 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transm^s a letter from Agent
 Steppen, of the 4th Inst^t, in which he informs the refusal of the
 Omahas to accept any other than the unenclosed list of their etc,
 and the refusal of both Omalus & Ottos to remove, until their

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Answered and paid in Mo.,
Hon. Gov. W. May pay,
Con'tus off 3

Very respectfully
Seward, John Howard
Clerk Sec'y off

Sir.

Office Super. Ind. off
St. Louis April 13. 1855.

I have the honor to enclose the copy of Super. Compt's
for Two hundred and twenty five packages of annuities and
Blanket goods, 100% has on the 5th and 10th instant, fullfilled
and Ohio Line.

Hon. Gov. W. May pay
Con'tus off 3

Very respectfully
Seward, John Howard
Clerk Sec'y off

Sir.

Office Super. Ind. off
St. Louis April 13. 1855.

In order to furnish the explanation which your letter of the
7 instant called for & requires, I have the honor to enclose
a copy of the bill of Robert C. Miller for the "Grand Compromising Cut-
Off" Annuit & goods. The copy of the copy of account on file
here, contains a column for your check, hence it is written out
namely - Nat'l Alton, Nat'l S. Louisville. Very resp'd.

Hon. Gov. W. May pay
Con'tus off 3

Very respectfully
Seward, John Howard
Clerk Sec'y off

Sir.

Office Super. Ind. off
St. Louis April 13. 1855.

I have the honor to transcribe the official date
of Office of Robert C. Miller Esq. as Auditor for the "Grand
and Compromising Cut-off" certified by Chief Justice Decompte of St. Louis
County.

I am giving Mr. Miller a transcript of the minutes kept for
me from your office in relation to the mode of making annuities and
other payments to Indians. He will bear me to mind what he says.

Hon. Gov. W. May pay
Con'tus off 3

Very respectfully
Seward, John Howard
Clerk Sec'y off

Cols. A. Cummins

Sap'ls off 3
Marshalls off 3

Sir. At the request & direction of Mr. Remond of the firm of Remond
& Remond, I enclose his letter, together with a copy of his report
of the part purchased of you from the last Agent for the Omahas,
Otter & Tawas, which pointedly contradicts the statement upon it.

Office Super. Ind. off

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in the late letter of the Comdg of Inde affs, int report at the bad quality of
said pink.

Very respectfully
Signed John Howard
Chas. W. Howard

Mr. [unclear]
Office Super Inde affs
St. Louis April 14. 1855

I have the honor to enclose herewith, a letter this day recd from
Agent Davis in relation to certain Public maps and proposed turned
over to him by the late Agent all over under instructions from your office.
Hon. Geo. W. May, for
Comdg Inde. affs. V

Very respectfully
Signed John Howard
Chas. W. Howard

Mr. [unclear] New York. March 2. 1855

In accordance with instructions I examine below articles taken
from Shaff Blanks and Cloths.

Sister Musco. are the only holders of any important stockable
merchandise in the following list.

100 pds	1 pt.	White Musk Blanks	
100	1 1/2	do	do
500	2 1/2	do	do
400	3	do	do
150	3	Green do	do
100	1	Scarlet do	do
300	2 1/2	do	do
250	3	do	do
200	2 1/2	Indigo Blue do	
500	3	do	do
300	3	Gentle Br. do	do
400 pieces	list	Scarlet cloths	
400	do	do Indigo Blue	
200	do	Grey last cloths	
100	do	Grey. do	
200	do	Scarlet fine per ft 2.25 yard	

Some my arrival here I have seen the Contractors who assure
me that they will be ready to furnish my orders a few days hence
begin tomorrow, and excepting my husband to see as is compatible
with accuracy in the examination of the articles presented.

It seems to me to be very desirable to fit the articles for Gaugha's
wagon put up at the same time with the fond for the Fort Bent
Caravans. He forwarded a memorandum for the distribution
among the several bands, which ought to be sent to the Contractors
when the fond are put up.

It will be well also to have all the Schedules, including those
for the Sioux, forwarded as soon as practicable. If you desire

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met & superintended the examination of the funds in the Upper Mo. (Waynes) Agency. They learnt & suggested that it would be desirable to order Mr. Drumm to have to and over with the Indians. Very respectfully
 Hon. Gen. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ltr. off's 3

Sigmas A. Glenny
 Sup't Ind. off's

Sir.

Office Superintend. affs
 St. Louis April 24 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the cash account (as
 property return of Agent Drumm's office for the 1st quarter of the year,
 together with his monthly report for March, enclosed)

Hon. Gen. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ltr. off's 3

Very respectfully
 Sigmas A. Glenny
 Sup't Ind. off's

(Signature) John Glenny
 Clk. to Sup't

Sir.

Office Superintend. affs
 St. Louis April 25 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the office bond (as
 Octo. of Office of Hon. Montgomey P. Clegg, or Capt. father Kansas Indians.
 I enclose under his letter of the 20th Inst. a bill he expects to receive
 deducting the same, and the amount of the new cost of exp'dg in
 proportion thereto, the sum retained from the last open account)

Hon. Gen. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ltr. off's 3

Very respectfully
 Sigmas John Glenny
 Clk. to Sup't

Sir.

Office Superintend. affs
 St. Louis April 25th 1855.

I have the honor herewith to transmit the cash account &
 property return of Agent Geo. Steiner, for the 3rd quarter of 1854, together
 with his letter of the 11th Inst. which accompanied the same.

It will be seen from his letter, that the instructions forwarded
 & him direct from your office, via Iowa City, for the removal of the office,
 and the selecting a location for the Omahas, had not reached him at
 the date of his communication: a copy shall be immediately forwarded
 and forwarded to him.

Hon. Gen. W. May, pay
 Comd. Ltr. off's 3

Very respectfully
 Sigmas John Glenny
 Clk. to Sup't

Sir.

Office Superintend. affs
 St. Louis April 25 1855.

Enclosed is my letter of the 11th instant inclosing your answer, also
 the letter book & ledger.

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Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 28. 1855

I have the honor in the 6th instant to transmit the opposite bonds of Messrs Robinson and Hatch, and on the 25th instant the money left in trust by me was likewise forwarded from this office. Let me now further inform you whether they have been received and approved.

Very respectfully &
Hon. Geo. W. May, Jr.,
Comd'g'dr. W.D. 3

(Signed A. Leaming)
Geo. Wm. May Jr.
Comd'g'dr. W.D.

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 28. 1855.

I have the honor hereto to transmit the Cash account of Mr. Elmore Eng. late Agent for the Osage River Agency, in the said quarter of the year. With regard to these accounts I can only say, that as usual with that gentleman, they are inaccurate, irregular,

Hon. Geo. W. May, Jr.,
Comd'g'dr. W.D.

Very respectfully &
(Signed A. Leaming)
Geo. Wm. May Jr.
Comd'g'dr. W.D.

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis April 28. 1855

I have the honor hereto to transmit statement of official letters rec'd from & written to the Capt. and a statement of public money rec'd & disbursed by me, in the month ending the day.

Hon. Geo. W. May, Jr.,
Comd'g'dr. W.D.

Very respectfully &c.
(Signed A. Leaming)
Geo. Wm. May Jr.
Comd'g'dr. W.D.

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis May 1. 1855.

I have the honor hereto to transmit an authority previously rec'd at this office on the 25th inst. In furnishing & delivering certain Indian promises & promises. From the terms of the agreement you will see that it is optional with me either to take the powder & ball, or to substitute other articles than these. I have enclos'd copy before closing the Contracts with the respective Indians to hear

Smthg. from you in this subject.

Very respectfully &
Hon. Geo. W. May, Jr.,
Comd'g'dr. W.D.

(Signed A. Leaming)
Geo. Wm. May Jr.
Comd'g'dr. W.D.

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs
St. Louis May 1. 1855

I have the honor to report to you that up to the time I have made no arrangement for the winter transportation. W. Campbell is still

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willing & take all the food as high as Fort Pierre at this delivery place or
place. I am however, pretty poor to make a contract among the
Benton. Mr. Cullerton has only expected him from the Upper Miss.
as also Capt. Chapman, W. Chouteau declines offering any definite
prospect until this arrival. From the comparative time & cause &
the amount of transportation required of the Indians' load, and the very
low water I fear it will have some difficulty in procuring transportation
of the Indians good or as favorable terms as I can get him.

Attn: Gov. Mr. May Jr.
Cordius 4/23

Very respectfully
A. Cumming
Superintendent

P.S.

Office Super. Ind. aff'd
St. Louis May 1. - 1855

I have the honor to inform you that the office bond & vault
of Office of Inv. W. Whitefield Esq; as agent for the Upper Arkansas
Indians, which has been the day before under cover of his letter 25th ulto.

After Whitefield's return to Kansas it about time he may expect
the amount paid for his Agent.

Attn: Gov. Mr. May Jr.
Cordius 4/23

No purpose
Signed A. Cumming
Superintendent

P.S.

Office Super. Ind. aff'd
St. Louis May 2. - 1855

I have the honor to inform you that I rec'd. of the mail of
yesterday, a bill of lading of Fifteen packages of Seminole corn & food
from the Henry Franklin Barr, of Philadelphia, which may be expected to
arrive tomorrow, having no instructions on the subject I shall store them
subject to your future orders.

Please note again at what time during expect the amount of
food for the Indians to be delivered, the Deliberate time being as possible
Attn: Gov. Mr. May Jr.

Cordius aff'd 3

Very respectfully
Signed A. Cumming
Superintendent

P.S.

Office Super. Ind. aff'd
St. Louis May 2. - 1855

I have the honor to enclose a letter of the 18th ulto, sent
me from Capt. Nepon, from which it appears that your instructions of the
21st ulto did reach him, and under which he held a Council
with the Omahas unto a day & the removal. You will also see that
these Indians party agreed to remain until their annual distribution
in May.

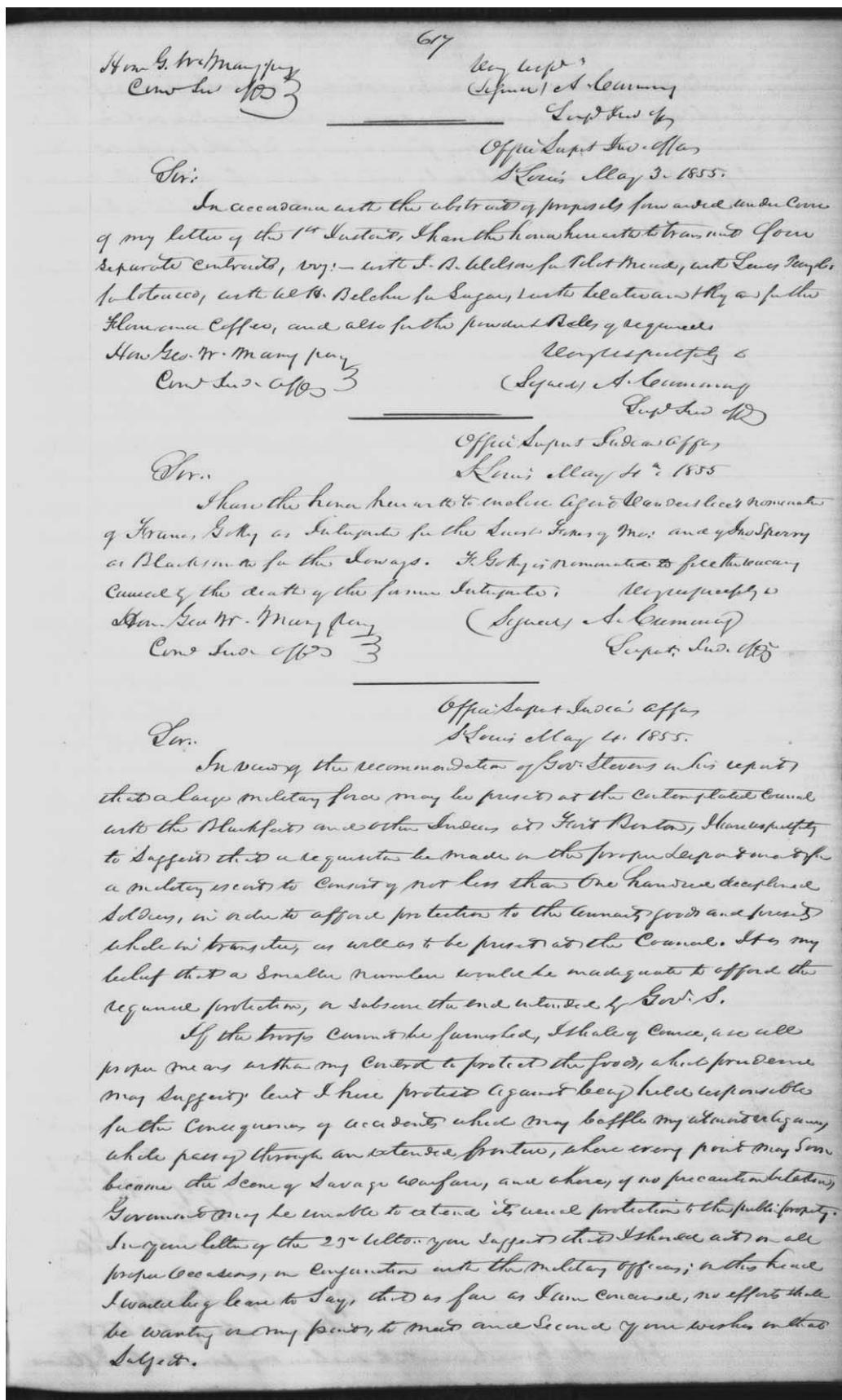
An extract of so much of your instructions of the 5th ulto, as related
to the Council Bluffs Agency, was forwarded to him in the 26th ulto.

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The means I am aware of awaiting the arrival of Mr. Gullerton from Fort Union, and the persons connected with Col. Lampkin in the Tex track, may delay for some days my final arrangement for the transportation but I feel confident that I shall be able to leave this City in the course of the first month, and hope to be at Fort Union by the 25th of June & at Fort Benton by the 25th of August.

I beg leave here, to submit for your information the following contingent cases— Should I not be able to ascend beyond Fort Union in consequence of the want of boats, or means of transportation, what shall be done with the goods? If, on my arrival at Fort Benton, I should not find my associate Commissioners there, shall I treat without them? and if so, shall I treat with any parties who may be assembled there, but less than the principal bands of the Blackfeet? If not, shall I leave the goods unopened at Fort Benton, should there be accommodations, or have them returned to Fort Union? As it takes fifteen days to send a communication from Fort Union to Fort Benton, and a like time to return, will it not be prudent on my arrival at the fort named above, to ascertain by express, whether any information has reached Fort Benton of Gov. Stevens and Capt. Palmer's landing up to the above respects fully detailed.

From this hour to to morrow

Sigmas A. Cummings
Subdied to

Sr.

I have the honor to inform you that a circular of the 26th ulto in relation to Party land wants has been this day received by me,

Gov. R. McClellan
Secy the Intm 3

Office Super Ind affs
St Louis May 5 1855

Mr. J. C. Lupton
Sigmas A. Cummings
Subdied to

Sr.

I have the honor hereto to submit for your consideration two letters from Capt. Adams, both of the 30th ulto:— the one respecting the Contract made by the Delawares with the Blackfeet & Ass'ts, and the other, in relation to the means you direct to be taken for removing the Delawares west.

Geo. W. May Jr
Cwds 3

Office Super Ind affs
St Louis May 5 1855

Very respectfully
Sigmas A. Cummings
Subdied to

Sr.

I have the honor hereto to enclose my report for System

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packages of Sonnenberg's delivered to me on yesterday for Bald Eagle's Long.
the duplicate of which I have forwarded to the Supply house, Kansas
City, Mo. Very respectfully
Hon: Geo: W. May, Jr. Signed, A. Gummey
Com: Ind. off: 3 Sup: Ind. off:

Office Super. Ind. off:
St. Louis May 7, 1855

Sir: I have the honor to enclose a letter from Agent Adams
concerning documents relative to the claims of Mr. Gummey and son. Relating
against the Sec: & Gen: of Mr. L. H. Bowes - Sales, was and especially
the account of Mr. W. Gummey mentioned. Very respect
Hon: Geo: W. May, Jr. Signed, A. Gummey
Com: Ind. off: 3 Sup: Ind. off:

Office Super. Ind. off:
St. Louis May 7, 1855

Sir: With a view to make the necessary arrangements & terms for
the storage of the Indian annuity fund at a new Fort Leavenworth, than
the home to State that, in case storage cannot be furnished by the Indian
Marts' Dep't, or other the Fort, I can obtain it at Bratton's trading
post, about four miles distant from the Fort, or at the Fort from the
Settler, Mr. Tutty, at the rate of One hundred dollars per month, but
whether of it can be avoided, I consider too high, what the charge of
Mr. Tutty would be, I do not know.

As Agent Tutty is now here, it is desirable to know, as early as
possible, the amount of goods intended to be sent for the Cheyenne &
Comanche, the route by which the latter, and the probable time they
may be expected here. Very respectfully
Hon: Geo: W. May, Jr. Signed, A. Gummey
Com: Ind. off: 3 Sup: Ind. off:

Office Super. Ind. off:
St. Louis May 8, 1855

Sir: I have the honor to enclose a letter from Agent Adams,
dated the 3rd instant, giving the information called for in your letter
of the 19th ultimo with regard to the Shawnee Orphan fund etc
Hon: Geo: W. May, Jr. Very respectfully
Com: Ind. off: 3 Signed, A. Gummey
Sup: Ind. off:

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Mr. Superintendent of Indian Affairs
St. Louis May 9th 1855

Having, as you will see by the contracts transmitted to your office on the 3rd instant, Conditional that the article should be ready for delivery on or before the 10th Inst. I am now not quite sure that the flour and coffee will be in readiness on the 10th inst. and whether the Contractor expects the same to be received. Under these circumstances I expected to have the means of transportation ready at or near the time indicated for delivery, but unforeseen occurrences prevented me from obtaining these means, and may hinder me for some weeks to come. Hence it will be necessary to store these supplies until the transportation is prepared. I wish now to ask to what account I shall charge the storage, when extra drayage labor &c will follow as a consequence? It has been lately suggested to me, that altho' the flour and coffee are put up in new Banking Sacks, they still give against breaking a thin tray, they ought to be double sacks; this I think would be properly best of done, to be had account the sacks being charged? Please to regard yourself & the above very
affectionately.

I have the honor to be Sir
Signed A. Green
Superintendent of Indian Affairs

Mr. Superintendent of Indian Affairs
St. Louis May 10th 1855

I have the honor to thank you for your letter of the 13th ult, and the 20th Inst. A number of the men employed at the town of Mississ. Station, Arkansas, Montgomey, have not yet been paid at the office. Your letter may pay
Cordially yours
A. Green
Superintendent of Indian Affairs

Mr. Superintendent of Indian Affairs
St. Louis May 10th 1855

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Inst. directing me to forward immediately the Senate food to Fort Smith, at the Arkansas River.

I clearly inquire among our merchants here the money, that the Arkansas is over so low, as to render it impracticable to send by freight up or down; this is confirmed by the fact that Capt. Clarke who lately returned from being absent, was unable to descend the river from Van Buren to the outlet, he had to make his way to his camp over land. I can, if you so direct, forward the food to Napoleon at the mouth of the Arkansas, to avoid the losses and trouble there by such.

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The water here continues very low, so much so indeed, that boats refuse to carry more than fifty tons to Fort Leavenworth, at \$1 ⁷⁵ per ton.

Hon. Geo. W. Morgan pg 3
Con'd Supt. off 3

Very respectfully &c
Supt. Ind. Off.
Office Sup't Ind. Off.
Louis May 11. 1855

Sir.
I have the honor herewith to enclose to you consideration a letter from Agent McCool of the 26th ultimo in which he states the necessity of entering into a treaty with the Kansas Indians, with a view to their removal elsewhere, & of making an accurate survey of their reservation so as to prevent the intrusion & trespasses of the white settlers.

Hon. Geo. W. Morgan pg 3
Con'd Supt. off 3

Very respectfully &c
Supt. Ind. Off.
Supt. Ind. Off.

Sir.
I have the honor herewith to enclose to you consideration a monthly report and statement of funds received letter, statement of funds used for Sue Fox Snell's Shop, and copy of his letter to Superintendent in relation to the Nomaha & Pine River.

Hon. Geo. W. Morgan pg 3
Con'd Supt. off 3

Very respectfully &c
Supt. Ind. Off.
Supt. Ind. Off.

Sir.
I have the honor herewith to enclose to you consideration a letter from Agent McCool of the 5th instant in relation & reference upon the Indian census with the (Genl. Nomaha Agency Osage Removal)

Hon. Geo. W. Morgan pg 3
Con'd Supt. off 3

Very respectfully &c
Supt. Ind. Off.
Supt. Ind. Off.

Sir.
The few copies of the Regulations sent out last year from your office, have been all distributed, which leaves me without the means of furnishing some of the early appointments with copies. You will please oblige me by forwarding a few more as early as convenient.

I have the honor to be -

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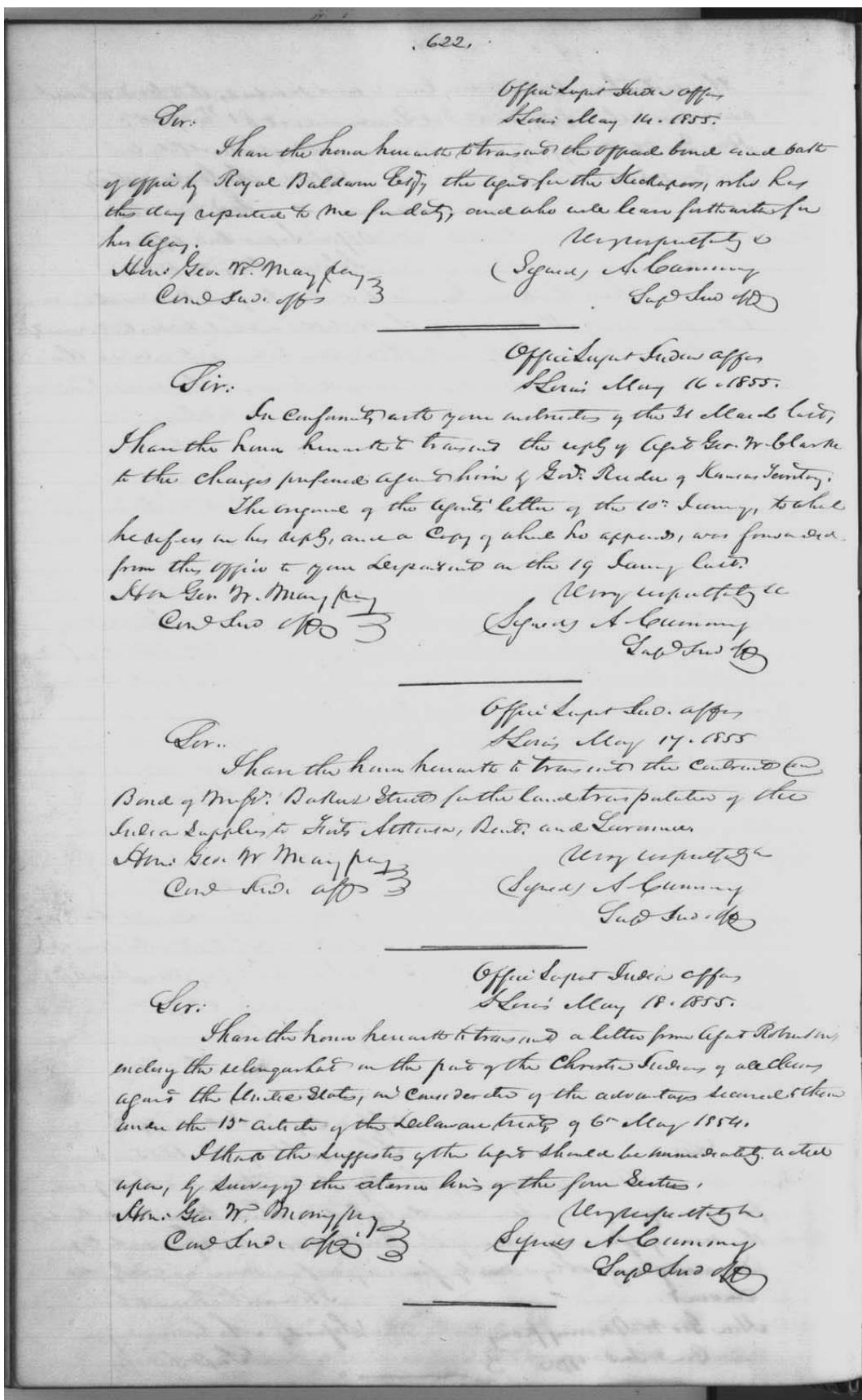
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Sir

Offic Sup't Indian Affs,
St Louis May 19, 1855

Please & me to call your attention to the fact, that the packing
lists accompanied the mounds of food rec'd. under com of your letter of the
9 instant, and purchased by Mr. S. Newell as agent of the Capt. from
Brown, Hartwell & Sons, for Fort Laramie, Rmt and Ceranvlns etc.
has a pretty list headed off the Crav Company, proffers furnished by the
same Company. As the packing lists greatly facilitate the labors of the
Agents in ascertaining the contents of the packages, allow me to request
that they be immediately furnished. I thank you for your
kindness.

Yours A. Cummings
Comptd. of \$ 13.00

Sir

Offic Sup't Indian Affs
St Louis May 21st 1855

I have the honor herewith to transmit for your consideration,
two letters addressed to me on the 19 instant, of Capt. Vaughan &
McGallister, who have recently returned from the Upper Sioux, from
whom you will perceive that the hostile policy of the Sioux,
has spread to a much greater extent than I have anticipated.

In this state of things, I think the segment of Sioux
mentioned in my letter of the 4 instant (wholly however has not been
acknowledged or answered), is absolutely owing to the papers
therein stated by Mr. ——————
Very respectfully etc.

Yours G. W. May Jr
Comptd. of \$ 13.00

(Signed) A. Cummings
Comptd. of \$ 13.00

Sir.

Offic Sup't Indian Affs
St Louis May 21, 1855

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter of the 11 instant
just rec'd. from Capt. Nepon, respecting the absolute refusal of the other
Colleagues to come, and suggest the necessity of employing a lawyer
here to compel them to do; also what is submitted for your consideration.

Yours G. W. May Jr
Comptd. of \$ 13.00

(Signed) A. Cummings
Comptd. of \$ 13.00

Sir.

Offic Sup't Indian Affs
St Louis May 21, 1855.

I have the honor herewith to enclose for your decision and
instructions thereon, a bill of lading duly certified, for the transportation
of the Crav Company goods of 1854, from Fort Union to Fort Supply,
on the Yellow Stone river, together with the advertisement of Capt.
Vaughn inciting Indians, on or the 1st day of April, last but low on

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bchay of P. Chouteau & Co. The amount claimed by P. H. 88⁵⁵/₁₀₀ is
 Hon. Geo. W. Marquay
 Com. Ind. affas 3
 Very respectfully
 Seward A. Canney
 Sup't Ind. off.

Sir:
 Official Superintend. affs.
 St. Louis May 21. 1855.

As required by your instructions of the 15th instant, I have the
 honor to inform you that the office of Sub-superintendent of Indians
 before Genl. Hickman Capt. of this City, who is Clerk, also is Clerk of the
 U.S. Circuit Court and has been Commissioner. There being no Ind. Court
 in session here at this time, there is of course nothing presented.
 Hon. Geo. W. Marquay
 Com. Ind. affas 3
 Very respectfully
 Seward A. Canney
 Sup't Ind. off.

Sir:
 Official Superintend. affs.
 St. Louis May 23. 1855.

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Genl. H. S.
 James to your address, enclosing his contract with H. S.
 Randall for supplying blemish cloth for the decay of the Sac
 and Foxes.
 Hon. Geo. W. Marquay
 Com. Ind. affas 3
 Very respectfully
 Seward A. Canney
 Sup't Ind. off.

Sir:
 Official Superint. Ind. affs.
 St. Louis May 23. 1855.

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Capt.
 Robt C. Miller of the 18th instant, enclosing an account of Shawnee
 claims for dependents, as required by your instructions of that date.
 Hon. G. W. Marquay
 Com. Ind. off. 3
 Very respectfully
 Seward A. Canney
 Sup't Ind. off.

Hon. G. W. Marquay
 Com. Ind. off. 3
 Washington City 3
 Very respectfully
 Seward A. Canney
 Sup't Ind. off.

Concerning the lead in the Mission & Blanket fund,
 forwarded 13 April last. I want the weights. It shall be sent
 as soon as I copy the weights.

(Signed) A. Canney
 Sup't Ind. off.

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