

Dayton O. G. Nov 25th 1857.

Sir

I have the honor herewith to enclose three certified duplicate vouchers on accounts against the Indian Department, Select Agency in honor of J. D. E. Palmer - as follows
one for Rowing & Making mails Amounting to one thousand dollars
one for farming implements, Tools &c Amounting to Eight hundred eighty and 30/100 dollars
one for provisions Amounting to one hundred fifteen and 90/100 dollars

In the aggregate \$1996 ²⁰/₁₀₀ Nineteen hundred ninety six and 20/100 dollars.

Our object in forwarding to your office is, that the account may be placed in a position to be liquidated at the earliest possible moment.

As will be observed, this account has already been due eight months, and if we are compelled to await its transmission, and return from Washington City, it must work greatly to our disadvantage but as you deemed this ^{at our last interview} the only means to insure its payment, you will confer a favor by forwarding at the earliest moment
over

It appears to me that the certificate of
the agent, ought to be evidence sufficient
to warrant its payment. But it may
require your recommendation and if
they (the accounting officers) have scruples
as to the necessity of these expenditures, they
may require testimony in reference thereto,
but that fact would imply a want of
confidence in the integrity of the acting
agent who certifies, ^{officially,} that the account is
correct and just, and that the amount
is due us. If it was necessary
to collect the Indians upon a reservation
it is equally necessary to take the ^{proper}
steps to insure ^{means of} subsistence for ^{them} the rising
crop involved the expense of plowing, seeding
and tools to work with. and for the
latter the agent acknowledges himself responsible
to the Treasury of the United States - and
as he is under bond ^{with approved} security
for all that comes into his hands
It seems to me unnecessary to address
additional testimony



Independent Copy
of Letter to

J. W. Fournelle

Secretary

Account

of duplicate

thereof

certified by

agent Metcalf

Per 25 1857