

## United States Office of Indian Affairs, Central Superintendency, St. Louis, Missouri. Volume 9, Correspondence

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Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis June 4. 1849

I am in receipt of thy request to enquire what disposition the Department wish to be made of the obligation to be surrendered by the claimants against the Government, for whose payment provision is made in the instructions of the Secretary of the Interior of the War Dept. And they to remain on file here, or shall they accompany the vouchers for payment as the condition of my accounts? How shall the amount assigned to S. D. Johnson (who died some few months ago) be disposed of? His widow is an Indian, and his half breed children, I believe, are minors - Some reply to the above will determine my course. I have the honor to be Sir

Hon. W. Medill  
Com. Ind. affs 3

Signed, L. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. affs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis June 8<sup>th</sup> 1849

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, a license granted by Sub Agent Hutton to Spawny, Mameau & Co. to trade as the regular Messengers together with their application thereon. The license will be forwarded as soon as completed.

Hon. W. Medill  
Com. Ind. affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. affs

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis June 8<sup>th</sup> 1849.

I have the honor herewith to transmit Agent Commis. Stetson's statement of public funds for the month of May last.

Hon. W. Medill  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis June 9. 1849

Under your instructions of the 25<sup>th</sup> March last, I have this day returned to P. Chouteau & Co. their license to trade with the regular Messengers, they having furnished their invoices and list of persons employed, which I have the honor herewith to transmit.

Hon. W. Medill  
Com. Ind. affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. affs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis June 11. 1849

At the request of Agent Stetson, I have the honor herewith to transmit Summary Papers for the consideration of the Department.

Hon. W. Medill  
Com. Ind. affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. affs



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Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis June 12. 1849.

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit a letter from Capt. Mitchell, explanation of his former official business.

Very respectfully,  
Signed D. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affairs

Hon. W. M. Medill  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis June 15. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose an abstract of proposals, etc. for furnishing Beef Cattle for the bluntings Indians, together with the contract & bond of S. D. Phelps, the accepted bidder.

Very respectfully,  
Signed D. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affairs

Hon. W. M. Medill  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis June 16. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit the final account of S. C. Mitchell Esq. late Secy. Agent for the Upper Missouri, made & made 20 April last. Under your instructions of the 6<sup>th</sup> of June last, the letter to his address, and enclosed to me for him, was delivered to him here on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, by the carrier of which, his pay ceased on that date; he nevertheless has charged to include the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Being aware from the duplicate of his account heretofore presented, on file in the office, that he was accountable for a considerable amount of public money, I deemed it prudent to retain the \$500, remaining for his salary for the first four months of this year, until he should account for the money paid him for stock charges; and notwithstanding that his account should be a balance to his favor, I prefer holding on the money until I can ascertain how his vouchers will pass the Treasury Office. Any balance bill now found due him a settlement, I can pay out of the funds I have returned, or deposit the money to the credit of the Treasury of the United States if so instructed.

Very respectfully,  
Signed D. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affairs

Hon. W. M. Medill  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis June 16. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose for approval, two contracts made by S. C. Mitchell Esq. late Agent, with H. H. Jamison & Isaac Linder for breeding & raising for the Omaha & Ottawa, which appears to have been made under the authority of a letter of instruction from the late Secy. Harvey, a copy of which is herewith.

It is to be regretted that he has not specified the number of cows



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to be broken; as in this case, an estimate could not be made for the massing fund,  
 since the contract has expired. Very respectfully,  
 Hon. W. Medill  
 Comd. Ind. aff. 3  
 S. J. Mitchell  
 Supd. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
 St. Louis June 18. 1849  
 Sir: I have the honor hereunto to return the bond of J. D. Scott, a licensed  
 trader, with the date supplies, as required by your letter of the 11th ultimo.  
 Hon. W. Medill  
 Comd. Ind. aff. 3  
 Very respectfully,  
 S. J. Mitchell  
 Supd. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
 St. Louis June 20. 1849  
 Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit Agent Swan's  
 statement of funds for the month of May ultimo.  
 Hon. W. Medill  
 Comd. Ind. aff. 3  
 Very respectfully,  
 S. J. Mitchell  
 Supd. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
 St. Louis June 26. 1849  
 Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose a letter from Agent Cummins, Comy  
 minor of the same and goods of the licensed trader, Whitehead & Pettus  
 Hon. W. Medill  
 Comd. Ind. aff. 3  
 With great respect  
 S. J. Mitchell  
 Supd. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
 St. Louis June 26. 1849  
 Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose an abstract of bids received  
 for the transportation of the Indian annuity goods and provisions destined  
 for the S. Peter for the year. Bid no. 5. of A. C. Mumford & Son, no. 11  
 no. 2: altho the lowest, has been set aside, in consequence of the absence  
 of the boat, and his inability to be here within the limit specified  
 in the advertisement. Bid, no. 9. has been accepted as the most lowest,  
 and the stores this day shipped.  
 Hon. W. Medill  
 Comd. Ind. aff. 3  
 With great respect  
 S. J. Mitchell  
 Supd. Ind. aff.



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Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis June 27. 1849.

Sir: At the request of M<sup>r</sup>. Frank W. Weston, I have the honor to enclose duplicate of receipts for annuity goods furnished them and delivered to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst. &c. Very respectfully  
Hon. W. M. Miller  
C. S. Ind. aff. 3  
Signed, D. C. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis June 28. 1849

Sir: I have the honor to transmit an invoice of goods of settled funds, license traders among the Shawanons; the funding of which was made the condition upon which their licenses were to be delivered to them.  
H. W. Miller  
C. S. Ind. aff. 3  
Very respectfully,  
Signed, D. C. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis July 2. 1849

Sir: I have the honor, in the temporary absence of the Super. Ind. aff., to transmit to you the office boxes of H. W. Miller, Esq. together with the keys, duly certified of the U. S. District Judge, &c.  
H. W. Miller  
C. S. Ind. aff. 3  
Very respectfully,  
Signed, John Stewart  
C. S. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis July 2. 1849

Sir: I have the honor to transmit a letter from Capt. H. W. Miller, containing a license granted by him to C. J. Clements to trade with the Kansas Indians; together with the license & annuity of goods.  
H. W. Miller  
C. S. Ind. aff. 3  
Very respectfully,  
Signed, John Stewart  
C. S. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis July 10. 1849

Sir: I have the honor to transmit an invoice of the new goods furnished by W. F. Lyon, a license trader, for the Shawanons.  
H. W. Miller  
C. S. Ind. aff. 3  
Very respectfully,  
Signed, John Stewart  
C. S. Ind. aff.

Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis July 10. 1849.

Sir: In accordance with your instructions of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., I have the honor to transmit to you a duplicate of certificate of deposit of \$500. made by D. C. Mitchell, Super. Ind. affairs, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S.



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in account of the salary of the late agent Matthews for the first four months of the year  
 Am. to Mobile  
 Comd Ind off 3  
 Signed John H. Henshaw  
 Col. Ind. office

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis July 13. 1849

Sir:  
 I have the honor herewith to transmit my account, abstracted from vouchers  
 for disbursements made by me on account of the Indian Department, for the quarter  
 ending on the 30 of June last.  
 Am. Orlando Brown  
 Comd Ind off 3  
 Signed D. C. Mitchell  
 Sup Ind. office

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 16. 1849

Sir:  
 I have the honor herewith to transmit, statements of official letters sent  
 from this office to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and a statement of public money  
 not yet received by me on account of the Indian Dept. for the month of June last.  
 Am. Orlando Brown  
 Comd Ind off 3  
 Very respectfully  
 Signed D. C. Mitchell  
 Sup Ind. office

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 17. 1849

Sir:  
 I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash copy of the report  
 of the First Nemaha Ind. Agency, for the quarter ending 30 June last.  
 Am. Orlando Brown  
 Comd Ind off 3  
 Very respectfully  
 Signed John Henshaw  
 Col. Ind. office

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 17. 1849

Sir:  
 I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash copy of report  
 of the First Leasawate Agency, for the quarter ending 30 June 1849.  
 Am. Orlando Brown  
 Comd Ind. off 3  
 Very respectfully  
 Signed John Henshaw  
 Col. Ind. office

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 17. 1849

Sir:  
 I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from the Commissioner  
 in answer, his reasons for refusing to give the application of Miss Margaret  
 of Parkville, Mo. for a license to trade with the Delaware Indians, to purchase  
 copies of Survey documents bearing upon the subject.  
 Am. Orlando Brown  
 Comd Ind. off 3  
 Very respectfully  
 Signed John Henshaw  
 Col. Ind. office



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Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 17. 1849.

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter for Capt. Cameron's  
indorse for approval, a license granted by Genl. Simpson & Hunter to trade  
with the Delaware & Shawanese; also, a license granted by Genl. M. F. Blye  
to trade with the Kickapoo, Delaware & Shawanese, together with the  
names & addresses of each case.

Very respectfully,  
Signed John Stewart  
Chf. Ind. Affs.

Ans. Orleans Monroe  
Com. Ind. Affs. - 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 17. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter for Capt. Cameron's  
Com. a contract made by Genl. S. W. Tucker as Surveyor for the  
Shawanese, to place J. C. Downing who left for California.

Very respectfully,  
Signed John Stewart  
Chf. Ind. Affs.

Ans. Orleans Monroe  
Com. Ind. Affs. - 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 17. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to enclose Capt. Cameron's statement  
of public money paid to Delaware & Shawanese in the month of June last,  
on account of his own agency & the Agency at his office.

Very respectfully,  
Signed John Stewart  
Chf. Ind. Affs.

Ans. Orleans Monroe  
Com. Ind. Affs. - 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 18. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit the Encl. of the Capt. &  
Dawson for the grant made on the 30 June last.

On looking through his papers, it is perceived that he has used as one of his  
witnesses (no 3-16-1) a vessel owned by L. Fontenelle & the former Capt. Miller  
in the St. Louis last. At that time Mr. Miller had no funds on hand for  
Sutcliffe, but paid the cost out of his private means; the Capt. Dawson  
seems to have referred to him, and to have assumed as a witness the name  
of Fontenelle, who of course is irregular. It will also be seen that some of  
the abstracts in our Office - Mr. Dawson has been written to, this attests  
called to these irregularities.

Very respectfully,  
Signed John Stewart  
Chf. Ind. Affs.

Ans. Orleans Monroe  
Com. Ind. Affs. - 3



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Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 20 1849.

I have the honor to enclose the Cash account of the Agency for the period embraced between the 1st Oct 1848 & 30 June 1849, which has been this day sent from here through the Post office.

It would hardly be remarkable did the issues of the present to the Indians are entirely irregular; but apart from this, I am not aware that the Agent had any authority (certainly none from the Office) for making so large an expenditure for such an object. The whole however, is respectfully submitted for the consideration and decision of the Super. Ind. Affairs.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed John H. Stewart  
Clerk Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 23. 1849

I have the honor to transmit for approval, two licenses issued by Agent Fitzpatrick - one to Samuel Garrison, who wishes to trade in the upper Platte country together with the land, applicant's name.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed John H. Stewart  
Clerk Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 23. 1849

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Agent Garrison, enclosing for approval, a contract made by him with William H. Hoffman as per list at one of the Platte country mills.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed John H. Stewart  
Clerk Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 23. 1849

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Agent Garrison, enclosing a list of mus and old goods, by Samuel Hoffman, trader among the Platte country and Delawareans.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed John H. Stewart  
Clerk Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 23. 1849

I have the honor to transmit for approval, a license granted by Agent Fitzpatrick to W. M. Dyer to trade with the upper Platte Agency, together with the land, applicant's name.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed John H. Stewart  
Clerk Ind. Affairs



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Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 24. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. directing me to increase the quantity of provisions & Tobacco under Contract for the tribes, made as to be made by me, so as to include the Chippewas of the Missis-  
sippi  
for provisions to the amount of \$1524.00  
for Tobacco . . . . . 166.00

The reply, being to state that the Contract to be made by me, was entered into on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May last, - naming for the Service & amount by me; that the same Contract has been fulfilled, & that for the balance by me, it is provided as, by the terms. I am well probably have been with the news papers yesterday the unprecedented ravages made by the Cholera in this divine City during the last month; the consequence is that business is almost entirely suspended, & that from the dispensary have taken the place of the life & death for which the City was remarkable; under these circumstances, I doubt the practicality of making for the present the arrangements proposed, especially with the Contract, by whom has at this point of death. Added to the difficulty, I doubt the wisdom of the kind of provisions required, & the cost to be incurred in such kind, & whether the expense of transportation can be paid by the Government or the Indians. On these last points I respectfully request to be favored with your early instructions. I have the honor to be  
Sir  
H. C. Adams

C. S. Ind. Aff. 3

Signature L. D. Metcalfe  
Super. Ind. Aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 28. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the last account of Capt. C. A. Handy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this year, which was recd here by post this day's mail.

H. C. Adams  
C. S. Ind. Aff. 3

Signature John H. Smith  
C. S. Ind. Aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis July 30. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Lieut. J. G. Vaughan, commanding two accounts - one of a party of Rev. J. S. Smith, and the other of a party of S. D. H. as set forth for the Lower Indians, for services which it seems to me ought to have been long since paid for, as they appear to have been rendered more than a year ago. The object of this reference is to obtain your permission to apply on behalf of the amount of the services for the past half year to the project of these claims. Respectfully  
H. C. Adams

C. S. Ind. Aff. 3

Signature L. D. Metcalfe  
Super. Ind. Aff.



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Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
Kearney July 21. 1849.

I have the honor herewith to transmit an estimate of funds required for the Com's expenses and Travel, Disputations of the Indian Seminars at this Superintendency for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 1849.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cnd. Ind. Affs 3

With great respect &c  
Signed, L. L. Mitchell  
Supt. Ind. Affs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
Kearney July 21. 1849.

I have the honor herewith to transmit your letter from St. Louis dated 16<sup>th</sup> - One of the 16<sup>th</sup> & the other of the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst. - the first coming as communication from the Wagoner Council in relation to the despatching of their late late Capt. Stewart; and the second, a communication from the same on the subject of their small ships, Coles, and a suitable house for their late Capt. Stewart. On the latter subject, I am of opinion that immediate measures ought to be adopted to provide the late Capt. Stewart with a comfortable dwelling house, in which I respectfully ask your concurrence.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cnd. Ind. Affairs 3

Very respectfully &c  
Signed, L. L. Mitchell  
Supt. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
Kearney July 21. 1849.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from Subapt. Darnold, reporting his arrival at the Council Bluffs Sub Agency; - the dilapidated condition of the Agency buildings, and the amount required to renovate the habitable (6000). From personal knowledge, I can fully endorse the correctness of his reports touching the buildings, and have accordingly inserted in my estimate of funds for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, which I think will be enough, and for which I have respectfully to ask your approval.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cnd. Ind. Affairs 3

With great respect &c  
Signed, L. L. Mitchell  
Supt. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
Kearney August 1. 1849

I have the honor herewith to transmit Statements of official letters recd from & written to the Kearney Ind. Affairs; and a statement of Public Money, received and disbursed by me in the month of July (1849).

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cnd. Ind. Affairs 3

Very respectfully &c  
Signed, L. L. Mitchell  
Supt. Ind. Affairs

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
Kearney August 1. 1849

Under your predecessor's instructions of 17 April last, I have



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recently investigated the claims of Thomas Talbot and others for depredations  
 committed upon their property by the Pawnee Indians in the year 1827, (and  
 from the evidence adduced, I have the honor to report, that the number and  
 value of the animals lost appear to me to be fully sustained as set forth  
 by the claimants. The two gentlemen above mentioned in support of the claim  
 will be found herewith, members A. L. B. are personally known to me to  
 be of high respectability and unquestioned probity. I have therefore no  
 hesitation in giving my deliberate opinion that the claims are just and  
 ought to be paid. The papers received with the letter of your predecessor  
 above referred to, are, as therein required, herewith returned - I enclose  
 also files by G. M. Ryland Esq. and D. J. M. Hawks Esq. with  
 Hon. G. M. B. Brown  
 C. S. L. S. O. A. 3  
 with high respect I am  
 Sir, D. W. Mitchell  
 Sup. Ind. Off.

Official Super. Ind. Affairs  
 St. Louis August 1. 1849

Sir:  
 In conformity with the instructions of your predecessor of the 24  
 April letter, directing the Council Bluffs to report the condition  
 of the Ottumwa's Trade in Iowa; I have the honor herewith to transmit  
 a letter from Sub Agent Barry on the subject referred to in  
 said letter. I shall be pleased to receive any further instructions of  
 the Department in relation to said matter.  
 Hon. G. M. B. Brown  
 C. S. L. S. O. A. 3  
 my resp.  
 D. W. Mitchell  
 Sup. Ind. Off.

Official Super. Ind. Affairs  
 St. Louis August 1. 1849

Sir:  
 The Director of the Catholic Mission having applied to be released  
 from their contract for the Mission of the Meamis, I was  
 instructed by a letter from your office dated 28 May last, to  
 investigate the matter and report my views in relation to the  
 application for a release. To do so understandingly, I wrote to Agent  
 Murray directing him to collect all the information material to the  
 subject, and to report the same as early as practicable. His report  
 embracing only a part of the information sought for, was received here with  
 respect to the published extract from which, embraces all the applica-  
 tions to the Meamis. As an act of justice to the Rev. gentleman and  
 a clerk of the school, from whom I have lately received a letter  
 in relation to the number of the Meamis, I would state that when  
 he put down 87 as the number of the Meamis, he meant reference  
 to those of pure blood, and who were settled in the immediate  
 neighborhood of the Mission, and not to the aggregate number  
 appearing on the pay roll, made up of mixed bloods and



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adopted Ottawatomies. From some cause, and probably as much as any other, from the temporariness of the alliance, the School has not prospered; I shall therefore respectfully recommend a change of Teachers & that the Contract with the Catholics be annulled.

Hon Orlando Brown

Comd of Ind. Affs

I have the honor to be Sir  
Signed S. L. Metcalfe  
Supd Ind Affs

Office Supd. Ind. Affs

St. Louis August 1. 1849.

Sir:

Looking to the interest of the Government as far as regards our Indian relations, I have determined to order Major Fitzpatrick to leave upon the Upper Missouri to repair to Washington, for the purpose of explaining my views in regard to the Prairie Tribes.

It will be born in mind that there are no treaty stipulations existing between the United States, and a large portion of what is called the Prairie Indians. As vast numbers of our Citizens will be annually crossing the plains, I think in the name of economy & humanity some effort should be made by our Government to establish friendly relations with these lawless tribes. Major Fitzpatrick has spent many years in the Indian Country, and will explain my views on the subject in detail more than I can do in writing; I hope this subject will be promptly attended to, so as to allow him time to depart his Post.

Hon Orlando Brown

Comd Ind. Affs

I have the honor to be Sir  
Signed S. L. Metcalfe  
Supd Ind Affs

Office Supd. Ind. Affs

St. Louis August 1. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a letter from the late Commandant Major Fitzpatrick, enclosing his accounts, and also a copy of several letters, the former Teachers, upon which I shall be pleased to receive your instructions.

Hon Orlando Brown

Comd Ind. Affs

I have the honor to be Sir  
Signed S. L. Metcalfe  
Supd Ind Affs

Office Supd. Ind. Affs

St. Louis Aug 4. 1849.

Sir:

On looking over the copy of the estimate of funds for the Department for the six quarters this year, which was furnished to your office on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult: it is perceived that the allowance for the Government shops for the Sixty Six of the Prairie under that article of the treaty of 21 Sept 1837, is not embraced. To supply this omission, permit me to request that \$200 for the Government shops for 1849, be added to the estimate. The fact that Col. Metcalfe is absent, does not in a few



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days on account of his family, will, I trust, bear as my apology for omitting this communication.

I avail myself of this occasion to call your attention to what appears to be an oversight in the settlements on new lands sold in the year. Under the head of "So agreement made, purchase of oxen, ploughs &c. for use for a tract of 1250, have been remitted (with the accounts) whereas the amount required is but \$770; \$1750 having been received under that head for the 1220 of the year. The surplus of \$480, will be returned here subject to your order in instructions. I thank the Hon. Sec. of the Interior.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Care Sec. of I. A.

Yours,  
John H. Stewart,  
Clerk Sec. of I. A.

Sir:

I thank the Hon. Sec. of the Interior to transmit a letter from J. Capt. Brown, formerly Sec. of the Interior, in relation to the purchase of land for the purpose of settling the Indians, and enclosing for approval his contract with the Indians, which also he also found himself.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Care Sec. of I. A.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis August 6. 1849

Yours,  
John H. Stewart,  
Clerk Sec. of I. A.

Sir:

I thank the Hon. Sec. of the Interior to transmit a letter from Capt. Cummings, dated 27th of public money paid delivered by him to the military July letter. In consequence of the spread of the Cholera the Mountaineers started on their march without waiting for their Spring Ammunition, which will account for the large amount of money still remaining in the hands of the Capt.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Care Sec. of I. A.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis August 13. 1849

Yours,  
John H. Stewart,  
Clerk Sec. of I. A.

Sir:

I thank the Hon. Sec. of the Interior to transmit a letter from Capt. Cummings, enclosing for approval, a license granted by him to Messrs. Whitehead & Peltier to trade with the Mountaineers, together with their bonds & application.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Care Sec. of I. A.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis August 13. 1849

Yours,  
John H. Stewart,  
Clerk Sec. of I. A.

Sir:

I thank the Hon. Sec. of the Interior to transmit a letter from C. St. Hanks, Sec. of the Interior, containing his proposition, and enclosing his contract with the Indians, C. Hanks as Agent for the Sec. of the Interior, both of which

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an appropriate substance for the action of the Superintendant with your signature  
Hon Orlando Brown (Signed) John Harvey  
Comd Ind. affs 3

Office Super. Ind. affs  
St. Louis August 13. 1849  
Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose a letter from G. D. & H. H. & Co. transacting for Appony, a license practice of his to Mr. J. D. Richardson with to trade with the Meamis, together with his bond, application & answer. It will be perceived that the bond was executed more than a month before the issuing of the license to which it refers, and that the Superintendant's wants are not yet met.  
Hon Orlando Brown (Signed) John Harvey  
Comd Ind. affs 3

Office Super. Ind. affs  
St. Louis August 24. 1849  
Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit a letter from the late Agent Commins to your address, accompanied by his vocabularies of the Shawnee and Delaware languages.  
Hon. Orlando Brown (Signed) G. D. Mitchell  
Comd Ind. affs 3

Office Super. Ind. affs  
St. Louis August 24. 1849  
Sir: I have the honor to enclose a letter from the late Agent Commins, stating that he has permitted the licensee Ind. trader Doon & Hamilton, to employ Charles Polk as an agent. Also, an invoice of goods sold by the trader, Larly & Brewster.  
Hon Orlando Brown (Signed) G. D. Mitchell  
Comd Ind. affs 3

Office Super. Ind. affs  
St. Louis August 24. 1849.  
Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose a letter to your address from the late agent for the first Government Agency, R. W. Commins Esq.  
Hon Orlando Brown (Signed) G. D. Mitchell  
Comd Ind. affs 3

Office Super. Ind. affs  
St. Louis August 24. 1849.  
Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit the final account of John Miller Esq. late Indian Agent at the Council Bluffs. I have examined the copies of the letters to which he refers in



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in his explanation, written to him by my predecessor Mr. Harvey - that of the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1848, simply informs him that the balance he purchased for the Omaha should be charged to his previous funds, meaning, as I conceive, a special remittance made for the support of this old, ~~blinded~~ ~~disturbed~~ Omaha, and of which \$350 still remains in my hands & yet to be paid. The letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> of March informs him that so soon as funds shall be received, he will be authorized to draw for the amount required to pay for the tools and stores for the Peorias Smith's Ship. No funds for this object have yet been received.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cent. Sup. Off. 3

Wm. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Off.

Off. Sup. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis August 25. 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your Commemorative in relation to Indian apportionments as the upper Mississippi.

In addition to statements therein contained, I have been informed by many respectable Citizens of Iowa, that there is a band of Indians composed of renegades from several tribes settled on the Iowa River, about forty miles above Iowa City.

The first settlement near Commencement of the Sac & Fox, about four miles down, and has been invaded by a few Stragglers from the above named Tribes. They set up a ridiculous claim to a portion of the Country which they now occupy; and the fruit of their being permitted to remain there is long, and committed pretty depredations with impunity, as well calculated to excite bitter displeasure Indians, and involve the Colony. It is believed by those who have the best opportunity of knowing, that all the apportionments complained of, have been committed by these outlaws. I would earnestly recommend their immediate removal; otherwise, a collision will take place between them and their white neighbors - a thing to be avoided if possible.

I have made the statement of the request of a number of the Citizens of Iowa, and respectfully call the attention of the Department to the Subject.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cent. Sup. Off. 3

Wm. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Off.

Off. Sup. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis Aug. 25. 1849

Sir:

I am informed by your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. that Gen. Lea (sic) has been appointed Indian Agent, in place of Major P. H. Cameron.

As the Indian Complaints within this Agency have not yet been paid the first half of this Summer Commencement, owing to the panic caused by the Cholera, and other causes, it is very important that the new Agent should be at his post as soon as possible.



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I have the honor to inform you on the subject, as soon as his benevolence shall approve.  
 Am: Orlando Brown  
 Com: Ind. off: 3  
 Request to 1849  
 Signed D. D. Mitchell  
 Sep. 28. 49

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
 St. Louis August 28. 1849

Sir:  
 I have the honor to have written & transmitted a letter from Agent Handy of the 11 Inst. and, enclosing for approval two contracts - One with John Holladay and Munra M. Monte, for breaking up land for the Sars & Foxes; and the other with Messrs. Bond & Hamilton for burial cloths for their dead; both of which are respectfully submitted for the action of the Department.  
 Am: Orlando Brown  
 Com: Ind. off: 3  
 With great respect  
 Signed D. D. Mitchell  
 Sep. 28. 49

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
 St. Louis Aug. 28. 1849.

Sir:  
 I have the honor to have written & transmitted Agent Handy's statement of public money paid & disbursement of them, for the month of August July last, which only came in hand last evening.  
 Am: Orlando Brown  
 Com: Ind. off: 3  
 Signed D. D. Mitchell  
 Sep. 28. 49

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
 St. Louis August 27. 1849.

Sir:  
 Major Fitzpatrick, Agent for the Upper States, relative to this office this morning, and submitted his instructions in regard to a proposed treaty with the Indian tribes, generally known as the prairie tribes inhabiting the waters of the Missouri, Platte and Arkansas.  
 I was highly gratified to find that my views on the subject of extending into their wandering tribes had met the approbation of the Agent: I could give benefits to result from the treaty, both to the United States and the Indians; but the season is too far advanced to make a treaty, such as the one contemplated; and I have therefore deemed it expedient to instruct Agent Fitzpatrick to distribute a portion of the goods which he takes out as a present from their "Great Father," to such tribes as he may chance to meet on his way over; reserving the balance to be distributed amongst the other prairie tribes as circumstances might require.  
 I have also instructed Agent Fitzpatrick to notify the various tribes inhabiting the waters of the Missouri, Platte and Arkansas, to assemble at Fort Kearney, on the River Platte, about the 10th July next. This will give ample time for the whole of the tribes to be brought together, and unless they are all present, the good intentions of the Department cannot be carried into effect; the absence of a single band, would



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in all probability, create a total failure. Agent Fitzpatrick cannot recall Bent's Fort, which has been considered the House quarters of the Agency before the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. This is the season when the Indians are most busily engaged in what is called their fall hunt - viz in killing buffaloes, drying meats, and dressing skins for the winter's trade; or carvers for their own use. It would therefore be impossible to collect any considerable parties of the tribes together at this season. I consider this delay of the contemplated treaty absolutely necessary for the reasons above stated, together with many others equally cogent that might be urged. In the mean time no head effect can result from it. The goods taken out by Agent Fitzpatrick will suffice to satisfy the bands with whom he chances to meet; and a knowledge of the fact that the tribes are all to be assembled together next Summer, for the purpose of entering into treaty stipulations with the United States, will ensure good behavior on their parts up to that time. It will also be borne in mind, that during the winter, and early part of Spring, there is no passing or repassing of troops, traders or companies across the prairie, consequently no Indian depredations can be committed.

In carrying into effect the very judicious views of the Department - viz the taking on Sunday evening of the principal Chiefs & heads men of the different tribes, a proper selection cannot be made until after the treaty; and a treaty will be of no avail unless the whole of the Prairie tribes are fully represented. In this emphatically express the opinion, and give advice by acceding thereto, I am fully sustained by every one who has any knowledge of the Indian Country, and the Prairie tribes.

I attach great importance to this matter, and hope the full time will be allowed to mature it in all its details. Should my views to Agent Fitzpatrick be disapproved, there will still be time to countermand them. In conclusion I would simply remark, that Mr. Fitzpatrick fully concurs with me in the views which I have taken of the subject.

Hon. Orlando Brown

Comdr. in Chief

Respectfully

(Signed) L. L. Metcalf

Sup. Ind. Affs

Sir:

I have the honor hereunto to enclose two corrected copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> of Abstracts 3, 2 and 3 of the 1<sup>st</sup> which I have to request, may be filed in support of the Agent Barnes' case for the 2<sup>d</sup> grant of the same.

Hon. Orlando Brown

Comdr. in Chief

Most respectfully

(Signed) L. L. Metcalf

Sup. Ind. Affs



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Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis August 29. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit for approval, a license granted by Sub Agent Banning to P. A. Sargey, Esq. to trade with the Ottawa, Ojibwas and Shawnees, together with his bonds, inventory goods & applications. Having the documents perused, I have cut them to their sufficiency. My resp.  
Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Aff. 3

Signed, D. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis August 29. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose a letter from Sub Agent Banning respecting the renting of the Mill, formerly belonging to the Shawto-  
mies, and situated in the State of Iowa.  
As the question is one that would tax upon legal proceedings, I submit it for the consideration of the Department.  
Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Aff. 3

Respectfully,  
Signed, D. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis August 30. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose for approval, a license granted by the late Agent Commr. to P. Charneau, Esq., to trade with the Shawto-mies, together with their applications and bonds. I have been enabled to furnish a draft of the goods and articles.  
Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Aff. 3

With great respect &c.  
Signed, D. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis August 31. 1849

Sir: In accordance with my letter of the 27 Inst. I have the honor hereunto to enclose a copy of my instructions of this date to Agents & Sub Agents for his government in relation to the making of treaties with the various Indian tribes inhabiting the Country westward of the Missouri, Platte & Arkansas Rivers.  
Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Aff. 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed, D. D. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Aff.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis August 31. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit for approval two licenses granted by Sub Agent Hutton - one to Joseph Robinson, and the other to P. A. Sargey, to trade with his Sub Agents, together with their applications, bonds



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to Sirs.  
Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. O. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs

Office Supr. Ind. Affs  
St. Louis Sept. 1. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit statements of official letters and  
forms and warrants the Sept. 1st and a statement of public money received  
and disbursed from during the month of August letters.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. O. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs

Office Supr. Ind. Affs  
St. Louis Sept. 1. 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to enclose two letters from all your  
Commissioners - one from Contr. with Isaac Ellwood, Mr. Henry Seuffert  
in Smith's Dist. for the Delaware; and the other, Contr. with William  
F. Deering in West Smith's and Thomas Meranda in Newell's, as  
well as letters for the States of Iowa and Ohio which are respectfully submitted  
for approval.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Most respectfully  
Signed, L. O. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs

Office Supr. Ind. Affs  
St. Louis Sept. 3. 1849

Sir:

On examining the Suburban Statement of funds for the year ended  
for the 3rd quarter of the year, received with your letter of the 23rd ult.  
I find that only \$140 is allotted for Iowa and that being \$100 less  
than the amount embraced in the copy of my estimate which shows  
the whole sum necessary, I have respectfully to ask that a remittance  
of \$100, unless that sum may be made up early in practice.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. O. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs

Office Supr. Ind. Affs  
St. Louis Sept. 3. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Cash Accounts of Sub  
Agent States for the 2nd quarter of the year.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed, L. O. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs



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Office Supd. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis Sept 4. 1849

Sir:  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo requesting me to furnish an estimate of the funds necessary to defray the expenses of a delegation of twenty Indians from the Upper Missouri Agency to and from their homes to the East.

The estimate will be made out if possible, as soon as the prices of business growing out of the late annuity payments will permit. I will however call respectfully the attention of the Department to the fact that a proposed delegation cannot be selected and carried on in the Spring. The various Indian tribes contemplated to be embraced in the arrangement, are scattered over several vast tracts of Country, that they could not be assembled together before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. The 15<sup>th</sup> of May would be the earliest period when the tribes inhabiting the North Western prairie could begin to travel. In making the State and I speak from personal knowledge.

I would also suggest, that as part of the tribes comprised within the Upper Missouri Sub Agency should be included in the proposed treaty and delegation. Further than this, the whole attempt seems prone a failure, and a needless waste of money.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Respectfully,  
Signed L. D. Mitchell  
Supd. Ind. Affs

Office Supd. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis Sept 10. 1849

Sir:  
I have the honor pursuant to transmission a letter from Mr. M. Cummins enclosing for approval, a contract made by him with the U. S. Company as last called for the Potawatomi.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed L. D. Mitchell  
Supd. Ind. Affs

Office Supd. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis Sept. 10. 1849.

Sir:  
Permit me to inquire whether the original papers in support of the claim of Thomas Galbraith and others, for depredations committed upon their property by the Pawnee, have been rec'd in your office. They were forwarded together with my report on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, letter and their receipt not having been acknowledged, one of the claimants is apprehensive that the papers may have been carried.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully,  
Signed L. D. Mitchell  
Supd. Ind. Affs



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Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Sept 10 1849

Sir:

I have the honor hereunto to enclose a letter from the Hon. G. W. Jones  
Senator from Iowa, asking a ferry privilege for Mr. W. S. Johnson on the  
"Old Man river in the Indian Country."

I have quite doubts as to the necessity of this ferry. As to the policy  
of granting such privileges to persons wishing to trade localities with Indian  
Country, I submit it for the consideration of this Superintend. Senator Jones  
who is an extremely gentleman, will perhaps be able to give satisfactory  
explanations. A ready answer is respectfully requested.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed L. S. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Sept 12 1849

Sir:

I have the honor hereunto to enclose for approval, the contract  
made by Capt & Henry with Messrs. Whitel & Hicks for building a road  
and ferry route for the Miami Indians. I have also enclosed a letter for  
you to your address.

Hon. Orlando Brown 3  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed L. S. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Sept 12 1849

Sir:

I have the honor hereunto to enclose the certificate bond of C. F.  
Chouteau, licensed trader, the day received from Capt & Henry which I  
regard may be filed with these papers.

Hon. Orlando Brown 3  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed L. S. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis Sept. 13. 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor hereunto to enclose two letters from Mr. W. J. Harris,  
preferring charges against Sub Agent Vaughan, a duplicate of one of which,  
I understand, has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior.

I enclose a copy of these of the 16<sup>th</sup> of July to be forwarded to Mr.  
Vaughan; his replication is herewith together with secondary documents from  
Citizens of Missouri in support of his Character as a man and a public  
officer. The Subject is respectfully submitted for any action the Superintend  
may see fit to take w<sup>th</sup> the premises.

Hon. Orlando Brown 3  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

Very respectfully  
Signed L. S. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.



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Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis Sept. 15. 1849.

I have the honor hereunto to enclose a letter from Agent T. J. Palmer, stating that neither transportation, nor subsistence were furnished to his agent at Fort Leavenworth.

This is much to be regretted, as it is well known, and stated to him very much. I am however to hope that he will be able to make some suitable arrangements for the transportation of his goods, and that they will arrive in time to and be conveyed out the door of the Department.

Hon. Orlando Brown }  
Comd. Ind. Affs. }

Respectfully  
Signed, D. L. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affs.  
St. Louis Sept. 17. 1849.

I have the honor hereunto to enclose for approval Agent Handy's nomination of Doctor N. M. Cheyney, as Physician for the Lower Texas of this Agency. I also enclose his statement of funds for August last.

Hon. Orlando Brown }  
Comd. Ind. Affs. }

Very respectfully  
Signed, D. L. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affs.  
St. Louis Sept. 17. 1849.

I have the honor hereunto to transmit a letter from Agent Handy in reference to the repairs needed upon his Agency house, and to recommend that a remittance of Five hundred dollars be made for that purpose.

Hon. Orlando Brown }  
Comd. Ind. Affs. }

Very respectfully  
Signed, D. L. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.

Sir:

Office Super. Indian Affairs  
St. Louis Sept. 18. 1849.

I have the honor hereunto to enclose an invoice of the goods ordered by S. Cheyney Esq. for the Fort Stanton Agency, as required by your letter of the 8 Inst. pertaining thereto.

Hon. Orlando Brown }  
Comd. Ind. Affs. }

Very respectfully  
Signed, D. L. Mitchell  
Sup. Ind. Affs.

Sir:

Office Super. Ind. Affs.  
St. Louis Sept. 18. 1849.

A few days since, I recd. a letter from Luke Lee Esq. Indian Agent, informing me that he would be in St. Louis "during the month of October".

I regret that he could not have been in his presence on



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earlier period, and it is absolutely necessary that the Indians of this Agency should be paid without further delay. They were not paid in the Spring in consequence of the panic excited by the cholera, in that section of country.

I have therefore felt it my duty to make this payment as pressing I will leave to day for that purpose, and hope to be in my office again by the 12<sup>th</sup> October; immediately after my return, I will forward my Annual report, in the meantime I have made the necessary arrangements for the prompt payment of all the other accounts embraced within the Superintendency.

Hon. Orlando Brown

Cas. Sec. Off. 3

Respectfully &c

Signed, D. B. Mitchell

Sup. Ind. Off.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis Sept 19. 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit for approval, the proposed Monthly nomination of William Bellows as boy and Interpreter, who it appears has been acting in that capacity since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March last, as will be seen from the enclosed papers furnished by the late Sub Agent Handsett to this office during the incumbency of my predecessor.

I likewise enclose for approval, his statement of G. S. Hart, as Agent since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cas. Sec. Off. 3

Very respectfully &c

Signed, D. B. Mitchell

Sup. Ind. Off.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis Sept 19. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter for Sub Agent Mearns, accompanied by a statement of W. Bellows, the boy and Interpreter, showing that no public money was turned over to him by his predecessor the late Sub Agent Handsett.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cas. Sec. Off. 3

Very respectfully &c

Signed, D. B. Mitchell

Sup. Ind. Off.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis Sept. 20. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from Major Gunn's Comd. in view of old debts and new supplies of Koyam, Christian, Wood, Hammett, and P. Chantam & Co, license Indian traders.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Cas. Sec. Off. 3

Very respectfully &c

Signed, John H. Brown

Cas. Sec. Off.

Office Super. Ind. Affairs

St. Louis Sept. 20. 1849

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the license of goods intended for the Upper Missouri trade of Hays, Brown & Co. as required of

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a letter from your office of the 16<sup>th</sup> June last.  
Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

with first receipt  
Signed John H. Stewart  
C. S. Ind. Affs

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis, Sep. 25. 1849

Sir:  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. to the Sup<sup>t</sup> of Ind. Affairs, regarding the references of the address of certain individuals for whose relief a bill was passed by Congress at its last session, to compensate them for depositions committed upon the property of the Pawnee. Through the petition of Major E. M. Ryland (one of the claimants) I am enabled to give the information which follows - their addresses are as follows -

- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Thomas Gilbert | Louisiana. (no)          |
| Elisha Staley  | Dominion. no             |
| Wm. Wolfe Hill | California.              |
| James Collins  | San Antonio (New Mexico) |
| Samuel Hancock | Dominion. (no)           |
| James Ireland  | Haystack. (no)           |
| E. M. Ryland   | Kansas. (no)             |

(Major Ryland further informs me that he is attending a friend for  
Saml. Hancock.  
Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

with first receipt  
Signed John H. Stewart  
C. S. Ind. Affs

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis, Sep. 27. 1849

Sir:  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of a such  
instructions as you may see proper to give in relation to the subject named  
therein, a letter from Sub. Agt. W. H. Stanton reporting a receipt from you  
Pawnee part of some of the same. I am of his Sub. Agency and the same  
person of him to come you see.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

with first receipt  
Signed John H. Stewart  
C. S. Ind. Affs

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis, Sep. 28. 1849

Sir:  
In reply to a letter from your office of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. and this day  
1849, desiring to know the time Sub. Agt. Stanton reports for duty, after filling  
his office bond, I have the honor to state that, as it appears in the records of  
the office, he delivered his bond to the Sup<sup>t</sup> of Ind. Affs on the 14<sup>th</sup> yellow leaf,  
by which it was transmitted to your office on the same day -  
Mr. Stanton did his duty on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this inst. and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> yellow leaf, doing thereat  
present his Sub. Agency.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affs 3

with first receipt  
Signed John H. Stewart  
C. S. Ind. Affs



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Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 1. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit my cash account & proper return for the quarter ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> September letter.

Very respectfully I am Sir,  
Yours, Sir, D. Mitchell  
Capt. Ind. Affs.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 1. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit statement of official letters received & written; and a statement of public moneys received & disbursed by me during the month of September letter.

Very respectfully I am Sir,  
Yours, Sir, D. Mitchell  
Capt. Ind. Affs.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 1. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit an estimate of funds for the quarter commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> of July next; a general abstract of disbursements to include 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. letters, and a report of persons employed in the office on the last named date.

Very respectfully I am Sir,  
Yours, Sir, D. Mitchell  
Capt. Ind. Affs.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 8. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit the annual school reports of Mrs. F. Parker and Mrs. Elizabeth Henry; the former, the Superintendent of the Baptist, and the latter, the Superintendent of the Friends School among the Shawnee of the Fort Leavenworth Agency.

Very respectfully I am Sir,  
Yours, Sir, D. Mitchell  
Capt. Ind. Affs.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3

Office Super. Ind. Affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 8. 1849

Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit the annual reports of Mr. Geo. Raymond, accompanied by the school reports of Mrs. E. M. Henry and Mr. Samuel Collins.

Very respectfully I am Sir,  
Yours, Sir, D. Mitchell  
Capt. Ind. Affs.

Hon. Orlando Brown  
Com. Ind. Affairs 3



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Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 9. 1849

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit Rev. J. F. L. Young's report of the Shawnee Manual Labor School under his direction, together with two lists showing the names and progress of the pupils of each sex.

Very respectfully,  
Signed, John Hancock  
Acting Secy.

Mr. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. affs

Office Super. Indian affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 10. 1849.

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit the annual report of Sub Agent Hutton of the Upper Missouri Agency, for this year.

Very respectfully,  
Signed, John Hancock  
Acting Secy.

Mr. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. affs

Office Super. Ind. affairs  
St. Louis Oct. 15. 1849.

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to enclose the Cash Account & statement of Sub Agent Hutton for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of this year.

Very respectfully,  
Signed, J. B. Mitchell  
S. Ind. affs

Mr. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. affs

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St. Louis Oct. 16. 1849.

Sir: I have the honor hereunto to transmit my annual report of the Superintendency for the present year.

Very respectfully,  
Signed, J. B. Mitchell  
S. Ind. affs

Mr. Orlando Brown  
Comd. Ind. affs

— Annual report —

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St. Louis October 13. 1849

Sir: In compliance with the regulations of the Department, to which my attention has been specially called by your Circular of the 28<sup>th</sup> August last, I have the honor to submit the following as the Annual report of the Superintendency for the present year.

The brief time that has intervened between the date of my appointment to this office and the period designated for the rendition of the reports, has necessarily put it out of my power to go into as full a detail as under other circumstances I should desire to do, and which I hope to do in any future reports that I may have the honor to do.

After entering for the second time upon the duties of the Superintendency & assuming somewhat to its office, I was struck with the severe changes that had taken place during the last five years. The most prominent among

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these changes are the reduction in the number of officers, and the increase made in the number of tribes allotted to some of the agencies. This arrangement, although it may save a few hundred dollars per annum, is, in my opinion, by no means calculated to promote the interests of the Indians; the present number of the tribes requires the frequent presence of the agents to supervise their affairs - allay dissensions - prevent and improve their habits of industry; this, as things now are, cannot be done in the two main or principal agencies - the Fort Leavenworth and the Osage Rivers. The Fort Leavenworth Agency is about four miles from Westport, near the Missouri State line, although Safford's Contingent to the Shawnee and Delaware, is too remote for Safford's post and Potawatomi's, being distant from the latter about seventy miles. It seems to me that the Potawatomi's should, immediately after the season of hunting, be collected and settled in their present country in the Kansas river, have a resident agent among them; this, the improved, new project, and hereafter to be carried on, make indispensable to allow that the several employees may be made to perform their respective duties. Besides, it is well known that the jealousies and sectional interests have prevailed and still continue among several of the bands composing the nation; to continue to these, as well as to press on their improvement, it would be expedient that the agent should reside among them. I would therefore suggest that the Agency to be called the "Potawatomi Agency", be constituted to embrace Shawnee and the Kansas Indians. The Osage River Agency should be limited to the Saps, Foxes, the Ottawas, and the little band of Swan Creek Chippewas. The Kickapoo, Neeshawab, Neeshawab, Pottawatomie, and all others, from their proximity to each other, and similarity of language, would naturally compose a minor Agency. The Shawnee, Delaware, Miami, Kickapoo and Wyandot, would compose a second minor Agency; and as the Wyandot, by treaty, are settled to a full Agent, the residence of the Agent could be located in their country. The Kickapoo could be attached to what is at present called the Great Nemah Agency, and with the Iowa, the Sauk, Fox, and Missouri constitute a third minor Agency. The Ottawa, Missouri, Omaha and Pawnee would make the fourth minor Agency. The Upper Missouri Agency, should be raised to a full Agency, as it was heretofore; the Agent of which should be a man of good judgment, decision of character, and possessed of some practical knowledge of Indians and Indian life. I am satisfied that no well qualified man would be found to accept the charge for a less compensation than that of a full Agent. Under this modification, I would then have four full Agencies - viz. the Upper Missouri, Upper Missouri, Saps Fox, and Potawatomi; and four minor Agencies, viz. the Osage River, Wyandot, Great Nemah, and Council Bluffs. The salary of the Agents to remain at \$1500 as at present, and that of the minor Agents to be raised to \$1000 per annum, which would insure the services of Competent and efficient men. In the connection it appears to me that the analogies of other branches of the public service require, that as corresponding increase should be made to the salary of the Superintendant of Indian Affairs, which ought to be made equal to that of the Chief Justice and Surveyor General - say \$2500 per annum. His duties are far more arduous than those of either of the others, and his pecuniary liability at times not less than

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that of the first named. It would besides do away with that strange anomaly which makes the compensation of the Indian equal to that of the Superior officer. In as matters now stand, the Agent is actually better paid than the Superintendent, and as much as he has a better promise for his Resonance, and can raise with little trouble all the means of his Resonance as the Superintendent has to provide his own quarters and reside in a City where prices are proverbially high.

Another of the changes which struck me on my coming into office, is the System of Semi-annual Annuity Payments adopted, as I was informed, in the Spring of last year. While this may be, and there no doubt is, advantageous to those tribes having large Annuities, such as the Sioux, Foxes of the Mississippi, the Potawatomes and others, I am satisfied that it is injurious to those having but small Annuities, as it is known to interfere with their agriculture and hunting pursuits, and is viewed by them as a serious grievance; so much so, that many of them refused to receive their Semi-annual dividends, preferring to wait until the fall for their full payment. I therefore think a modification of this regulation would be highly desirable.

I would now call your attention to the necessity for some speedy action in reference to the half breed lands near the mouth of the Sangre River, and between the two Nemahas; many of the claimants are desirous to sell, while but a few come any disposition to settle on the lands; it would in my opinion, be the best policy for the Government to purchase these tracts as early as possible, for the reason that the best time to do of emigration that is now setting westward, the time is not distant when it will require twenty fold the amount to extinguish the title of the claimants that it would at present; besides such a purchase would tend to break up those dens of whiskey smugglers that are a curse to the surrounding tribes.

I would likewise suggest the propriety of an immediate revision of the regulations of the Indian Department; those that now exist were adopted at the arbitrary Despatch System which has been long since superseded, and are by no means in harmony with the present state of things. In any event, a new edition of the regulations is absolutely required for the public interest, as very few of the officers of the Superintendency possess a Copy. A bad practice has for some years past prevailed - namely - that of Agents and Sub Agents when removed, carrying off with them the books & public papers of their offices; this has of late been carried to such an extent that many of the newly appointed officers have not been able to find a solitary form, regulation or other public document to aid them in the discharge of their duties. This abuse, it seems to me, might be easily remedied by making it the duty of the Agent to take up as his property, return all books, and other public documents appertaining to his Agency, and holding him liable for them until properly accounted for. A monthly rendition to the office, by the Agent, of a statement of official letters received, unless provided for, the carrying off the official Correspondence which should remain on file in their offices.

I am informed that the Rev. S. J. Desmet, the celebrated Missionary of the Rocky Mountains, intends to start next Spring with a party of Colonizers, for the purpose of establishing Missions in the Upper Missouri - Chief among the Mandan  
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beaver, horses and black feet; their object is to combine, if possible, manual labor with moral instruction. To carry these views into effect would require a great deal of money & labor, to be expended much greater than their very limited means will enable them to procure; I would therefore recommend that as large a portion as possible of the sum annually appropriated for "Indian Civilization", be applied and bestowed in the laudable efforts to improve the condition of these remote tribes. The great destruction of the buffaloes and other game, caused by the hands of whites among the plains, sets in a few years compel the Prairie tribes to turn their attention to agricultural pursuits, and the Service a Command is made the better.

The necessity I have been under, of making a person the annuity payments within the Fort Leavenworth Agency, in consequence of the absence of the recently appointed Agent, has necessarily delayed the report beyond the usual time, and put it out of my power to collect such information as I should otherwise wish to embrace in a document of this kind; I must therefore refer you for more minute details to the reports of the Agent and his agents. As however no report can be expected from the Fort Leavenworth Agency, I shall endeavor in some degree to supply the deficiency. The various Great tribes employed within this Agency are gradually advancing in civilization. Most of them have comfortable log cabins, and raise in much corn and vegetables, as are necessary for the sustenance of their families. They have not as yet succeeded to any great extent in raising horses or cattle, as each individual seems to regard all such animals as game which they kill and appropriate to themselves with impunity. I think this evil practice might to a great degree be prevented by the adoption of the plan here before suggested, and which seemed to have met the approbation of the Department during the preceding administration - namely to form these small bands tribes into a kind of Confederacy - to encourage them to hold annual Councils under the supervision of the Agent of Indian Affairs, and their agents, - to adjust amicably in these Councils their claims against each other, and to set apart such portions of their annuities as might be agreed upon to satisfy aggrieved parties. For the more minute details of this project, I beg to refer you to the several documents now on file in my office.

The Hotchkiss and Mansur or Christian Indians, are residing at present on lands belonging to the Delawares, where the latter are unwilling longer to permit without compensation. Measures should be taken to provide them with lands of their own; a few sections would suffice, and could be purchased at a very reasonable rate. It would be better purchased from the Delawares, so as to leave these small industrious bands in possession of the houses and lands they now occupy, and which they have very considerably improved.

As no report can be expected from the Upper Missouri Agency, it became necessary for me to submit such remarks and suggestions in relation thereto as have occurred to me; and in speaking of the tribes of this Agency, my remarks may be considered as generally applicable to most of the tribes (particularly the various bands of Sioux) employed within the Upper Missouri Agency.

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I have already had the honor to urge ~~upon~~ upon the Department the necessity of holding a general Council to assume the character of a treaty with the wandering tribes inhabiting the plains, extending from the Missouri to the banks of Texas. I would even go farther and extend the invitation to hold a general Council to the hostile tribes of New Mexico. The Indians could be assembled at any designated point, say Bent's Fort, the Crossing of the Arkansas, or Fort Laramie on the Northern, without any difficulty or expense to the Government, as they are always ready and willing to attend on all such occasions, in the anticipation of some advantage to themselves from all "talks" into the regard of their Great Father. Having abundance of horses, and being as much at home in one part of the Prairie as another, the movement would be attended with no trouble, or inconvenience to them. Through means of the Government officers and Indian traders, the necessary orders could be given without difficulty or expense. A sufficient military force could be easily concentrated to insure peace and good conduct during the Council. The presence of a military force would inspire these lawless tribes with a degree of respect for the Government of the United States that would go further towards securing their friendship and future good conduct than all the "talks", and all the presents that could be lavished upon them. I can here recollect that we have never entered into any thing like formal treaty stipulations with most of these tribes, at least not such as they felt bound to respect or observe. Hence the many depredations which they have annually committed they consider legitimate warfare, and perfectly justifiable as a retaliation for the destruction of their buffaloes, tents, grass, &c. caused by the vast numbers of whites passing through their Country without their consent. I am clearly of opinion that a treaty, such as I have suggested, would do more towards establishing friendly relations with the Prairie tribes than all the efforts that have hitherto been made; at all events it can do no harm, and the expense would be less than that of a six months war on the plains and Mountains of New Mexico. It is only by some measure of this kind, that we can ever establish friendly relations with these Indians; and the bones of American Citizens that now whiten the plains from the banks of our western States to the Rocky Mountains - also admonish us of the necessity of peace. We can never whip them into friendship; the prowess of our troops and vast resources of our Government would be waste in long and tedious marches over the plains in pursuit of an Ilegis fatuous - they would never see an enemy. Infantry on the plains would be wholly useless, and after a few months' march Cavalry would be converted into infantry by the breaking down of their horses. I can here briefly review a few of the beneficial results which I think would probably grow out of the Confederate Council. By assembling the Prairie tribes under the protection of the United States, a friendly "talk" would ensue, interchange of presents and plagues would take place according to Custom, - these plagues would be held more as a less sacred, and in course of time might produce a universal peace amongst these ill-fated people. War is one of the greatest calamities which befall

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they are affected, as helpless women and children are generally the greatest sufferers they being frequently left in an unprotected state while the warriors are absent, whether on their war or hunting excursions. A more blooded policy would say—let them all perish—but Christianity and humanity would see a different language. Again, the boundaries dividing the different tribes have now been settled or defined, this is the fruitful source of many of their bloody stripes, and can only be removed by mutual concessions sanctioned by the Government of the United States. The boundaries being now established and already understood, each tribe could be held responsible for any depredations that might be committed within their respective territories.

Justice as well as policy requires that we should make some reparation for the damages these Indians sustain in consequence of the destruction of their game, timber &c. by the whites passing through their country. A small annual present of Indian goods, distributed among the different tribes with reference to their numbers, localities &c. would be deemed satisfactory by them, and at the same time serve as a guarantee for their good behavior. Should this project be carried into effect, it would then be advisable to permit each tribe to select one or more of their chiefs to visit Washington City, and the other eastern Cities, in order to impress them with the greatness & power of the United States, and the ability of their Great Father to punish them for any violation of the treaty stipulations. The propriety of including the Sioux South of the Missouri river, which has been taken into consideration that they are frequently found in large bodies along the Santa Fe trade, and to my knowledge, many of the depredations that have been charged upon the Comanches and other Southern tribes have been committed by the Sioux residing South of the Missouri river.

If the tribes infesting the mountains of New Mexico could be induced to join in a treaty made in imposing and honorable terms, it might be the means of saving us the expense and army of a long protracted Indian war in a sterile mountainous region that is almost inaccessible to our troops. For further details in this important subject, I respectfully refer you to my former communications.

The ultimate destiny of these prairie tribes looks gloomy in the extreme. It is admitted by every one who has any knowledge of the Buffalo regions that these useful animals are rapidly decreasing. From time immemorial the Buffalo has furnished the Indians with food, clothing and shelter from the inclemency of the weather. Should they continue to decrease, the time is not far distant when the Indians will be compelled to change their mode of living, or perish for want of subsistence. Looking forward to this period, which is rapidly approaching, it becomes the duty of the Government, as the self-constituted guardian of the Indians, to provide in time for the change. There are two ways of doing this—the first (which has hitherto been the established policy of the Government) is to turn their attention to agricultural pursuits. Most of the country which they inhabit is not very well suited to farming purposes; still, along the principal rivers and their tributaries, there are many rich alluvial bottoms, well