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Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1859

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Has returned for  
completion Bond & License  
granted by agent Cooke  
to Humes & Hamilton to  
trade in Chittawan Nation

Department of the Interior,  
Office Indian Affairs,  
September 8. 1859.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, transmitting for my approval, together with the other papers, a license granted by Agent Cooper to Messrs. Hurnes and Hamilton to trade with the Chickasaws.

Upon examination of the papers I find that it is nowhere stated of what place the sureties are resident;— You will recollect that, upon the 26<sup>th</sup> of July past, you called the attention of the Department to the circumstance of Agents frequently accepting as surety persons residing in the Indian country, a practice not in accordance with the spirit of the Law; and the Department on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August replied to your letter fully agreeing with you, and directed you so to communicate to the several Agents: You were also then informed that the Rules and Regulations expressly required that the residence of both principal and surety should be stated.



By reference to the letter from this of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo,  
you will find that it was stated, that in all particulars  
the law and regulations in regard to licenses would be  
enforced, and by rigid scrutiny of the papers before trans-  
mitting them here much correspondence would be saved.  
Having called your attention to these letters, I would  
simply return the license and Bond that they may be  
amended accordingly.

Very respectfully,

Your Ob<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

A. Greenwood  
Commissioner.

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