

Office of Indian Affairs
Fort Smith Ark May 24. 1854.

Sir,

I received a communication recently from the Com Indian Affairs that you had been superseded in the Office of Sub Agent for the Seminoles, and requesting me to cause all the public Lands & other public property in your hands to be turned over to Agent Barrett. As I was unwilling about I awaited his return; but subsequently I have been advised that James M. Washburn has been appointed to fill your vacancy. I suppose he has or will accept the appointment in which event it is probable he may report himself to this office in a few days, probably not before your arrival, as from your letter of the 14th instant, which came to hand on to day, I shall look for you here the last of this instant.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Wm. S. Drew

Sub Agent

Gen. B. H. Smith
Seminoles Agency