

Agent P. H. Cooper.
March 3^o 1857.

Requests copies of certain papers
to enable him to settle Cattle claims.

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Rec^d March 10. 1857.
March 18/57. Sent original to Indian
Bureau.

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Fort Towner, 3^d March, 1857.

Sir:

I find it impossible to carry into effect the directions of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in regard to the disbursements on account of ~~lost~~ Cattle claims, conveyed to me through a copy of a letter dated July 8, 1844, addressed to Wm. Armstrong, Esq., enclosed by you under cover of your letter of October 5th, 1855.

I cannot find the evidence in my office necessary to enable me to act understandingly in the premises, and must therefore request to be furnished with the following papers or copies thereof, viz: The appraisement returns of the Cattle received from Peter Boyd, Leroy P. Seigge, Wnochishya, and Andrew Kincaid, and the Certificates issued to them; also the appraisement of the 35 head of Cattle received by Col. Byrnes from Mrs. Laura Wilson. Some of the parties decline taking the valuation of the Cattle (tho' I do not know what it is - they say it is much less than the worth of the Cattle) - and elect to receive the same description of Cattle in lieu of those rendered to the Agent East of the Mississippi.

I shall also find it necessary to have a copy of the valuation in the cases of Heartkins & Leflore which Capt. Armstrong was directed to take as his guide in case any of the parties should prefer the money to the cattle.

Hon. C. W. Dean.

Sup't. Ind. Affairs.

Fort Smith.

W.R.

Respectfully,

Douglas H. Cooper.

U. S. Indian Agent

for
Choctaws & Chickasaws.