

Office Supt Ind Affs
 Fort Snelling May 20th 1859

Dear Sir:
 I have to notify you, that owing to the
 great amount of official duty which I am required
 to perform during the coming summer, I find I have
 no time to be idle, and as there is no probability of
 the Agents being ready to receive their money for
 some two or three weeks, I have determined to start
 on Sunday next for the Christian & Cheakumun
 Nations to make the payments to them, and
 while there I will visit the Mcheta band
 District and will expect to return to this
 place in about three weeks, by which time it
 is hoped the Agents will be ready to receive their
 money.

You will be notified of my return and
 of the time I shall start for your Agency.

Capt Fida is here and will accompany
 me to the Christian & Cheakumun Country.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt
 Elias Rector
 Supt Ind Affs

Col W H Garrison
 Civil Agent &c.