

Office Subt. Ina affrs
 Fort Smith, November 2^d 1858

Genl I have to enclose an application of Agent Douglas -
 H Cooper asking for a leave of absence from his Agency
 for sixty days which I have refused to grant and respectfully
 refer his application to the Department for its action
 While recently at Washington I had an intimation
 from the Department of their approval of the frequent
 leaves of absence which I had granted Agents in my
 Department, I have therefore come to the determi-
 -nation to grant no leaves in future in any case
 unless I am satisfied of the absolute necessity of so
 doing, and then only for short periods of time.

Should the Department think proper to grant
 Agent Cooper the leave asked for in his application
 I would not that he be addressed of the same through
 this office

Yours truly
 Hon D H Denison
 Comm Ina affrs
 Washington

Very Respectfully
 Your obt Servt
 Elias Reiter
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