

Seminole goods.

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Sir:

Amongst the matters to which I would call the attention of the office, is the necessity of sending forward the goods for the Seminoles at an earlier period than heretofore, in order to have the advantage of the Spring high water in the Arkansas to get them as far as Fort Smith, by water transportation. In consequence of their not being shipped from New York sufficiently early, it often happens that they can be got no further than the mouth of the Arkansas, where they have to be warehoused till the following winter or Spring; at the expense of the government, or they <sup>only</sup> reach some intermediate point on the river, whence they have to be hauled by land at very considerable additional cost. They ought to be started from New York, if possible by the middle of March, and never later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. They never reach the agency as early as they should do.

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