

Office Supt Ind Affairs  
 Fort Smith Arkansas  
 January 4<sup>th</sup> 1858

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a communication from W. H. McKersick, Wichita Agents asking for leave of absence.

This letter though dated at this place on the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo was post marked Bentonville Ark Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and was not received at this office in time for the action of the Superintendent previous to his departure for Florida.

Not being empowered to represent the Superintendent, or feeling at liberty to advise, in such cases, the application is respectfully submitted for your decision, and without comment.

Very Respectfully  
 Your obt Servt  
 R. P. Williams

Hon J. H. Devoe

Comm Ind Affs

Washington City

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