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Department of the Interior

Office Indian Affairs

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Sir

I deem it proper to call your attention to the fact that the Agent of the Sac & Foxes of the Mississippi has hitherto been charged with the supervision of the Ottawas, Chippewas, and Munsees or Christian Indians, as well as the duties of his proper Agency.

The ~~recent~~ provisions of the recent treaties with the last named Indians are such as to very largely increase the duties of their Agent, and to render them very onerous, if not impossible to be properly discharged in connection with the duties of the Sac & Fox Agency. For this reason I deem it advisable that Agent Martin shall be relieved of any further supervision of the Ottawas, Chippewas and Munsees, and respectfully suggest that if it meet with

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your approbation Congress be recommended to create a new Agency to be take charge of the Indians last named, the Salary of the Agent to be at the rate of Fifteen Hundred Dollars per annum.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

Wm P Dole

Commissioner

Hon Caleb B Smith

Secretary of Interior