

Comm. Ind. Affs
Feb'y 22nd 1847.

Circular concerning
improper presentation of
depreciation claims

Rec^d March 30 '47

(Circular)

War Department,
Office Indian Affairs
February 22, 1847.

Sir,

It having become so much the practice with many of the Indian Agents and sub-agents, to forward depositions and other claims to this office, in an imperfect state, and without having previously complied with the requisitions of the Intercourse Law, that the time of the office is improperly taken up in fruitless examinations of them, after which they have generally to be returned to the Agent for further action or information.

It is therefore to request that you will require all the Agents and sub-agents within your Superintendency to examine every claim presented to them, complying strictly with the Regulations of the Department and report all the facts that may come before them, together with their opinion of the justice of the claim and a recommendation that it be either allowed or rejected, in order that it may be prepared as perfectly as possible for the final action of the Office.

Yours
Wm. Armstrong
Acting Sup'te
Choctaw Agency
West of Ark.

Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
W. W. Medill