

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs
 Fort Smith, July 26th 1859

Sir,

I wish to call the attention of the Department to a practice that exists among the Agents within this Superintendency, of apprehending or detaining on Trade bonds, of persons who reside in the Indian Country, having no residence in any of the States, and who are beyond the Civil jurisdiction of any of the Courts of the United States.

This practice I think is in violation of the Spirit and meaning of the Inter course laws, and I now most respectfully submit the Subject for the consideration and decision of the Department.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Elmer Rector

Supt. Ind. Affairs.

Hon. A. B. Greenwood
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Washington City

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