

Agent Cooper

July 22

1853

Asking

leave

of absence to

Mississippi

Mr. J. S. Brown
Care of
Van Buren
Ark

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Choctaw Agency West
22nd July 1853

Hon. Thos. S. Drew
Supt Indⁿ Affairs
Van Buren Ark.

Sir: It may be necessary
for me to visit Mississippi some time during the
summer or fall to see my family and attend
to some private business.

I therefore respectfully ask
leave of absence for sixty days at such time as
I may find the public service will not require
my presence within this Agency.

I will not leave, unless I find
that I can safely do so - taking care that the
public funds in my hands are secured so that no
danger of loss will exist. I may not find it necessary
to avail myself of the leave of absence at all, but
should like to have it, so that if circumstances
will admit of absence it is desirable to go home
that I may do so.

Respectfully
D. M. Cooper

P.S. I have not received an answer to any communication
made to the Indian Office, since my arrival here.