

Office Supt Ind Affrs
 Wash DC Dec 3^d 1857

I have the honor herewith to transmit Agent Cooper's
 Accounts Current, Abstracts and Vouchers for the
 2^d & 3^d quarters of 1857.

In consequence of my official duties which
 call me to the Seminole Nation at once, on business,
 the importance of which you are well aware, I have
 not time to give the above mentioned accounts that
 examination which it is my custom to give accounts
 which pass through this office. From a mere glance
 at them I find that they are voluminous, containing
 many vouchers for various kinds of service and
 amount to a very large sum of money, which would
 require a considerable length of time to thoroughly
 examine, I therefore for the reasons above stated
 forward them without examination for the action
 of the Department.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt

Oliver Root
 Supt Ind Affrs

Hon J W Snow
 Comr Ind Affrs
 Washington City
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