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March 26 1854

That Supt has to
pay out all moneys

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs,
March 26th 1857.

Sir:

The following provision appears in the act March 3^d 1857, making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, for the year ending June 30th 1858, viz:

" That at the discretion of the President, all disbursements of moneys, whether for annuities or otherwise, to fulfil treaty stipulations with individual Indians or Indian tribes, now or hereafter to be appropriated for such objects, shall be made in person by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, where Superintendencies exist, to all Indians or tribes within the limits of their respective Superintendencies, in presence of the local agents and interpreters, who shall witness the same, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may direct."

I am instructed by the Secretary of the Interior to inform you, that hereafter, within

the Southern Superintendency, the Superintendent
will be the disbursing officer, for the payment
to the tribes of all annuities due or to become
due to them.

In due time the appropriate instructions
with such forms and regulations as may
be necessary will be issued.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. Mayhew
Commissioner.

Elias Pector, Esq.,
Supt. Indian Affairs.
Southern Superintendency.