

Office Supt Ind Affairs
 Fort Smith, August 18th 1859.

Sir
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today
 of your very complimentary letter of instructions of the
 9th inst. in reply to my report dated at Fort Arb-
 -erle 2^d July last; and am happy to learn that
 my action in the business in which I was then engage
 was met with your approbation and approval.

I am also gratified to learn that the course I
 have pursued in advertising in the newspapers
 for proposals for furnishing daily rations to the
 Indians now being located in the Liana district
 of which I informed you on yesterday, is in con-
 formity with your views and instructions contained
 in said letter.

Very Respectfully
 your att. Servt
 Elias Rector
 Supt Ind Affairs

Hon A A Gramava
 Commissioner
 Washington D.C.