

Office Supt Ind Affairs  
 Fort Smith. August 16<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Sir:

The ~~British~~ and affiliated houses of  
 Brown, Lockhart, & Co. and others having by this time  
 removed to the new house on the Square in  
 and Canadian, and I being no longer in  
 instructions whether to effect a contract for furnishing  
 them, by public letting or at private contract, I shall  
 at once proceed to advertise for proposals to furnish  
 for twelve months, in the usual manner, giving twenty  
 days notice.

Very Respectfully  
 Yours obt Servant  
 Elias Rector  
 Supt Ind Affairs

Hon A B Greenway  
 Commissioner  
 Washington D.C.