

Com. Ind. Affairs.

Oct. 11. 1856.

That no change will be made  
in the system of licensed trade.

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to Agents Ganett & Butler.



Department of the Interior,  
Office Indian Affairs,  
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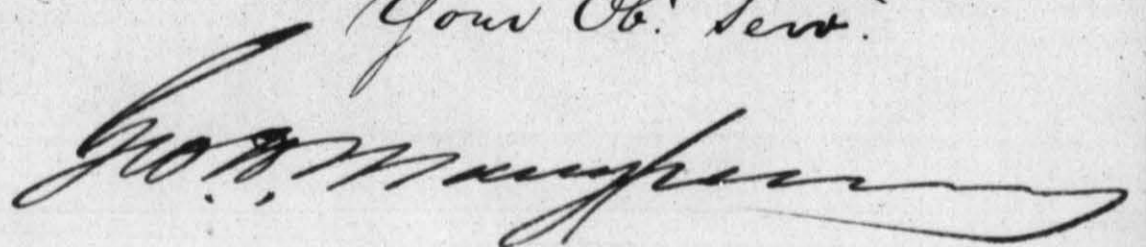
Sir:

In answer to the several communications, which have been received from you, relative to the change contemplated some time since in the manner of conducting trade with a portion of the tribes of your Superintendency, I have to state that the Department has concluded not to make the change in the system, but that traders must be licensed as heretofore by the Agents, they observing care not to license more than the necessities of the Indians require, or to trade at points where their presence is not needed.

Under this decision therefore you will forward for approval any licenses which may have been retained in your Office; and those which have already been transmitted here will be acted upon - of which action you will be duly apprised.

For the information of Agents you will communicate to them the determination of the Department, as above stated.

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Very respectfully,  
Yours Ob<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  


Commissioner.