

Com. Ind. Affairs.

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1856.

Has received Agent Dorn's statement of funds disbursed in April, '56: requires to know why the Osage Annuity, committed last fall, has not been paid that tribe? - Explanations required.

Received June 30, 1856.

Import communicated to Agent Dorn, July 3, 1856.

Department of the Interior,  
Office Indian Affairs,  
June 11<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Sir:

I have received, from Agent Down, his statement of moneys received, disbursed &c, for the month of April last, enclosed with a letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

It is observed that the Osage annuity money, sent out last fall, was still in the Agents hands on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, a circumstance which induces me to instruct him to inform the Department of the reason or reasons for retaining them: none being known here.

Very Respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

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Commissioner

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