

Agent P. H. Cooper,
July 23. 1856.

Enclosing in voices of V. B. Tins,
a trader in the Choctaw Nation,
and making inquiry as to what
course he must pursue in regard
to the traders in that nation.

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Mr. 28. Sent enclosures to
Indian Bureau

Agency for Choctaws & Chickasaws
Fort Towson, 23rd July 1856.

Sir

I have to enclose Invoices of goods recently introduced into The Choctaw Country by B. V. Sims a licensed trader among The Choctaw Indians

I also beg leave to remind you, that very soon, all licences heretofore granted to traders among the Choctaws and Chickasaws will expire; and desire to be advised what course, in your judgement, it is allowable to pursue under Existing Laws, and the instructions from the Indian Bureau?

Does not the law require that the stores of such traders should be closed upon the expiration of the licences; and that the goods shall be seized &c, if without licence, the trader shall attempt to reside in the nation "as a trader", or shall offer goods for sale to the Indians?

I am very respectfully & truly
Yours &c,

(Signed) Douglas H Cooper
Indian Agent.

Hon. C. M. Swan
Capt. Ind. Affairs
Fort Smith
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