

Com. Ind. Affairs,  
Feb. 28. 1856.

Approves of action in not paying  
over funds to A. J. Smith, late U. S.  
Chickasaw Agent.

Received March 17. 1856.

Department of the Interior,  
Office Indian Affairs,  
February 28<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the accounts of late Agent Smith, has been received, and the remarks therein will be kept in view.

Your course in not turning over or paying public money to Agent Smith, after his official relations to the Department terminated, is in accordance with the regulations, and is approved.

Very Respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

*Wm. Mangum*  
Commissioner

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