

St. Asaph
6th July '59

Letter to Blair.

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Fat Arbuckle,

Ottu July 1859,

Dear Sir:

Your Estimate for expenses of the Wichita emigration is before me. You, of course have a ^{retained} copy. ~~before~~
~~you.~~

I concur in the particulars with the exception of the building of the temporary cabin for your residence and the time for the trip of the wagons. It seems to me, from my experience in traveling over the same ground which the Indians will, in the emigration, that twelve or fourteen days will be sufficient for the outward and return trip; and I wish you to make all effort to accomplish the removal in that time. (see over)

You need not build the shed for the protection of the goods without further advice; I will if possible send a farpaulin with them from Fat Smith.

The transportation of the Wichita goods you may engage in, at your estimated rates, at the earliest opportunity.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

Saml. H. Smith 97

It will be but a short time until the new Agency will be built. I think therefore but little time and comfort will be lost by waiting. Under the prospect of high charges for secondary works, I think it best to request that no steps be taken towards building unless you make a very cheap temporary affair such as you yourself would be willing to lose in case the Department should refuse to accept it.

I have explained my views with respect to the tenement in question, to my nephew, Frank Reda, who will, on meeting you acquaint you fully in all particulars which I have not time at present to transcribe.