

Office of the State Dept Ind Affairs  
Dayton O. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Sir

I enclose herewith Explanations, certificates and corrected vouchers, in support of my accounts, <sup>the ellence of</sup> which have been suspended in the office Commissioner Ind Affairs, for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 1855.

A portion of these suspended items must necessarily remain some time unexplained for reason that the parties having any knowledge of the facts, in some instances, cannot be found - and others reside at remote and distant points - communication with whom is not easily obtained.

In reference to the insufficiency of evidence of delivery of goods to Indians, which characterizes my distributive vouchers. I have to say that such deficiencies will be remedied at the earliest practicable period - but there is but little prospect of accomplishing that object before the close of the winter, for the Indians to whom these articles have been given are scattered along <sup>enormous lengths of</sup> the coast & reservations. ~~and~~ and cost of the ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> winter



when they cannot well be hunted up at an  
earlier period than the month of April  
unless indeed we have an open weather

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