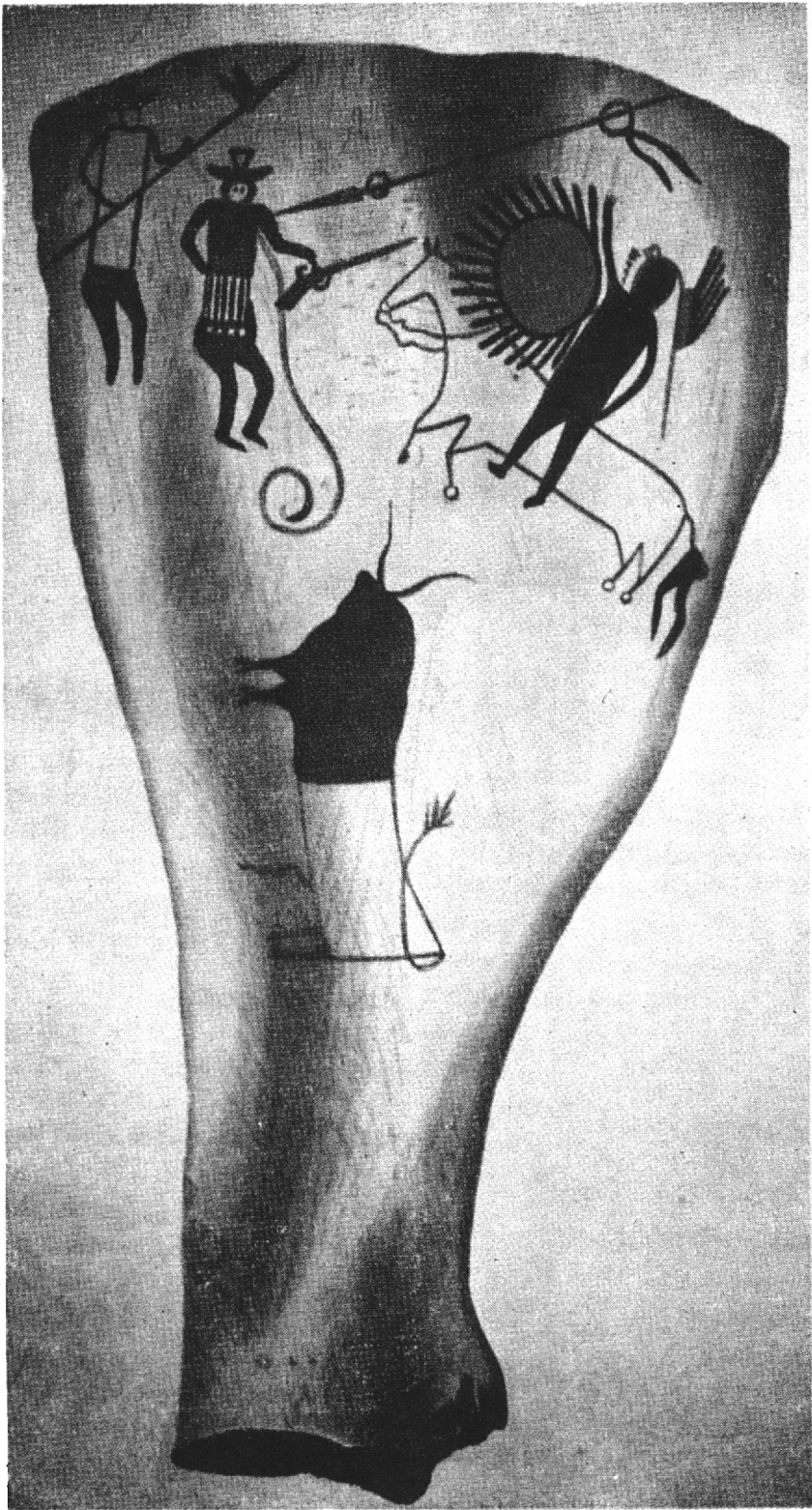


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PREFACE

THIS PUBLICATION of Texas Indian Papers covers the period of the Republic of Texas from 1844 to Annexation. An earlier publication was for the years 1825 through 1843. The Texas Indian Papers pertain mainly to the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Republic but also include miscellaneous papers of other departments dealing with Indian matters. Publications of these manuscripts are made available so that the general public can have access to the significant documents of Texas history. The publication program of the Archives Division of the Texas State Library fulfills in part the legislative mandate to "edit and preface for publication copies of the Texas Archives."

The original copies of the Texas Indian Papers were found to contain such a diverse assortment of material that a set of rules could not be established to cover every problem in editing. Particularly helpful suggestions have been supplied by Clarence E. Carter, *Historical Editing* (1952) and the sections on "The Copying of Manuscripts" and "The Editing and Printing of Manuscripts" in the *Harvard Guide to American History* (1955). Also examined for style and for suggestions were Charles Gulick and others (eds.), *Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar* (1920-1927), Amelia W. Williams and Eugene C. Barker (eds.), *Writings of Sam Houston* (1938-1943), Eugene C. Barker (ed.), *Austin Papers* (1924-1928), and William C. Binkley (ed.), *Official Correspondence of the Texan Revolution, 1835-1836* (1936).

The documents are listed in chronological order. In almost all instances the originals have been copied *verbatim et literatim*. Words or letters have been supplied only when the document was illegible or torn, or where the orthography was such as to render its meaning doubtful. The printed copy was read numerous times against the original manuscript, and [*sic*] was inserted only when there was a feeling that a doubt would remain in the reader's mind about strange spelling, a date, or a fact. When an original document was not used, a notation has been given. An effort has been made to maintain consistent spelling with reference to proper names, localities, Indian tribes, and the like. Guides used for such spellings were F. W. Hodge

(ed.), *Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico* (1907), W. P. Webb and H. Bailey Carroll (eds.), *Handbook of Texas* (1952), and the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. The frontispiece and two drawings done by Seth Eastman, United States Army officer stationed in Texas before the Civil War, are reproduced from Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, *Historical and Statistical Information Respecting the History, Condition, and Prospects of the Indian Tribes of the United States* (1851-1857).

The State Archivist has been assisted in the editing by J. R. Patterson, Jr., who took on most of the responsibilities when two staff members, George R. Nielsen and Albert Dick Pattillo, left the State Archives. A portion of the typing, indexing, and proofreading has been done by Mrs. Irene Sanchez, Jaime Platón, Alvin A. Horne, John C. Wilson, and Paul Willcott.

State Librarian Witt B. Harwell has given his support and cooperation in the publication of the Texas Indian Papers and appreciation is expressed to him. Dr. H. Bailey Carroll, Professor of History at the University of Texas, was frequently consulted and his helpful suggestions are deeply appreciated. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Thomas W. Streeter of Morristown, New Jersey, to Professor William R. Hogan of Tulane University, and to the University of Oklahoma Press for the use of the map of "Principal Communities and Roads in Settled Area of Republic of Texas Based on a map by Richard S. Hunt and Jesse F. Randel, 1845."

DORMAN H. WINFREY
State Archivist

March 4, 1960

INTRODUCTION

MORE YEARS AGO than I care to specify I walked purposefully if somewhat diffidently into the Archives of the Texas State Library seeking material on some of the institutions and personalia of the Republic of Texas. A kindly yet authoritative white-haired little woman straightened me out on what I was seeking, drew information from mysterious sources, and altogether impressed me with carrying more Texas history and more archival information in her head than I would have believed possible. I left, a bit over-awed by Miss Harriet Smither, the state archivist.

Over the years I worked with Miss Smither and succeeding archivists and their assistants, always with an acute sense of inferiority on my part. I came to learn what a cache of information the State Archives held and to wish that somehow more of it could come out of Miss Smither's head and out of elusive and dusty envelopes, and into clean type and between hard covers. As much as I liked to delve into the Archives and to visit with the people in the office, I did long for a more convenient means of getting at much of the material than by the time-consuming process of plodding through manuscript collections.

Although my wishes had nothing to do with the change, the successors to Miss Smither resuscitated a publication program that had been sporadic at best. Particularly since the advent of the present State Archivist, Dorman Winfrey, there is real promise that a revitalized publication program will pour a steady stream into the fountain of Texas knowledge and acquaint scholars with the deep rich well of archival treasures that this State holds on all sorts of subjects.

The first trove that Mr. Winfrey brought to light was *Texas Indian Papers, 1825-1843*, which was hailed by historians and scholarly publications throughout the nation. The present volume carries the story through the end of the Republic, with still a third volume in the wings. When this trilogy is completed, Mr. Winfrey promises us fresh treasures in another field of Texas experience. With historians everywhere, I salute the State Archives and the Texas State Library for its vision in

making these manuscripts available and hope that the perception that made publication funds possible will endure so long as the well holds out.

JOE B. FRANTZ

March 21, 1960

ILLUSTRATIONS

Comanche Inscription on the Shoulder Blade of a Buffalo, *drawn from the original by Seth Eastman*frontispiece

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Map of Principal Communities and Roads in Settled Area of Republic of Texas

Comanche Warrior

Indians Traveling, *drawn by Seth Eastman*

Buffalo Chase, *drawn by Seth Eastman*

TEXAS INDIAN PAPERS, 1844-1845

No. 1

AUDIT OF ACCOUNT OF AGENT

Treasurers Department
Auditors Office Jan 1st 1844

\$400.—

I certify that I have examined the Returns of the Hon G. W. Hill for disbursements made on account of *Indian purposes etc* and find that he is entitled to a Credit on the Same for *four hundred* dollars according to the vouchers herewith submitted to the Comptroller for his decision thereon—

To.

Jas B. Shaw Esq
Comptroller

Charles Mason
Auditor

I certify and admit the above this 9th Jan'y 1844.

JAMES B SHAW
Compt

[*Endorsed*] Certificate of Auditor G. W. Hill

No. 2

AUDIT OF ACCOUNT OF AGENT

Treasury Department
Auditor's Office Jan'y 13 1844

I certify that I have examined the Returns of Hon George W Terrell for disbursements made on account of Indian purposes and find that he is entitled to receive credit on the sum for the Amount of Two Hundred Dollars.

And that Capt John Black is chargeable to the Amount of Forty six Dolls and J B Ransom in the amount of Thirty Dollars as per Abstract and vouchers herewith submitted to the Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Charles Mason
Auditor

To James B Shaw Esq

Comptroller

Admitted per Two hundred dollars to balance account.

Jan'y 13. 1844

JAMES B SHAW

Compt

[Endorsed] \$200.00

Geo W Terrell Cr.

No. 3

EXPENSES OF P. C. WATSON, INDIAN AGENT [January 15, 1844]

Expenses of P. C. Watson Agent appointed to Convey Indian Prisoners to Waco Village.

Amt Pd. for sugar—	\$ 4.50
" " for boy going errand	.50
" " for 2 Bushels Meal at Yorks—	4.00
" " Expenses of Indians " "	5.00
" " for bacon " "	12.25
" " York for services	3.75
" " of Bill at Earthmans	1.50
" " for 20 lbs Coffee at LaGrange	10.00
" " " 20 lbs Sugar " "	8.00
" " " an axe " "	4.00
" " " Corn—at Millers	3.00
" " " Corn and Potatoes at Ebbins	5.00
" " " Corn—at McKean's	2.00
" " " Corn and Meal etc.	5.00
" " " Corn and bacon at Hills	5.00
" " " " and Tobacco	2.37
" " " " and clinching shoes at Smiths	1.00
" " " Presents	1.00
" " John York for Services	30.00
" " " hire of 4 mules and Men	16.00
" " " Pilot	4.00
" " " Clothing for Indian Women	4.00
" " " Caps and Powder	1.50
" " " Corn etc. at Strouds	8.00
" " Expenses at Mrs. Walkers	2.00

TEXAS INDIAN PAPERS, 1844-1845

3

" " Ferriage	.50
	<hr/> \$143.87
For Services	56.13
	<hr/> \$200.00

Approved the within account for Two hundred dollars.

SAM HOUSTON

15th Jany 1844

[Endorsed] Returns of \$200—
P. C. Watson Indian Prisoners

No. 4

AUDIT OF ACCOUNT OF INDIAN AGENT P. C. WATSON

Treasury Department

Auditor's Office Jany 15th 1844

I certify that I have examined the return of P. C. Watson for disbursements etc. on account of Indian Purposes and find that he is entitled to a credit on the same to the amount of Two hundred Dollars—as pr Bill of expenses approved by His Excellency the President—All of which is submitted to the comptroller for his decision.

Charles Mason
Auditor

To: Jas B Shaw Esq
Comptroller

Comptrollers Office

I admit the above.

JAMES B SHAW
Compt

January 15th 1844

[Endorsed] Comptroller

No. 5

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JIM SHAW
[February 2, 1844]

6 lbs Tobacco	6.00
4 " "	4.00
5 " "	5.00
4 Bu Knives—— ———	2.00
paid for corn and meat	12.00
paid for oil and corn and meat	34.37
	<hr/>
	\$ 63.37
for provisions at Sunderies times	18.00
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	\$ 81.37½

This amt. included in the account of Jim Shaw	
Feb. 2d, 1844.	63.37
	29.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 34.37½
	18.00
	<hr/>
	\$52.37½

[Endorsed] Bill of Express
\$ 81. 37½

No. 6

OATH OF OFFICE AS INDIAN AGENT TAKEN BY CAMBRIDGE GREEN
[February 10, 1844]

Republic of Texas
County of Washington

This day personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, Cambridge Green, who solemnly swears that, as Agent of the Lipan and Tonkawa tribes of Indians, he will well and truly and to the best of his ability, discharge his duties, according to law and the instructions of the Government.

Sworn to and subscribed before C. GREEN
me the 10th day of February, 1844.

Dan I Toler

Noty Pubc.

[Endorsed] Oath of Cambridge Green, Indian Agent.

No. 7

STATEMENT OF INDIAN BUREAU DISBURSEMENTS
[March 1-6, 1844]

Statement of Disbursements made for 4 Indian Chiefs viz—
Red Bear—Acaquash—Tawehash—March 1st to 6th—1844
Suite

J S. Ufford merchandise	104.83
Dieterich and Blessing—do—	46.40
Roberts, Potatoes and Bacon	2.70
Bellen Potatoes and Bacon	3.00
Norwood—Pork	6.00
Ford———Hats etc.	9.50
1 load fire wood	1.00
P Watson, a Steer	8.00
L. Moore—Stirrups,	.50
Judge Johnson 2 Buchs meal 1 peck do	1.12
Jno Lockhart At Gun	20.00
Moore—— ———do	11.00
Judge Lockhart Sundries	
Dieterich and Blessing Sundries	1.75
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	215.80

1 Keg Gun Powder

4 Spears

[Endorsed] Amts. of Acct. for Goods bot for Indians
March 1844

No. 8

BILL OF LADING FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO R. W. PORTER

Washington March 9th 1844.

Maj. R. W. Porter

Sir— Under instructions from His Excellency the President I Send you by Mr. R. A. Barton 40 Kegs Gun Powder and one Keg musket Cartridges, as per. Bill Lading herewith, which please require and hold Subject to further orders and draw upon the Executive for the amount of the freight.

Very Respectfully etc etc
 THOMAS G WESTERN
 Superintendent Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Letter to R W Porter Falls of Brazos Mar. 9, 1844
 Duplicate bill of lading and letter advise to R W Porter
 40 Kegs Powder 1 Keg Catridges
 pr. Teamster R A Barton for Falls of Brazos
 9th March. 1844—

Duplicate

Received in good order and well conditioned of Maj. T G Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs the following articles Viz. Forty Kegs Gun Powder and one keg of Musket Catridges being marked and numbered as in the margin and to be delivered in like good order and condition to Maj. Robt. W. Porter or his order at the Falls of the Brazos he paying freight for the same at the rate of one Dollar and fifty cents pr 100 lbs.
 Witness my hand in the town of Washington this 9th day of March 1844.

R. A. BARTON

[Noted across the page]
 M P. 41 Kegs

No. 9

LETTER FROM MOPECHUCOPE, COMANCHE CHIEF, TO SAM
 HOUSTON [March 21, 1844]

Near the head of Colorado March 21st 1844.

My Brother

I received and heard your letter read. You sent to Pah-hah-yuco; and heard all the talk you sent him and his people with great pleasure; I cannot but rejoice with gladness; it is what I long have wanted to hear; I can only say my feelings

are just like Yours; my heart as Your heart; and now call on the Great-Spirit the Great Father above to witness it; although I am not known to you; I am looked up to by all my tribe for council; even Pah-hah-yuco himself looks to me for council; we all stayed on the clear fork of Brazos a long time waiting to hear from you but got tired and at this time my people are very much scattered; Pah-hah-yuco with some of his band have gone to the Salt plain on Arkansas some have gone over to the Pecos and Rio Grande; but it is known and understood by all The Comanche that we are at peace with Texas and has been ever since the Treaty with Eldredge; there has been no mischief done by the Comanche since that time; neither to the Texians or the Tonkawa or Lipan; I learn from your men there was some mischief done last-winter and leayed on my people but I assure you it is not the case; if it was them I would tell you at a word or if I knew who did it I would tell you; if there is any more mischief done from this time and you do not know whoo done it let me know and if I know or can find out I will let you know whoo it was; I will do all I can for peace; and I know I can manage my own people, you want some of us to come to the Council in Aprile but it is impossable for me or any of my tribe to come at this time we are too much scattered only myself and one or two more men left here with all the woman and children; I am verry sorry it is so some of us cannot come if your men had have got here a few days sooner before my Brother left with all the young men for Rio Grande to ketch mustangs; myself with some others could have come down but it is too late. They are gone and we cannot come now; but my heart is there, this I want to be a sufficient showing to you that me and my people are your friends; this I hope will satisfy you and shal be a sufficient Treaty of peace with me and my Tribe; You may think I say too much; but my words are words of truth and I will prove it to you; My path is now made white and I will come my self and see you as soon as my young men returns from Pecos and Rio Grande; I charged them particularly when they started not to touch any Texian or his property but if they met with any of them to treat them like brothers but for fear they may some of them bee foolish I will send a runner to overtake them and tell them again; and tell them that I have heard from you since they left and your talk was good, and to remember I told them before they started not to interrupt any of your people; you thanked us verry much for the way we treated your

Commissioners last year and wished to see us to thank us again but you have returned that fore fold by the way you have treated this old woman that has been to see you; her story of you and your people and the way she was treated makes my heart glad to think you would notice her; and at the same time makes me mad at my self and people to think such an old woman should go so far to make peace for her tribe when thare is plenty of young men doing nothing; her talk is all good and I know every word of it is true, I thank you for the little girl you sent home by the old woman; she got home safe to her people to the arms of her mother her father is dead. I dont want you to send any more of your prisoners home until thare is an exchange of all the white prisoners and they are all given up. thare is three amongsts us some whare but none present thare was five but two are dead; My people are blind and foolish and are not willing to give up thare prisoners without pay; but I will fix ali that satisfactory; those that have relations in Texas shal buy the white prisoners and then make the exchange which they wont grumble at for that is thare custom; I think in June or July next I will be down thare to se you if I live then I will tell you all my hart and mind; I want you to let all your people know and particularly on the frontier that the Comanche are coming down that we all are at peace with Texas which I hope will last as long as time lasts; and when they see us not to think us enemies but friends and brothers and meat us as such; that my path is once more made white past times are all forgotten and I will come amongst my friends, all I want now is a line run between our countries which line I want to commence on Brazos river passing over the Comanche Peak from thare direct to the mouth of the first large creek running in the Colorado on the west-side below the mouth of the San Saba; from thence in a direct line to the Rio Grande; all above that line is Comanche Country and ever has been I my self never have left it nor never intends to; at this treaty with the Indians if you wish to designate the line fully the aforesaid line will satisfy the Comanche; if you do not choose to make it until you see us I hope it will be all right; thare has been a great many difficulties amongsts us but they are now all settled, we are all to meat on the clear Fork of the Brazos next September with a great many different tribes; I want all of them to make a full peace and treaty with Texas as the Comanche have done if you Could be thare it would be a great thing. Then all things could

be fixed right; if you will come or send commissioners they will be treated well and need not fear bad treatment for I want all the Indians to make peace with Texas and some of them could not be got to go down to the settlements; as far me and my people we will no longer fear to come down as I will prove to you by coming what I say to you are words of truth and I want you to hear and believe them as I do yours as one Brother ought to hear another.

So no more untel we meat

		Yours truly untel Death
Witness		his
DANIEL G. WATSON		MOPECHUCOPE X
his		mark
Del JOHN CONNER X com		his
mark		SCEIE CONNA X present
LUIS SANCHEZ not present		mark
his		his
TA CAR QUEASHE X Keechi chief		QUAS HAS APO X Capt
mark		mark
his		
CAPT STUMP X Del		
mark		

[Endorscd] To His Excellency Sam Houston President of the Great Republic of Texas
 Talk of Mopechucope Comanche Chief March—21st. 1844
 Recd. at Treaty Ground Tehuacana Creek 23 April / 44

No. 10

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Washington March 23

1844

Messr. Torrey & Brother
 Houston

Gentn.

His Excellency the President instructs me to say that he wishes you to send up or take with you to the Treaty ground the following articles some of which will be required for the use of the Government then and others for your own account will be suitable for the trade—Tomahawks

—100 Hoes of the smallest size to be had—100. Small Hatchets—500. lbs. Lead—2 Robes Similar to that presented to the Waco Chief “Acaquash.”—Tin cups pans and buckets.—Blankets and Beads, Setts of Shells Similar to those you sent a sample of some strouding and such other goods as in your own judgement may be adapted. The Govt. has in deposit at the Falls of the Brazos upwards of 1000 lbs of Powder of a quality not very superior, this is mentioned for your government as regards that article.—

Very Respectfully
Yr obt. st.
THOMAS G WESTERN
Supdt Indian affairs

[Endorsed] Letter to Torrey & Brother
Houston
Washington 23 March 1844

No. 11

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Washington March 31. 1844

Messr. Torrey & Brothers
Houston

Gent.

Your paper of 27th inst. came duly to hand, content noted, His Excellency intertaining some apprehension that, unless you make extraordinary exertions, your teams with the goods you mention may not, if the roads are in a bad state, reach the Council ground by the 15th. proximo, the day appointed for the convention. General Newton leaves here for Trinity tomorrow and may possibly take your City on the route in which case you will of course have an interview—

This Bureau has deposited at Mr. J. T. Whitesides on the east side of this river and about 6 miles from this town some 500 lbs of freight for amount of the Govt.—you are requested to cause some of your teams to call there and take it up with your own freight. it consists of articles necessary at the treaty and it is hoped you will give it your attention, as no transporta-

tion can be had here for the upper country—

Respectfully yr. Mo. obt. St.
T. G. WESTERN

[Endorsed] (Copy)
T G Western
31 March 1844 To Torrey Brother

No. 12

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN LOCKHART

Washington April 3d 1844

Indian Bureau

To the Estate of John Lockhart Decd.	
To 22 lbs Bacon @ 8 cts	1.76
" 77 " Fodder @ 6/c	.56
" 1½ Bushels Corn @ 6/—	1.13
" 7 Days board of Menchara @ 6/—	5.25
	<hr/>
	8.76
	<hr/>

Recd an app acct for Eight Dollars 76/cn. of which the above is a Copy—

Washington 14th March 1845—

C. J. C. LOCKHART
as administrater

[Endorsed] Estate of John Lockhart \$ 8.76 Decd. 14 March/45

No. 13

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Franklin Apl. 9, 1844

Dr. Genl—You'll perceive I am thus far advanced all well—
Menchara is with me and the Indians—Col. Neill is ahead and
so is Col. Williams—Dr Hill will accompany me to the Falls,
he says he will write you thence—I shall of course do the same—
all we know about the Comanche is that it is rumored that they
were seen on Little River coming in to the Treaty—

I had a severe spell of sickness after you left Washington and was still quite ill when I left, but I am better— hope you left Mrs. Houston and Mr. Sam in health and that your own is good—I shall travel 12 or 15 miles further this afternoon Yr. Mo. Truly

Western In haste
at Marlins Falls of the Brazos
Apl. 13, 1844

Gen. Sam Houston

Apl. 13, 1844

Sir—I improve the accasion pr. Mr. Raymond to report, thus far on my way to the Treaty. The Sec. War and Com. Neill are here and Comrs. Williams is reported to be at Tehuacana Mr Torrey's young man who left there two days ago informs me that there is now at the treaty ground some 500 Indians, Delaware, Caddo, Shawnee etc.—we have not yet heard of Sánchez, nor of the Comanche further than a rumor from Little River that they are coming in—Menchara has delivered over the Captives which were in his charge it has been deemed advisable to leave them at this place until Some talk is had with their tribe, he returns home—Mr Green is here with three Lipan Chiefs and a Comanche woman, they also remain here for further orders, It is the general opinion that nothing can be done to effect without your presence—I trust—it will be convenient for you to come. preparations at the Treaty ground are in a state of form and new houses built and building Some come in store and Dr. H[ill] has made a contract for Beef—Should you be able to attend the Council you will no doubt find everything in readiness to meet your wishes—

I trust Mrs Houston and Mr. Sam are well—be pleased to present my respectful Salutations, my health is not good, had an attack of fever last night Something new to me—You may depend upon it I Shall keep the field as long as I can and remain every aid in my power, and discharge the duties of my office strictly So far as my health may permit.—

Very respectfully yr. mo. obt. st.

THOMAS G. WESTERN

Supt. of Indian Affs.

[Endorsed] Supdt.

To Franklin

9th Apl/44

Marlin

13 Apl/44

The President

No. 14

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Council Ground Tehuacana Ck.
April 15—1844

Gen Sam Houston

Sir

We reached this place yesterday, the recent continued rains delaided us some time on the way. Dr. Hill, Cols. Neill, Williams, Mr. Sloat and myself and Some Supernmaries are the only persons here, besides Some 200 Indians Caddo Delaware and Shawnee, Jack Ivy is here, he came in Some two days ago, Sent by Acaquash with a stolen horse he took from Some of his people, and like an honest man returned to its owner—Jack says that Acaquash has gone up among the Comanche to hasten them on, none of them are in as yet. Col. Williams is of opinion that they will not be in before the full of the moon—Sanchez has not been heard from—Menchaca was discharged at “Marlins” where the prisoners he brought are deposited until other disposition is made of them—About 200 bush. of Corn are already here, the balance will be up Shortly—Some 20 or 30 Beeves are engaged, for the days of the Council at present they hunt for meat—

In haste Yr. obt st
THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affs.

No. 15

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Tehuacana Creek
Friday evening April 19th 1844.

Minutes of a Council called by Maj Thos G. Western, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, for the purpose of eliciting information from a Creek indian woman in relation to a murder committed near to the Falls of the Brazos, a few nights pre-

vious, as well as to quiet the minds of the Indians upon the Council ground respecting that act.

At the Council there were present Col Williams and Neill, Indian Commissioners, Doct. G. W. Hill, Secretary of War and Marine, Mr Sloat Agent together with a large number of Delaware, Caddo and Shawnee Indians.

Through Interpreters the following questions were put by Maj Western to the indian woman, and her answers given.

Ques. What is your name? Ans. Samamigey.

Ques. Of what country and tribe are you? Ans. Muskogee or Creek.

Ques. What do you know in relation to a murder committed below here upon some Creek indians, a few nights since? The Great Spirit is looking down upon us now and knows all we say, if you tell us the truth no body will trouble you, if you tell a lie the Great Spirit will punish you.

Ans. In the middle of the night my husband, a white man, got up as he said to obey a call of nature, and went out, in a short time he returned and then again went out, and returned again with a tomahawk, with which he killed the people who were in the house.

Ques. What was the size of the tomahawk? Ans. Large: such as we used to cut down trees. Ques. What did you do? Ans. I ran and caught hold of him and got his axe away: he said the wild indians had killed my people.

Ques. What is his name? Ans. Dave Barton.

Ques. Is he a white man, indian or negro?

Ans. A full blooded white american.

Ques. Who were the people he killed and what were their names?

Ans. The old woman's name was Solygay, and boy's name was Friday, and the little girl that was wounded since dead was named Harney.

Ques. Were there any more people sleeping besides those three?

Ans. No body.

Ques. Who was in the room with you besides your husband?

Ans. No one.

Ques. Did he, your husband, run away after he said the wild Indians had committed the murder?

Ans. He had at that time, possession of the axe, and we had left the house. I told him I wished to go back, he said two wild

indians had killed my people, that they were yet at the house, and if I went back they would kill me too, and told me to stop crying. I then went and passed the night at his house, but did not sleep.

Ques. What occurred the next day? Ans. I wished to go back, but he would not let me.

Ques. What did he say? Ans. That I had better not speak at all, as we, the indians, were poor people, and the white men would not believe me.

Ques. What did he say when you took away the axe, after the murder?

Ans. That the wild indians had killed my people, but as soon as the grass was good he would take me to the Creek nation.

Ques. How long have you been the wife of Barton?

Ans. He first married Solygay, after a time he wanted me but I refused as Solygay was my mother's sister, and I thought him then a bad man, he has been my husband a little more than one year.

Ques. Did he ever ask you to go to his house to live with him?

Ans. Ever since we married, but I was fearful and refused.

Ques. Did he supply you with corn and meat?

Ans. He gave us nothing. Ques. How did you get corn and meat?

Ans. By working for Beden Stroud. Ques. Was he ever angry when other men went to your house?

Ans. He was, and cursed me about it, and when we would give any one to eat he would be more angry, and afterwards, sometimes, whip us.

Ques. Where do you wish to go? Ans. When the wounded girl gets well I wish to go to my mother; until then I wish to remain here at the council ground. I have a child by a negro, which the father wishes to get from me, if he gets it in possession it will become a slave.

She was informed by Maj Western that she need have no fear for herself or children; that they should be protected and that she might remain here in safety: that the whole white nation, if necessary, would protect her from harm.

Maj Western then gave a short talk to the Indians present, telling them that they and all indians were free from suspicion of any participation in the murder, that the white man was a bad man, that he would be punished by the laws of our country,

that he was already in prison, and would undergo his trial etc. the indians replied manifesting their satisfaction, and declaring that the friendship heretofore existing remained unimpaired, or words to that effect, and the talk closed a little before sunset.—

WALTER WINN
Secretary, P. T.

[*Endorsed*] Minutes of a Council held at Tehuacana Creek April 14 1844

No. 16

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Council Bluff Tehuacana Creek
20 Apl. 1844

To His
Excellency Genl. Sam Houston

Sir—

By a former communication I have advised your Excellency that we reached this place designated for the Treaty ground on the 14th Inst. and have now to add what up to this time nothing reliable has been heard of the Comanche or of Sánchez or Conner.

On Monday last information was received at this Post that some Creek Indians residing on this river within a mile of Strouds place, had been murdered on Sunday night while Sleeping in their own house, and as was then reported the atrocity had Committed by Wild Indians—In the execution of what I conceived to be my duty I proceeded to institute an investigation of the facts in the case to which and I caused to be brought to this place the Surviving [surviving] Creek woman a relation of the deceased, whose deposition taken in Council and in presence of the Delaware, Caddo and Shawnee you will find herein enclosed for your information, the evidence of this witness you will perceive goes to implicate one David Barton a young man of family residing Some 20 miles below this place and the father of an infant by witness, he had been examined before a Magistrate, but Sufficient *legal* evidence could not be found to warrant his committal—it appears he is now at large—The Indians here are Satisfied that he committed the act and in their minds exonerate the wild Indians from all impuration.

This is a delightful spot—Mr Sloat is actively engaged in erecting the necessary buildings for Council house etc. the Council is filled and every thing will be in readiness for your reception whenever we shall announce to you the approach of the Comanche, which information shall be communicated to you at Washington so soon as received.

I shall be pleased to hear from you soon, of your health and that of Mrs. Houston and Mr. Sam, and trust my proceedings thus far may merit your approbation, and instructions for my government in future.

Very Respectfully I remain
Your Mo. obt sert.
THOMAS G WESTERN
Superintendent Indian Affairs

P.S.

Dr. Hill leaves this day for Franklin, and bears this as far down the Country as may be, Cols Neill and Williams are here, the latter purposes going up the Country to some of the Ioni villages in a day or two nothing has been heard of Commissioner Smith.

No. 17

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH J. M. KERR [April 20, 1844]

Indian Department

	To J M Kerr	Dr
Apl 20	To 200 Bushels of corn at five bits in	
1844	Exchquers per bushel as agreed upon	
	by B. Sloat to supply the Indian Council	\$125.00

I have examined the above acct and find it correct as representative to me by Ben. Sloat Indian Agent.

THO G WESTERN

Supd. Indian affairs

Washington
24th May 1844

No. 18

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Council Bluff Tehuacana Ck.
April 25, 1844To His
Excellency Genl Sam Houston

Sir—

By the communication of the Commissioners of this date you will be informed of the return of the Envoy, without the Comanche, with other particulars unnecessary here to repeat, they also send you copy of a talk from the Comanche Chief Mopechucpe after Mr. Watson who brought in this "Talk" accompanied John Conner to the head of the river Colorado as they State—They represent this Chief to be a very rational being and inclined to a permanent peace with us, and Says that he considers we are and have been at peace for some time, as regards themselves—They are now prosecuting vigorous hostilities against Chihuahua.— Mr. W. States that the Chief told him that he claimed no territory East of the Brazos that their hunting grounds are west of that river and extend down to the Comanche Peak, thence to the first large Creek below the San Saba and thence to the Rio Grande. Pah-hah-yuco is at the Salt Plains Red River, that some 15 or 20 of the Chiefs intend to assemble and visit the Ioni villages during the Roasting Ear Season and thence to proceed to Washington to see the President. It Seems that Sánchez was taken sick on the route up and did not reach the Comanche—Watson left him a few days Since, and he is expected here with Conner—some 100 Indians are expected here hourly, head men of the Waco—Tawakoni—Keechi—Ioni—Caddo—Cherokee—Delaware—Shawnee and Anadarko—The Wichita or Tawehash will not be represented—with there Tribes the line from the Brazos Eastward, it is said is to be adjusted and your pleasure, it seems to me would be of great importance, but you know best.

The commissioners are besieging me for beef to feed those indians when they come in, as well as those already here, but I have no instructions from you and am Somewhat puzzled how to aid in the matter. Torreys wagons have not yet arrived, they

are stalled at "Big-Creek" some 30 miles below. We have not a pound of Tobacco at this place, so that if the Indians arrive and the trains do not get up we shall be in rather an ugly fix with some hundreds of red folk on our hands and no tobacco or beef—there are herds of buffalo within a short distance, but it is much as we can do to get meat enough out of them to answer present purposes—we have some 300 bushels of Corn here and more on the way up a little of this has been rationed out for the women and children of the Delaware Caddo and Shawnee already here but this has been done with a sparing hand as a matter of necessity. I draw of your general instructions for my government and that you will have the goodness to define my duties, so that I may execute yr. orders to the letter, thus far I have acted according to my best judgement, pursuing such a course as in my opinion would meet yr. approbation, as I trust it will. Mr. Sloat has finished the Council house a building 32 by 20 ft. He is an active and industrious man—With sentiments of respect I have the honor to be yr mo obt sert. T G W Superind. Indian Affrs.

No. 19

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL AT TEHUACANA CREEK

*Council Ground, Tehuacana Creek. Saturday
Evening April 27th 1844.*

Minutes of a Council called by the Commissioners and the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, for the purpose of making known to the several Tribes of Indians assembled, the probable time in which they would unite in Council for business, and the reason of their present delay.

Maj Thos. G. Western, as Superintendent of Indian Affairs, presided at the Council. Col. Neill, Commissioner, was present; St. Louis, Chief of the Delaware, José María, the Anadarko Chief with Besente, his orderly sergeant; Bintah and Red Bear, Caddo Chiefs, with Had-dah-bah a Captain and Ne-est-choo an orderly sergeant; Bedi, the Ioni Chief and Cho-Nah-Cio and Kah-te-ah-tic Chiefs of the Keechi, with many of their warriors.

The Council was opened by lighting and passing the pipe of

peace, after which through Luis Sánchez, the Interpreter, Maj Western delivered the following talk.

“Sam Houston sent me here; Sam Houston is the father of all Texas; the father of the white folks: the father of the red folks. Sam Houston told me the path was white between him and his red brothers: he told me, when I should see the red men I must embrace them all for him; that he loved them very much. He told me, no red man would steal from the white man: no white man would steal from the red man.—he told me I must come here and be a father to the red men until he should come here. he did not send me here to make a Treaty with the Comanche and other Indians: he sent this man (Col. Neill) and two others as Commissioners. We expected two weeks ago to see the Comanche here. Sam Houston intended to come here to meet the Comanche and all his red brothers two weeks ago. Now the Comanche did not come: Sam Houston did not come, because he has a big talk with the English, and United States, the American and other people. When we understood the Comanche were not coming we wrote to Sam Houston about it—the man that took the letter has not come back, that man may come in four days; he may come in eight days; it may be Sam Houston will come with him; it may be, he will not come. he is our father. If the Comanche had come and we had had a big talk and peace with all, Sam Houston had sent many presents. Now on the road, coming from Houston, are some things. Houston knows the people want hoes for corn, and axes for the women to cut wood: when they are here, they, and some small things shall be given. Until the wagons arrive with hoes and axes, and the letter arrives, the people must be quiet and remain content. We have got plenty to eat; corn plenty; tomorrow, or next day, plenty of meat. We now have nothing to do but sleep, drink and eat.

I now close this talk by doing what Sam Houston told me: to embrace all for him: all: every one of you.”

Maj Western went around and embraced all the Chiefs. St. Louis, Chief of the Delaware, arose and made the following talk:

“I want all to hear what I say, now, I have heard all this talk: now you have heard a good white talk: just about such as Houston would give; it is all good as brothers.—the white and red meet here together today; Sam Houston has sent his word to

us: we are all very glad of it. Now they listen to the words Houston sends all the nations will be glad to hear it. What has been told here today gives us great spirits, as by looking round we can witness. when we meet in Council we are now, once more, as we were in olden times. I hope every one will listen and take hold of the words of Houston. Now, by our brother's word in Council, I know all will be right. I know it is good counsel. I understand Red Bear wants to go, but he must stay until our grand council. I am very glad myself, and I want all the men, women and children to stay and be glad with what we hear from our white brother. Now all the Chiefs are here together in Council. when we separate I hope all will be right. you know what has been told you; to wait three, four or eight days; be satisfied all to wait. Now we are all together, we must stay all together until we hear the best of the Council.—and the men must listen to their captains. Now I have all my Delaware boys: they stay with me: they think as I do, and they want to hear the good of the big Council. All our men women and children are glad there will be a good peace. this is no council: in a few days it will take place, and the Commissioners will tell us where to make our homes. and when it is over our young men can go out and hunt the buffalo and deer with a good heart. now the Chiefs and Captains are all here, I want them to remain with their young men until the Council takes place. We have nothing to do but eat, drink and dance all the time.”

Bintah, the Caddo Chief, after arose and gave the following talk.

“I am going to talk like my white brother. I am not uneasy; my heart lies right down. it is at peace. my young men are all the same; they are satisfied. I have waited many days, but am not in a hurry, as I want to hear good talk and counsel, and because I have plenty to eat and am satisfied: if I get beef or fat hogs, it will be much better, all my people will hear and be satisfied. this is all I have to say.”

The other Chiefs stated they had nothing to say until the big council, and the talk closed.

WALTER WINN
Secretary, Commissioners

[Endorsed] *Minutes of Council.*
April 27th. 1844

No. 20

LETTER FROM WALTER WINN TO SAM HOUSTON

Council Ground, Tehuacana Creek, May 2nd 1844.

To his Excellency
Gen'l Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas
Sir

Agreeable to your wishes, made known to me at Houston, that you might have a copy of all the Indian talks, and at the request of the Commissioners, I forward to you the minutes of a small Council held on the evening of the 27th April, together with a statement made by Luis Sánchez to the Commissioners respecting what passed beneath his own observation while among the several Tribes with whom we are now treating.

I have the honor to inform you, also, that, by a Keechi, lately arrived, we are told Acaquash, with the Waco, are now on their way in. J. Chisholm arrived, on the evening of the 29th, with a number of the Cherokee. It is supposed there are, in all, at the present time, about 350 Indians upon the Council ground.

I have the honor to subscribe myself,
Your Ob't Serv't
WALTER WINN
Secretary to Commissioners

[*Endorscd*] Walter Winn, Sec'y to Indian Commissioners To May 2d, 1844.
President.
To his Excellency
Gen'l Sam Houston
President Republic of Texas
Per Favor
Hon. Geo. W. Hill

No. 21

LETTER FROM DANIEL G. WATSON TO SAM HOUSTON

Council Ground, Tehuacana Creek
May 4th 1844.—

To his Excellency

Gen'l Sam Houston

President of the Republic of Texas

Sir,

Agreeable to the instructions received from you at Washington, in company with John Conner I left that place on the 6th of February in quest of the Comanche, for the purpose of bringing them and all other tribes, with whom I might meet, into the Treaty ground, if practicable. We arrived at the Falls of the Brazos on the 10th Ulto. where we were two days detained in making preparation for our journey. we then left the Falls, and on the 13th met with Capt Sánchez, at an Ioni Camp who it was intended should accompany us. we found him indisposed and waited one day for him, when all together proceeded to the Anadarko village where we arrived on the 22nd Ulto. We there continued until the 1st of March, but Capt Sánchez being no better we then left, taking with us the presents sent by you, through Sánchez, for the Comanche and Acaquash, requesting Sánchez when able to travel, to follow us to the Keechi village. when we arrived at that place we met with the principle Chief of the Tawakoni, and we heard, also, that Acaquash had left for Washington, likewise, that the Comanche were within 25 miles of us. We examined the instructions sent to Sloat and Sánchez, and thought ourselves authorized by them to present the robe intended for Acaquash unto the Tawakoni Chief, which we accordingly did. By the illness of the old Comanche woman we were detained at the Keechi village until the 12th Ulto when we left for the Pecan Bayou at which place we were informed we would find the Comanche. on our reaching that point we found they had not been there; we then took a course, intending to make the Clear Fork of the Brazos, while following that course we met with a War Party of four Comanche from the Rio Grande, who informed us they had come down the Clear Fork and none of their tribe were in that direction, as they, themselves, had been some days seeking them. we held a consultation, and as the latest sign seen by them (some two months old) led to the Colorado we concluded all to unite in company and go in that direction, which we accordingly did, and on the 17th Inst. struck the Pecan Bayou of the Colorado. Our horses being weary we rested on the 18th while one of the Comanche, a Captain, went in search of his tribe, but returned in the evening unsuccessful, when he requested us to remain six

days and rest our horses while he would go in search of his people; as they might have crossed to the Pecos, over from the head of the Colorado, a ride of two days without water; he thought it useless for us to break down our horses in the undertaking, accordingly on the morning of the 19th Inst. in company with the old Comanche woman and little girl he again left us, we remained alone until the 21st when two Comanche came into camp, known to John Conner and the head chiefs of the tribe, who informed us it would be impossible for them to come in to the Council ground at the time required, as all their young men were out in different directions, and could not be called together in time. he made a long talk in reply to your letter, a copy of which I am informed has been forwarded to you, we, also, gave to them the presents Sánchez had placed in our charge sent by you.— on the following morning we parted and returned to the Keechi village where we arrived on the 26th Ulto. there we found Capt Sánchez awaiting us. On the 1st April we left for Red Bear's town, where we promised the Keechi we would wait four days for them, which we did, and the three following days, they not then coming it was thought advisable by Conner, Sánchez and myself, for one of us to come in to the Council ground and report the progress we had made and on the 10th Ulto in company with Mr J Chisholm (who we there met with) I left for the Council ground where I arrived on the 21st Inst. and reported to Maj Tos. G. Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs and Cols Neill and William Commissioners.

With much respect I have the honor to be
Your Ob't Serv't

DANIEL G. WATSON

[*Endorsed*] To his Excellency
Gen'l Sam Houston
President of the Republic,
Washington, Texas

No. 22

LETTER FROM WALTER WINN TO SAM HOUSTON

Council ground Tehuacana Creek May 4, 1844

To his Excellency
Gen'l Sam Houston

President of the Republic of Texas,

Sir,

Since closing my communication, Acaquash, the Waco Chief has arrived, from whom we gain the following information which at the request of the Commissioners I have taken down. he said he had been below and seen his white brothers and all was well; he went back to the Waco and Tawakoni, and found all well with them. both parties doing right. Houston had made the path white and clean, and *all* the Indian wished it to be kept so. as to the Lipan and Tonkawa they would have nothing to do with them: they would not molest them but they could not associate with them. they belong to the Brazos and Colorado people. he had told his nation Houston would be here, for Houston had told him so. the Tawehashn wished for peace, and were now waiting for a man to be sent to them; they would keep the white path; for though he had not seen them since he saw Houston, yet he knew their wish. he had it correctly from a Waco who had a Tawehash wife, so can be relied on. All the head men say, if Houston will come all will be right. Houston often has told that he would meet them, yet it never occurs: they all think it is very strange: they do not wish to do any thing until Houston comes. the young men, women, children, all, are now coming to see Houston, and get presents he had promised them at Washington. Last Winter the Comanche told him to come down and make peace for they were weary of living so, but when at Washington he did not speak as he heard others had been sent. He had heard one man had stolen six American horses but after found it was from the Comanche, and heard, also, the family on the Trinity was killed by the Kickapoo.—he said we must write you to come, or nothing could be done, the young men wish to see and know what sort of a man you are; could they see you and hear you speak, there would be no trouble then, in getting the Comanche to come in; they, the Waco, all know you are at Washington, but they want to see you here, and he had faithfully promised them that they should meet you here.—They will be at the Council ground in three or four days. There are 54 men, 35 women and 19 children (Waco and Tawakoni). The two tribes live together. part are now at their village planting corn. it is situated on the Trinity, and no village between here and there. The Chiefs Ke-chi-ka-roqua and Tahwahkerro [*sic*] [Narhash-

towey] (the lame arm) are both coming in. when Ke-chi-ka-roqua comes he will talk correctly.—he says Doct Hill must go down and remain in your place and send you up.—he knows you are not ill, you have told him you are nearly at peace with the Mexicans and he cannot see what should prevent you from coming.—he is determined to wait until you arrive.—as you only, you alone, they want to see.—

The above are the remarks made by Acaquash to Doct Hill through Col. Williams,—and the Commissioners requested me to take it down and send to you.—

I am with much respect
Your Obd't Servt
WALTER WINN
Secretary Commissioners

[*Endorsed*] Walter Winn, Sec'y to Indian Commissioners
To May 4th, 1844. President.
To his Excellency
Gen'l Sam Houston
President Republic of Texas.
Per Favor
Hon. Geo. W. Hill

No. 23

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Treaty Ground—Tehuacana Creek
May 15, 1844

Dear General

Acaquash with about 130 Waco and Tawakoni finally got in on Saturday last, a "Talk" purtty Severe, was given them on Sunday by the Delaware Chief St. Louis—The council commenced on Monday and concluded yesterday, they and the Keechi recived the Pledge of Wampum Beads from the Delaware and Shawnee—they have been very Severely reprimanded by all the friendly Chiefs present they profess to be contrite and sincere, time alone can prove this, the killing of their men by our people they bury in oblivion, they say they were bad men—Some of the Redmen told them very harsh things in Council—the mere naked truth.

Your official communication of the 1st inst. was received on the 6th—Your instructions and injunctions therein have been duly observed and your orders duly executed—I have met with some trifling oppositions in effecting this, but have overcome them.—It was intended to have distributed the presents today, but it has since been concluded upon that St. Louis is to give the Waco and Tawakoni another “Talk” which will probably occupy the whole day—I shall leave this place for Washington in three days when I hope to meet you and communicate to you particulars I think that none of the Chiefs or Captains will go down this time. Acaquash is disinclined—Some of the others have to return home to attend to their crops, others to see that the stolen horses are returned etc. etc.—Some of the owners of them are here, and wish to go into the Indians country to get them, but this will not be permitted.

Be pleased to present my respectful Salutations to Mrs. Houston who with Mr. Sam are I trust in good health, and believe me Dear Genl in hearts Yours Truly.
TGW.—

[The following on the back of the above letter]

Dear General

Council Bluff

Tehuacana Creek 4th May/1844

I am without any reply to my several official communications the last of which was on the 25th ult.

Acaquash came in last evening—his people 54 warriors besides women and children he left, in the Cross Timbers, he says, Some 3 or 4 days travel off—he has been well received and treated more kindly of course and will leave again Some time today to hasten his people on—Dr. Hill who will probably hand you this can give further particulars—we have already about 350. Indians in Camp incurring Some expense to the Govt. and I am doing all in my power to get things to a close—With the Waco and Tawakoni, brought in by Acaquash all the Tribes will be represented in this Council excepting the Comanche and the Tawaqach [Tawehash].

I am not yet apprised whether it is your wish that I Should remain here after the Treaty or retire with the Commissioners—I am. at your orders—

I hope yourself and family are well be pleased to present my respects to Mrs. Houston and Mr. Sam and believe me yours Sincerely

Your ever faithful friend
and obt Servt
THOMAS G. WESTERN

No. 24

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM B. WILSON AND HENRY KATTENHORN

Treaty Ground Friday May 10th.
Mr. Wm B Wilson and Henry Kattenhorn in Camp last Eveng. Mr. W[ilson] States that, he resides on Little River Some 15 miles below Mr. Bryants—that on Sunday night last 6 head of Horses Say a Grey Mare and 5 yearling colts were Stolen from him by Indians; on the following morning his Son and 2 others pursued on their trail Some 20 miles up Elm creek but could not overtake them, that he knows they were Indians because they were Seen by the females of his family (Mr. W.— was absnt) endeavoring to get Some mules out of the lot and he believes they were of the Tribe of Waco because there has been no other indians in that neighbourhood, and because they came in and went off in the Same direction that those did that stole the 10 horses from Bryant on the Wednesday previous—Mr. W. is 62 years of age born in N. Carolina, raised in Tennessee and last from Alabama—Mr. Wilson further States that he is the Same person whose negro boy was killed by indians about the latter end of January last his place and 5 head, Say 4 horses and 1 mule were Stolen from him by them which he has never recovered he States that he verily believes that the murders and theft all were committed by Waco, for the reason that during the previous Summer 66 Waco visited him and his neighbours and friends that they were well treated by every one in the Settlement Beeves were killed for them etc—

Descriptn. of the horses last Stolen on Sunday, May 5th
Gray mare branded on Shoulder
one white eye, the colts were all Sorrels 4 horses and 1 mare—

1 Dunn Mare
 Branded J.D

1 Bay mare
 Branded WP

1 Bay mare partly roan
 branded J.D.

1 Marching bay horse colt
 no brand—

1 Bay mule, mare
 branded W. on Shoulder
 and thigh —

DESCRIPTION OF THOSE STOLEN
 IN JANU. LAST

Mr Wilson reports that the following described horses were stolen from Little River last Summer by the Waco immediately after they left (Say 4 days) and had been treated in the most friendly manner—

Mr. Danl. Monroe

1 Bay Spanish Mare
 Brand Mexican

Capt. Ross—1 Roan Span[ish] horse

1 Bay Mare, American blooded nag
 no brand—

Horses Stolen from José Ma.[ría] the Anadarko and Ioni Chief in the Spring of 1843 by the Tawakoni Indians and not yet returned

1 Bay Horse without any white mark
 1 White Horse
 1 Roan, or Sabine mare
 1 Bay Colt
 1 mare—Brown claybank
 1 Black Colt—1 year old

[Endorsed] Statement of Wilson and Kattenhorn and list of Horses stolen.
 May 1844

No. 25

MEETING OF WACO AND TAWAKONI CHIEFS BY COMMISSIONERS
[May 11, 1844]

Meeting of the Waco and Tawakoni Indians by

Commissioners.

On Saturday, the 11th of May, Comrs. Neill, Smith and Williams in company with Hon. G. W. Hill, Sec. of War and Marine and Maj Thos. G. Western, Superdt. of Indian affairs, several visiting whites, and most of the Indians upon the Council ground went out to meet the Waco and Tawakoni, and escort them into camp.—Commissioner Williams took the lead, bearing a white flag.

We met them about four miles from the Council ground in the open prairie and formed a line; they did the same, when through Luis Sánchez, the Interpreter, the principal men on each side were requested to advance for the purpose of introduction—the following is the talk of Sánchez.

“Brothers,

You have met here to day your white brothers in this prairie; you see them here now all present before you, This chief (Comr. Neill) is one, who, when you embrace, calculate you are embracing Gen’l Houston, and the same when you embrace this chief, (Comr Smith) or this; (Comr Williams) and the same when you embrace any of the whites now here.

You see, at the same time, how many red brothers have united with the whites, to come out and meet you. At this time they all look upon you as the children of Gen’l Houston, they are all glad to meet you here, and expect you to feel the same way. Look around and see how many tribes are here to meet you; and what you see do not forget.”

After the talk we all embraced, when it was proposed that we should retire to a grove, for shade and water, and there smoke the Council pipe, which we accordingly did. when seated beneath the trees the pipe and tobacco were produced, and the following talk given by Luis Sánchez.

“Here is tobacco, by the Big Spirit

sent. I want you to take this tobacco, look at, and smoke it, and remember this is the same tobacco that was brought you at the first meeting, by Jim Shaw and Jes' Chisholm, to smoke. I want you to turn it over on every side, and see if it is bloody; or if it still is white tobacco, as it was when first sent to you. I want you also, to see the pipe, which like the tobacco is all white.

Every man here setting, white and red, is a child of Gen'l Houston and Gen'l Houston loves his children all of them, who listen to him and take his words; and I hope you will listen to him and take his words, and be loved like the rest of his children. Look around you, and you will see all different nations, with myself, a Mexican in the midst of you, like a lone tree in the prairie, speaking for both sides.

Here is the pipe and tobacco, sergeant, come and receive them."

After smoking, Acaquash asked if we had anything to say, to which Comr. Neill replied

"We meet once more in peace, and we are glad of it. We will always be glad to meet you as we now do, and hear from your lips the words of peace. we have no more to say until we meet in council."

Talk of Acaquash.

"I alone have been among you and for my people spoken; but now you see here other chiefs belonging to my race. they have come and you can hear them talk. I am glad to meet and smoke with you, and sitting as we now do, all together in this manner, makes me feel happy."

No others wishing to talk we mounted our horses and escorted the Waco and Tawakoni in to the Council ground.

No. 26

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Council Ground. Tehuacana Creek
Sunday evening. May 12th 1844

Minutes of a council called by the Delaware, Caddo, Shawnee

and other Indian tribes, for the purpose of giving a talk to the Waco and Tawakoni.

The council was opened by the following talk from the Delaware Chief, St. Louis.

“Grand children and white brothers: I am going to talk with these people a few words. I feel happy that we all meet here together. I am glad to see you, Waco and Tawakoni, here in this place; in this our council house. I will tell you the reason I am glad; we are all to meet here and talk of peace and friendship; it is better for us and for our children.

I tell you when I look upon you, Waco and Tawakoni, I feel sorry, and for that reason I now give you these words. I call on the Great Spirit now to look down upon us, talk with each other, I am glad to see you, the principal chiefs, here; I am glad to talk with you. the Great Spirit has given you sense of head and heart. he has given to you his words not to use in bad ways, but in good.

The reason all nations have a big chief, and obey him, is because they love their women and children. More than two years, all our big men have been striving to make peace, because we love our women and children and our warriors. When I look upon you I don't think you have got sense, for when you come to Council you do not bring your young men; neither do you tell them what you hear yourselves.

Look at the people friendly with us; a big nation on the north. I can't tell you how many different nations; and all friendly,—that is the reason, I say to you make a treaty and stick to it. When I look upon you I feel sorry; you are weak; that people a strong nation and all friendly. now look at all these red people around me; they are friendly with the whites, and this big nation is friendly with them. The whites when they see indians fighting among themselves try always to make peace. When I see you shake hands with the whites I don't think you holy; you don't shake hands fast and strong. I have often told you in council it were better to make peace; if you would make a strong peace it would be better for your warriors, your women and your children. I shall be glad if you do well and make peace and save your young men, women and children. all the people you see here around you do well; they make treaties and stick to them. When I see your calculations they look dangerous for your young men women and children. It appears to me when I

look upon you, and think of your bad acts that you cannot like your young men, women and children. I like to see you face to face and speak my thoughts, and for that reason now I tell you this, it is long since you made a treaty, but you do not act right. I don't feel happy when I see you stealing horses from the whites; that won't do: it is to prevent that we make a treaty. you must quit it, and never again while you live steal from the whites. now you have taken those horses since you made the treaty, and you have got to give them up—the reason I talk to you of this, is because I want you to name it to your white brothers and have the matter fixed. I don't fear to tell you my calculations. I should be happy and glad to see you do better. all the tribes who talk to you speak the same words. Look at our race in this side of you. none of them go to the white settlements to steal horses. I tell you this, the whites want all the red people to live with them in peace together. I am glad to see you all here. this is all I have to say until tomorrow, when our white brothers will give us a talk: they always give a good talk. when our white brothers get through I will give you more; this is not half what I wish to say.

Talk of the Caddo Speaker "Red Bear"—

"I want all to hear what my brother has said. I want you, Waco and Tawakoni to hear; it is good talk; it is like our white brother's talk. the Delaware chief has talked to you, and I hope you will hold fast to what he has said, both chiefs and you captains, too,—that is the way I do: I hold to the talks I hear from the whites: that is the way the Delaware talk to the whites: that is the way the whites talk to the Delaware. That is what the Delaware chief now means by saying he is glad to see the people all here together that we may have a good talk and hold to it. the big men of the nation should talk to their young men and if they love their women and children they will obey. Sometimes the young captains get mad, but they had better turn aside and look at the white path. Now, today, the Big Spirit will look down, with pleasure, to see what the white people are trying to do for us: tomorrow or the next day, our young men will hear and listen to good counsel, and the chiefs must lead the young men to the Council to hear good talk. that was the way I did with tribes who talked to me and held to their talks, and you had better do the same: that is the way with chiefs who love their women and children, and those who listen to it will do well.

You, Waco and Tawakoni captains and chiefs, if you love your women and children, do the same. all the rest of the tribes you see here are as brothers united. all the other nations are friendly but you. you steal horses, which you should not. if you chiefs try to do right the horses will be given up to the chiefs to whom they belong—tomorrow or the next day, you will hear a talk from our white brothers: after them other chiefs will talk, and all will be glad to hear you talk. This is all I have now to say.”

The rest of the Chiefs declined giving a talk until the grand council and by Luis Sánchez, the interpreter, the council was closed.

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No. 27

MINUTES OF COUNCIL AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Council Ground, Tehuacana Creek
Monday, May 13th 1844

Minutes of a Council called by the Commissioners for the purpose of establishing a nominal line until a treaty could be made with the Comanche. Also for the purpose of regaining horses stolen from the settlements, and for the distribution of presents to the different tribes assembled.

There were present at the Council Col's Thos I. Smith, Leonard H. Williams, and Jas C. Neill Commissioners, Hon. Geo. W. Hill, Secretary of War and Marine, Maj Thos G. Western, superintendent of Indian Affairs and Mr Sloat, agent. and the following tribes of Indians.

James St. Louis	Delaware chief.
José María	Anadarko "
Besente	his orderly Sergeant.
Bedi (United with the Anadarko.)	Ioni chief
Bintah	Caddo "
Red Bear	" Speaker
Had-dah-bah	" Captain
Ne-est-choo	" Orderly Sergeant
Black Cat	Shawnee Chief
Cho-Nah-Cio or	Keechi "

Kah-te-ah-tic, and Sah-sah-roque	"	"
Ke-chi-ka-roqua	Tawakoni	"
Oat-see-iy	1st	" Capt
Ma-qua	2nd	" "
Chos-Ta-Ra-Ra-Que	3rd	" "
Keti-char-hasset-char or Narhashtowey, (which means the "lame arm")	1st	Waco Chief
Sharry-warry-wer	2nd	" "
Acaquash	3rd	" "
Chicken Trotter		Cherokee Captain
Ben-Ash		A Coushatta

There was present one Kiowa, besides a large number of warriors belonging to the above mentioned tribes.—The Interpreters were Mr J Chisholm, Luis Sánchez, Jas Shaw, John Conner, William Conner, James Ned and Jack Harry,—and Char-wic a Caddo.

The Council was opened by Luis Sánchez filling and lighting the pipe with tobacco, when he presented it with the following talk.

“My white and red brothers, each and all of you setting here: Chiefs and young men, I want you all to hear. Yesterday evening, our brother, the Delaware, you heard talk; I heard it; all heard it; our father above heard it; our mother, earth, children, and all heard it. Now this day, Houston, our father will speak through our white brothers, of the big white path which he has made. He is a father who loves you all as a father loves his children. Look at each other, you, my white and red brothers—had I the power I would draw you tighter and tighter together, the same as though encircled in a la-riata. What you heard yesterday you will all hold fast to, so that you may love each other as you would your brother, sister, father or mother. I have no more to say; here is the tobacco for my white and red brothers to smoke.”

The pipe was passed around, after which Col Jas C. Neill in behalf of the Commissioners gave the following talk.

“My Red Brothers,

We meet you here together once more in council. We intended to meet you often from the time we first talked of peace. The Great Spirit looks upon the white and the red brothers when they meet as friends, and is glad. The Great Spirit smiles upon

us now. and all around us is clear and white. Many of our red brothers who were not present at Councils before, are now here. It is good for chiefs and brave men to meet in council, and we are glad to see them. The white and the red people are at peace, and the path between them has been made white. To meet together and talk as friends makes peace strong and lasting as the ground we are upon. To keep and walk after the words of good men in council keeps harm from all people, and makes the women and children always happy. If bad men bring brush and evil upon the white path of peace, Chiefs and good men can meet in council and take the brush and evil out of the path, and keep it white; then the white people can buy all things their red brothers have to sell, and can sell to their red brothers all things they want for their women and children; and for themselves they can make corn, potatoes and all other things they want to raise, and be happy. The white people can give to their red brothers such things as they have to give and their red brothers can use them to make them more happy. War has made our red brothers need many things, and war has taken from their white brothers of Texas many things they could have given them had there been no war. Peace will make the white people rich, and let their red brothers raise for themselves many things, and buy many more; which they cannot during war. the white people being made rich by peace will then have all things to give their brothers that they cannot get for themselves. now we can only give our red brothers such things as we have to spare: every year that peace lasts and our red brothers all walk by the words of good counsel, we will have more to give them, and we will all be more happy. Look to the Nations of red people whose chiefs have never made war against the whites; or to those who have made lasting peace with chiefs of white men, and walked by the words of their good counsel for many years, and whose young men and braves have always listened to the words of their chiefs and you will find them rich and happy; their people many and strong, and their women and children never afraid by their own fires, but happy, and singing like birds among the trees when the leaves begin to grow, and harm never comes upon them. Look to the nations of red people whose chiefs have made war against the white people, and would not listen to the peace talks of the chiefs of the whites, but were foolish, you find them poor, and their chiefs not happy; for their

people are not many and rich, their women and children want meat, and their men have not guns powder and lead plenty, all their people want bread, and their women have not axes and hoes to make it. Long and strong peace always drives away all these evils, and make the red people rich and happy, like those that never make war or steal. There are some bad white men, and there are some bad red men. To make peace last always chiefs must watch these bad men, and make them follow their good counsel. to do this they must never do bad themselves. If a Chief or captain does bad, or counsels his people to do bad or puts blood upon the path of peace, he is worse than a bad man, and should be no longer a chief, but be put below the lowest man. The white people do this. If bad men steal or put blood upon the path in time of peace, chiefs should punish them as they deserve. If a bad white man kills a good red man in time of peace he, himself, is killed. this is the law of the chiefs of white men. good red chiefs will do the same. If a bad white man steals the horse of a good red man, the horse is taken, and sent back to the chief of the red men from whom he was taken and the bad man punished. this is the law of the chiefs of the white people. If horses are stolen by bad red men from good white people they must be taken from these bad men and sent to the trading house, and given to the agent, that they may be sent to the white men they were stolen from. If bad white men go among the red people to steal and they are killed it puts no blood in the path, and the chiefs say nothing about it. if bad red men go among white people to steal and get killed it puts no blood in the path, and chiefs say nothing about it. Since the path of peace was made white no white men have been among the red people to do them harm. they have killed no red man, or stole a horse. Trouble hath fallen in the path of white people by reason of bad red men; this must be taken out of the path by the counsels of good men. Some good white men have been killed. some horses have been stolen from the white people and we want all the chiefs now here to tell us all they know about it. of what nation the bad men were; how many bad men there were; and how many men they have killed—how many horses they have stolen, where the horses now are; and how they may be brought back. In this way trouble can be taken out of the path of the chiefs of the red and the white people, and evil kept off of the red people who have done no harm, but have all walked by the words of good council. Some

of the red men who would not follow the counsels of their chiefs have been killed while stealing horses. this will not make the Great Spirit angry, nor the chiefs of the red people sorry, for they were bad men. The chiefs in council must not let these things bring harm upon their women and children.

The Tonkawa and Lipan are our friends and live near us. they will be kept at home, and will not be permitted to steal from our red brothers, or to do them harm. We want all our red brothers to treat them as friends and not to steal their horses or make war against them. They will be kept as far from our other red brothers as they can. Should any of their bad and foolish young men steal horses, do not make war upon their people, but send to our Agents and we will try to bring them back the horses stolen, and give them to the Chiefs from whom they were taken. then all will be made right.

I will now read to you the words of Sam Houston, the great chief of Texas: these are the words of his own mouth, spoken by him and sent to us to deliver to his red brothers. The words I have said to you are the words spoken by ourselves as his counsellors, sent by him to talk to his red brothers. we have often set by his side and eat and drank with him: these are the words spoken by himself.

“So soon as the Comanche can be seen the line will be run, and we will have it pointed out in such a way that there will be no dissatisfaction between the whites and the indians. On the East side of the Brazos the line will be considered as running between the Upper and lower Cross Timbers, until it can be marked. Until peace is made with the Comanche, it will be best for no indians to come below that line, unless they come down by Mr. Torrey’s trading house and get from the Superintendent or Mr Sloat, Agent, letters to come down into the settlements to hunt or trade. You will give out this talk to all the Indians. if it is not listened to it may bring trouble.

When the line is marked I want a chief of each tribe to go with the men who mark it. When the leaves fall and I meet the chiefs in council I will have medals and such presents for my brother chiefs as they will be happy to receive: this will be four moons and a half from the present time.

Tell them all to keep blood out of our path, and to let no horses be stolen: tell them this year to raise corn anywhere they please above the trading house on the Brazos, Noland’s

River, Clear Fork or any of their old villages. They shall not be disturbed at their camp fires by good men or by those who obey my orders; and if bad men go to them to disturb their women and children they must treat them as enemies. If good men go to them they will meet them as brothers and must feed them. If they are lost they must point to them the road that will lead them to their homes, and see that they are not injured. If the Comanche Chiefs who intended visiting the Ioni during the roasting ear season, should conclude to come down to Washington to see me, I will be very happy to see them, and Mr Sloat will give them a safe and trusty guide, or accompany them himself."

I have done now, but will talk again about the trouble which has come upon the white people by bad men after I have heard my red brothers talk.

After Cap' Neill had concluded the Waco Chief Acaquash gave the following talk.

"My heart is the same as at the first treaty, because we are of one family, one god and one father. I am not going to throw off my brother Houston. with my warriors I will do my best. I like my warriors and do not wish to lose them. I throw away every thing bad and come straight on the road of peace. I cannot lose my white path. I keep it straight and I want to clear all that is bad out of it.

Last spring I was happy, and have been ever since, when I could hear the words of Houston. When I started for this place I did not fear, though I came as with my eyes closed. Some of my white brothers may think I tell a lie, but I speak the truth. I have brought my young men to hear good talk. that was the reason I brought these my young men. I knew there would be peace. killing that captain is nothing: he was not of my people. We must keep up the white path. it is true all people have bad men, but we must keep in the white path and make the bad behave themselves.

Last spring at Washington I met with Houston in friendship. I told him our children were hungry, and he promised our people powder, here at this place, to be given. I always do my best in going out and striving to make peace; the Caddo people stay at home. I have brought along my young captains, not for myself, but as presents to Houston, to make their hearts good for peace. all my white and red brothers feel as I do; all want

peace. I want to eat of the same dish, drink of the same water, smoke the same pipe with Houston and my white brothers in peace. my heart is still the same, what I say is true. I do not like my young men to steal the white man's horses, but that is all that I can say. the other chief will speak to you and tell you more."

Talk of Ke-chi-ka-roqua the Tawakoni Chief.

"Well, my brothers, Caddo; you must listen: my white brothers, and you Delaware; I want you to listen to a few words. now captains, young and strong, good men, all together, and you chiefs, now is my time come to speak. My white brothers, and you red Captains sitting here before me I came here on purpose to see you. Last spring when I heard of the words of Houston I thought that I would come. I have studied ever since and I find what he said is straight. Yet I am not satisfied: I do not see Houston here. I want to see and hear him talk and talk with him myself. The Delaware Captains say they met him at Bird's Fort, and made peace: they have shaken hands and hold firm to it. We will do so too, I am strong for making a firm peace. War is like an arrow sticking in the side; I have plucked it out and now I am for peace. such are my thoughts and they are like Houstons' I want to make a big white path so that no man can be lost. that is what I would like to have. It matters not if Houston is not here: I have his words, and the talk is straight. yet I would rather see him. I made a treaty with the United States and never broke it. I hope the same will be with Texas. It is time we all have one Great Spirit for our father and one mother, the earth. I brought all my women and children purposely to see Houston. It won't do for men, when they lie, to call on the Great Spirit, and use big words as when they speak the truth. I came with my head warriors that they might see Houston; that they might hear his talk, and hold fast to what he said; and to get presents for my young men, women and children. I talked the same in making treaties with the United States' Cherokee, Osage, Delaware and others. one thing is hard. that is, for my young men to steal and get killed; when we make a white path we do not want it to get bloody, yet by stealing and killing it will be so. I can't say that I will make peace with the Tonkawa and Lipan until I see the Comanche, else I may tell a lie. my people do as they do. If

these indians are away let them stay so until the Comanche come in, and then if they say they will make peace we will do the same.

I see one thing true: I heard when I should get here I would find plenty of corn. I have come and have got it for my women and children and am satisfied.

I want to hear where the white men were killed. I never knew of it till now. and I want you here to tell me.

(He was informed by the Commissioners that they were killed between the Gabriel and Brushy Creeks, 18 or 20 miles East of Austin about 12 days previous) No Tawakoni have been out to war since last spring. I do not think any of my people did it, yet I cannot say it is not so. it is 16 days since we left our village, yet I never heard of this before."

Talk of Sah-sah-roque the Keechi Chief

"Great Chiefs and captains; you are all before me; I want you all to listen to what I say, it is hard that Houston is not here. you hear it and the blowing winds will hear it too: the Big Spirit will hear it, and he, my white brother will hear it also. it is hard that Houston is not here. I have listened to my white brother's talk and am glad to hear it, my heart is happy. When I went to see Houston I found a big road and a white path; I had plenty to eat, and at the same time Houston gave me this paper which I hold in my hand. he told me that this was the council ground, and that here he would be; the Great Spirit heard it, and the mother, earth, and was glad; and he told me presents should be here. yet Houston comes not here himself. he told me I should find my path white going home and ever to keep it in the same fair way. My young men wanted to go to war, but I forbade and kept them all at home. You have come here for Houston, and I am glad. when you go back you will take my talk to him, he will be glad to hear it.

My white and red brothers; the Big Spirit and mother earth all hear me: your talk is strong and good and I will hold to it: I will not throw it away. the young men will hear it, and if any want to go to war this will stop them. I talk but one time, myself, but one way. I have but one tongue. the talk that I have heard today I will hold to tomorrow. the Big Spirit and mother earth will attest to it. the counsel which you, head men, have given to me is all good, and I will hold to it.

Houston has said the paths were all white; they are so still, I am glad and my people are glad at the straight talk we have heard and I have given you a straight talk too."

Talk of Red Bear the Caddo Speaker.

"I am going to talk a little; like as before, the same way as when I met Col. Williams and others on Red River; then I lived at the Tawehash village and at that time the Delaware and myself talked little with the white people and made few friends; now we talk much with the white people and make many friends. because we are men that spill blood from none, but are for making peace with all. I do not like to see guns firing and blood spilled, for I am a friend of peace. I am one of the oldest of my tribe. all the red men and all of my other brothers know me well: they know I want to travel on in the white road. I like peace; my hands are clean and I like to see others the same. Now I see so many different nations here in friendship I like it for it looks like peace. I am glad to meet my white brothers here, I am glad to hear their talk; it is good, and makes me, an old man, feel glad. I want we should all live together as brothers, eat out of the same dish, drink from the same cup, smoke the same pipe. that will be good and I shall be glad to see it. Our young men here must not go to war, but kill game and make money, not steal and murder. I live upon the Brazos: José María the Anadarko chief is my neighbour. when our brothers steal horses and take them through our towns the whites blame us for it. Some Caddo, Ioni, Anadarko live with the Tawehash. I saw nine going to war and told them to turn back, yet they went on; if red captains talk of peace and go to war their words are nothing. Why do the captains and chiefs leave the council house? such conduct is not good. I have talked but little. tomorrow Bintah, José María and other brothers will talk. This is the last of my talk. I fear if the Tawehash or other indians take horses from the whites and I try to get them away, that they will kill me. This is all I have to say. my hands are bloody only from killing deer."

(This caused a great laugh among the Indians, as Red Bear had never been known to kill game of any kind.)

No. 28

MINUTES OF TREATY COUNCIL AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Council Ground, Tehuacana Creek.

Tuesday morning May 14th 1844.

The Second day of the Council, in continuation. It was opened by the following talk from St. Louis, the Delaware Chief.

“Now we all meet here together, red and white brothers, to all of you, my grandchildren and captains I wish to speak a few words. Captains and chiefs I am tired of so much talk of peace; for that reason I am tired, I say, of talk. I want we should make peace, stick to it, and be friends. I want peace that I may raise my children to be good and happy, and that my young men, women and children may live well. Captains you should help your chiefs in making and keeping peace. Captains you should speak the same as chiefs: young men you should do right like your captains, and captains if you love your young men, women and children assist your chiefs to make peace between these red and white people. help your captains and chiefs and it will be better for you, young men: do that and yourselves, your women and children will feel better. I tell you again, hold strong to the white talk; then around you the day will appear fair; above you the sky clear and white; the sun will set unclouded; you will sleep well for the ground will be firm beneath you. For these reasons young men and captains you should take hold of the good talk: your women and children will know no more fright, but all will be happy. This is all I can tell you; you may believe me; if you do not I cannot help it. Waco captains and chiefs, I do not wish to tire you and shall say no more. To you, Narhashtowey, I give this tobacco, and this string of wampum beads: (presents them to “lame arm”) when you look upon them think of what I have said.”

Talk of Bintah, The Caddo Chief.

“My brothers, I want you all to hear what I have now to say. my friends I want you to listen, not to a bad talk but to a good one; and I want you all to keep it strong: if when you hear good counsel you will cleave to it, we can all become like one people, setting close together. My young captains, I want

you to attend to it, and all go right; and I say the same for your women and children; it will be good for them; it will make you all, men, women and children, all more happy. When you hear your chiefs speak stick to what they say and your path will be good with the whites. Look at my people, and the Delaware: we are like brothers; we listen to the whites and we do well. If you, Waco and Tawakoni, will listen and hold to the words at this council, you will all be happy, and go free of danger: your women and children can live without fear and they be happy. Hold strong to these talks if you love your wives and children; it will be good for you to keep them in your hearts. Young men and warriors, do not let them go: keep them and you will be happy. The talks you have heard are all good; not any thing that's bad. remember our Delaware brother's words and keep them, chiefs and captains, if you love your young men and families. These are the last words I have to say; they are the same as before, Keep to the counsels you have heard: you have bad opinions roving in your heads; that will not answer; you must shake your heads and try to get them out."

Talk of Had-dah-bah a Caddo Captain.

"Brothers, cousins and sons; Keechi, Waco and Tawakoni; I want you all to hear what now I say. I want you to attend to what I now shall speak. You have heard what the old chiefs have said; I want you now to hear me, a young man, speak. My words are the same, my talk is the same my brothers gave. I want you to hold strong to their talk. we are not talking here to children: our talk is strong and we all want you should hear it. Your warriors by living as we would wish them to, would be happy, and your wives and children see no danger. Captains and you, young warriors, I want you all to stop going to war: 'tis all I have to say to you. I hold the white road in my hand. (a string of wampum beads.) I give it to you, Sah-sah-roque, and I want you to hold fast to it. Now you have got the road I want you all, to hold to it, as these, my older brothers, you see do."

Talk of José María the Anadarko Chief.

"My white brothers, first I will speak to you. as I am myself, small in size, my words to fit me, shall be few. long talks admit of lies; my talk shall be short but true. Captains and chiefs, listen to me. The Great Spirit has given to us a good

day, and we have listened to many good talks. Captains I want you now to listen unto me. the Big Spirit, above, is watching all now here. young men you all look happy. Captains, if you love your children, advise them not bad, but good; and show to them the white path; I will counsel you like my Delaware brother, for his counsel is good. we are all made alike, all look alike and are one people, which you must recollect. The Great Spirit our father, and our mother, the earth, sees and hears all we say in council. You have here listened to none but good talk. I hold the white path in my hands, (a string of wampum beads) given by our white brothers. look at it: see, it is all fair. To you, Waco and Tawakoni captains and warriors I give it. stop going to war with the white people. they, the white people, gave it unto me: I give it now to you: use it as I have done and your women and children will be happy, and sleep free of danger. I give to you this piece of tobacco to smoke, and consider of the white path. when you return to your village, then smoke this tobacco, think of my words and obey them."

A Kiowa Indian called "Good Shirt" was called up at the request of the Commissioners and the following dialogue ensued.

Coms. "Where do you live, and when do you intend to return to your people?"

Kiwh. "My people now live far away, but when the leaves fall they will be near, and I shall go to them. they fear your race and do not come here, yet would be glad of peace."

Coms. "Say to them, we do not wish to make war upon them, but be friendly to all nations. We want you to listen and attend, and what you here see and hear carry and report to your people. before you leave we will give you a present as a token of our respect."

Talk of Black Cat the Shawnee Chief.

"My red and white brothers, and you our grandparents, the Delaware, listen to me while I talk a few words to you. This is the second day Houston has talked of peace to our people. because he loves us all he would make peace with all, and have us all as brothers. The sun shines brightly upon us as we meet here to talk today of peace. The Tribes now here united must do their best for peace, so that we can all be happy with our wives and children. Waco, Tawakoni and Keechi: you do not stick

to the peace that you have made. if you hear good talk and stick to the talk you hear, your women and children will do well. I advise you to hold fast to what you hear and make peace with the whites. Your brothers around you who have made peace all see your acts and know what you have been doing. I advise you to let go the Tomahawk, and take hold of what these chiefs have here said to you, with both your hands. It is best for you to make peace, it is best for you, my red brothers, to take hands, and shake hands firmly with the whites. To you captains and warriors, sitting before me, all of you, Keechi, Waco, Tawakoni; open your eyes and be no longer deaf, but see and hear, that you may do well. to all of your brothers red and white, make your hearts good: love them the same as you would love your children. All our Tribes wish you to quit your bad ways, and do better, all our Tribes and chiefs here will think if you do wrong after this that you did not listen to their talks. Our red brothers, all; our grandparents the Delaware; St. Louis, their chief; our white brothers, all are sorry for the bad ways you conduct. the red men cannot whip the white: we tried it when our race was large, and could not do it. We had better live at peace. We are too small, my red brothers; and if for that, and the love I bear women and children I advise you to make peace. The whites are a great people, covering the earth, I know not how far; therefore again I tell you to make peace. It is now two years since the Big Chief, Houston, made peace with the red people. the white path now is every where. we drink of one water, and it is good to all, we are at peace and our wives and children are happy. My white and red brothers, grandparents and friends. I have no more to say."

Most of the principal chiefs having talked without eliciting any response from the Head Chief of the Waco, the Commissioners requested or invited him to talk.

Talk of Keti-char-hasset-char or Narhashtowey the "Lame Arm."

"You have told me to speak, and I will speak the truth in what I say to you now. I am glad you asked me to speak in this council I shall talk as my brothers have talked. We have but one mother, the earth; one father, the Great Spirit. he looks down upon us here talking and claims us as brothers; the same as his own brothers. I came to the council to hear the talks of my white and red brothers. I have listened to the words of

my red brothers and will follow them. I confess that I did bad in this affair upon the Colorado. in going home I met my people coming to council, and I said in my heart, I will love my warriors and make peace, that they may live. Now my heart is like Houston's; I have taken the white path, and I wish to keep it. I heard Houston was here. I came to see him and hear him talk, and for him to hear me. I have brought my warriors, women and children to hear good talk in council, and that we might all eat and drink together. I am in hopes my bad conduct will be thrown away and forgotten. I met my people coming and I joined them, with my women and children to hear good talk, and without fear. all my young warriors have now taken the white path strong; they have but one chief, and he is Houston. Houston sent his talk to us by Acaquash; he said when the grass was up he would be here, and have presents for us. we have heard that the presents are here, when we get them we will do well and walk in the white path. What I say is true, both of me and my young men. you will see it is so. Look at us; we came here poor, having nothing; now if we go back and the Comanche see we have presents they will believe whatever we say is true; but if we go back without they will not believe, but think we lie. If you make us many presents and the Comanche see them, it will be like putting a rope around their necks and dragging them in. We are with the Comanche friendly, the same as you, chiefs, say you are with the white people. we all mix in together the same as one people. When they make peace it will be a good one. we all talk one way.

We have been like people with their eyes shut; of the white people we know nothing; but now we are here and can see and judge for ourselves. I did not attend the council at Bird's Fort. I was sick and when my people came back I knew nothing about it. This is the first time I have been in council; the first time I have heard you talk. I have heard both my white and my red brothers. what they have told me is good and I will hold to it. I have no more to say."

Talk of the Tawakoni Chief Ke-chi-ka-roqua.

"Brothers, listen all today, both red and white. I have heard what the white and the Delaware Chiefs have spoken; they give good counsel and I will hold fast to it. 'tis why all of our Tribes are now here, to hear good counsel. we are all mixed in together; all in the white path: we will hold fast to it. We

came here to see Houston. he is not here, but you are here for him. The Big Spirit above hears me: I speak one way. All my young men listen and are pleased with the talks and will hold fast to them. the chiefs and captains have all talked alike, and their talk is good. Houston is like a God. he has talked to his red brothers and made their hearts glad. he has made the people happy and friendly. he has placed on a white road that has brought us all here together. The talk of Houston is good, and so is that of the other chiefs. it is all good, and all leads the same way.

Keechi, Waco and Tawakoni, we are all here in council, to speak the words of truth. if we go home and lie it will be bad for us. Long ago we made peace with the United States' Indians, and we made peace with the whites: with them it has lasted and I hope this will be the same. Houston said in the winter there would be a council when the grass should grow. I intended then to come and bring my young men: I have done so. Among my people are some bad men who will not listen: my talk is good. If they will not listen I am not to blame. If they do bad I don't wish them to do so.

There are living among us some bad Tawehash or Quychitas [Wichita?], and there are some Keechi and Waco who have never been brought in to council. when they do wrong we are blamed for it, and that is hard. I want you, when you have done here, to send white men, Delaware and any others to seek for stolen horses. we have none. Let some one go with me to the Tawehash, and if the horses are with them they shall be given up. I hold fast to your council, and to all the Councils of my brothers. I thought to meet Houston here and said so to my young men. I hope that he would meet them here and give them a strong talk; so that they would not wish to steal when they go back. Houston has given us all things that we want and we must not steal. if any of my people do so they shall be brought up. we have come with all our strength to see Houston and get presents. Why should they steal from the whites? they shali not do it. My young men and women come to see Houston. we are very poor: if Houston gives us presents we shall be glad, very glad. The white people are good and give us many presents. We should not steal, nor should we get tired at trying to get back the horses that are stolen. The Great Spirit our father, and our mother, earth, witness I mean all what I say."

Second talk of Sah-sah-roque, the Keechi Chief.

“The wampum beads passed back to me from other red brothers makes me glad. the Big Spirit is glad, and our mother earth is glad. I hear some horses have been stolen, if among my people they shall soon be here. what I speak is truth. I want you all to hear. the Big Spirit above will hear, and our mother earth will hear. Now I have the white path in my hands, I will hold to it, and live by it. We have brought here our women and children. I am glad they are with us, to know what we are doing. I speak one way always. Houston, the Big Spirit, our mother earth, all will be glad to hear what here is said. I am glad to meet here and talk and hear my brothers talk. If I speak but little I shall be believed. if I talk much I may be thought to lie.”

No. 29

MINUTES OF FINAL DAY OF COUNCIL AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Council Ground, Tehuacana Creek,
Wednesday 15th May 1844

Minutes of the third and last day of the Council.

Second talk of the Commissioners.

“We have heard our red brothers talk and are happy, for their talks are good. we will now tell you how many horses are stolen, and have been taken since the treaty at Birds Fort.

Description of Horses stolen from Little River.

- 1 Dun Mare branded JD.
- 1 Bay Mare " WP.
- 1 Bay Mare partly roan branded JD.
- 1 Bay horse colt
- 1 Bay Mule Mare branded WP on the shoulder and thigh.
- 1 Brown pacing mare mule, belonging to Mr Bryant
- 1 Bay Spanish Mare, Mexican brand, belonging to Dan'l Monroe.
- 1 Roan Spanish Horse belonging to Capt Ross
- 1 Bay Mare, American blooded: no brand. —all these taken in Jan'y.
- 1 Clay bank mare with left eye out

- 1 Bay Horse, 4 years old, holds a high head.
 1 Clay bank horse, a pacing animal, 3 years old.
 2 Sorrel, bald faced horses; one, three years old; the other 7 or 8 on pony order.
 1 Dark Bay Filly. 2 years old.
 1 Dun Yearling Colt with a crooked ancke.
 1 White mare a natural pacer. }
 1 Small Bay Stallion, a pony. } belonging to the Shawnee.
 Taken from Mr Bryant on the 1st of May.—
 1 Grey Mare branded WP on the shoulder with one white eye.
 5 Yearling sorrel colts. 4 of them horses and 1 a mare.
 Taken from Messrs Wm B. Wilson and Henry Kattenhorn on the 5th day May.—
 Stolen from the Colorado on the 19th April.
 1 Dark Bay Mare 15 hands high, with black legs, white hind feet, a blase in the face and 8 years old with some saddle spots, belonging to Mr John Ingram.
 1 Middle sized Bay Mare, small blase in face, 3 years old.
 1 Large Grey Horse 10 Years old, belonging to C Richardson
 1 Sorrel horse, large size belonging to Mr Linsey.

Our white people saw the red men and killed some of them. they thought they were Waco, Tawakoni and Keechi. there were not many, they think between 15 and 20. They were bad men and must be punished for their bad acts, or they will bring much trouble upon their people. if they are foolish and will not listen to the counsel of good men they must be put away or evil will come upon your women and children. as I have told you, the laws of white chiefs punish bad men and bring back the horses bad men steal. The chiefs of the Waco, Tawakoni and Keechi made a treaty of peace, and signed it with the Chiefs of Texas 7½ moons ago. they then said if their people stole horses they would bring them back. their bad men, as you have heard, have stolen horses. their chiefs must have them brought to the trading house and given up to the Agent. this will keep the words of their chiefs; keep the path of peace white, and keep trouble from coming upon the women and children. Brave men and chiefs never steal or bring trouble upon white people in time of peace. If bad men do these things in time of peace and make the Great Spirit angry and good chiefs sorry all brave men will help their chiefs to punish the bad men and bring back the horses they have stolen. Many of the white

people are angry. The Great Chief will not make war until time is given the chiefs of the red men to punish their bad men and bring to the Agent all the horses that have been stolen. he wants the chiefs of all the red people to help to keep trouble out of the path. War brings trouble upon all people that are near those at war. he does not want war with his red brothers, but wants them to keep their words and their treaties of peace. this they must do: they must not bring trouble upon the white people. By keeping the words of good counsel, and walking by the talks of good chiefs your people will become many and rich, and your women and children happy. the chiefs of good red people will tell you so too. By following the counsel of bad men and making the Great Spirits angry, by bringing trouble upon white people and their good red brothers you will become a few, and your women and children not happy, and at last no good nation of people will know you. This our good red brothers tell you, too.

We want our red brothers to know that San Antonio and all the country this side the Rio Grande is in Texas, and they will make no war against the people this side of the Rio Grande, for they are all our brothers.

I take the talks of my red brothers to my heart. we want our red brothers to hold fast to the talks of the great chief of Texas that you heard yesterday. These are the words of Sam Houston, spoken to us by his own mouth for Acaquash and his brother Chiefs. "Tell them that I wish them to make their people give up all the horses they have taken away from the white people, and punish their bad men, and that will make things straight with the whites."

We will give our red brothers tomorrow such presents as we have to give, In four moons and a half we will give them many more, and such as they will be happy to receive. We want the principal chief of each nation to receive such presents as we have for his people; which he can divide among them.

The Great Spirit hears all I say, and they are the words of truth.

Talk of Acaquash, the Waco Chief.

"I am like the Indians of this country who are mixed in with the Delaware. My heart is half Waco; half Comanche. one thing I know, I don't want traders to take ammunition

among the Comanche until after peace is made. they are a wild people, and by giving them what they want at home they never will come here. Is it good to take such to them? I say no.

I wanted to see Houston, but you have lost horses, and you think my people have stolen them. I will go back and I want some one to go with me and see if we have them; and get some of the other tribes to assist in bringing them back. since we left our village they may have been taken, and carried there. send some one, and if so, he shall have them. None of my people here have ever stolen from the whites a horse."

Talk of Jim Ned, the Delaware.

"The Waco and Tawakoni have the horses stolen from the whites, and we all know it. We know of your going to the house of Mr Bryant on Little River, (to this young man's father who is now here,) and he gave you his corn and his beef; and your young Waco men say they love the Bryants, that they always used them well. they showed their love by stealing their friend's horses. When the Delaware and the other tribes shall steal horses, they will not go to the Waco or Tawakoni to get *them* to bring them back. the Keechi Chief, your neighbour, has promised if he can find the horses to bring them in."

Talk of the Caddo Speaker "Red Bear."

"I am not speaking for my own people alone, but for the good of you all. I don't want any thing concealed. Most of the chiefs now here went to Washington to see Gen'l Houston, and after passing words of peace and friendship there, we then went home. Acaquash has said none of his people are here who have stolen from the whites. the man that now stands yonder, with ten other came into my village the day after I reached home. They had eleven horses when I saw them. I asked them of what tribe they were? they replied that all of them but two, a Tawehash and a Pawnee, were Waco.

Then I said to them "What sort of men are you? you of the tribe of Acaquash? While he, for you, is trying to make peace, you are stealing horses from his friends the whites. he, Acaquash, went with me to Washington to see Houston and make for you a peace, and you, to help, went stealing white men's horses! For the wrong which you, young men, have done, your chiefs who went to Houston will be blamed. I talk to you as I talk to my young men. if they do wrong I don't

fear to tell them of it, and if they get mad and kill me, I'll go content; and white men then will say that Red Bear died in trying to make peace." The man, I have pointed out yonder, did not say much, but after he had left, four others, better looking came to me, and said they stole them from the whites, they knew they had done wrong to steal: The animals were all fat and greasy, like those fed in salt and corn. There were two of them sorrels one so tall that he would touch that pole, (pointing to the roof) two others gray; the rest small Spanish horses, belonging to the whites.

The Waco chief Narhashtowey (the "lame arm") is getting mad; he need not be, for I am speaking truth."

Talk of Nar-hash-tow-ey.

"We wish you to stop, and talk no more, if the horses are in the possession of the Waco or Tawakoni you shall have them soon: if with the Tawehash 'twill take us some time longer. we will go hunt for them and bring them in."

Talk of Acaquash.

"My people have been accused; we know of two Ioni who stole at one time three horses on the Colorado, and at another time three. it occurred last winter. one we now see here. Jim Shaw knows him."

The Ioni is pointed out and brought in.

Talk of Red Bear for the Ioni.

"This young man is an Ioni, who lives with the Tawehash, and has now a wife among the Tawehash people. This spring as he was leading his young men to war he came to my village. I told him his people had made peace with the whites, and he was doing wrong and that we were about coming in to the council. he said he did not know it, he had never heard of a council; never been to one. but he would come to this and steal no more. That he had now a one eyed Bay horse at the Tawehash village. one of six taken from the whites. four of them were stolen by the Pawnee and one gave out. the other one, now at the Tawehash village, which he was willing to give up."

Commissioners to the Keechi.

Coms. "Can you tell us any thing of a white boy, which we hear is now in your possession?"

Keechi "The young men got him a long time ago, when he was but a little boy, but if you want to see him we will bring him down to the next council."

The commissioners expressed themselves satisfied.

Talk of St Louis the Delaware Chief.

My white and red brothers; I give you a few words, the last I have to say. I am glad we have got together, and that our Chiefs are striving to make the path before us white. it will serve to make our children better friends. Delaware, my own young men, I want you all to look: of these young men you notice some who have been doing wrong: don't you.

The Delaware, and the Delaware young men from olden times have ever listened to the talk of their big chief. my young men, all, stick firmly to the words you hear of peace. stick to the white path long as the world stands. My young men, Delaware, when you hear attend. Take no property from white man or from red. stick to the white path: put no brush upon it. I tell you so, but not through fear or mischief. a Delaware when he makes peace sticks firmly to it. I talk to you my young men to keep the path of peace white; 'twas so the chiefs of old talked unto their young men; that when they made peace it might last as long as the streams should run. We are here upon the Council ground, all Tribes of different red people and white brothers. I say to you, my young men, hear my talk, and stick to it. I am glad to see my white brothers and red grand children here together. it makes my heart feel good and happy. the feeling I have is the same as for my own people, and I hope we all shall keep in the white path. My white brothers and grand children, we are all here together upon this Council ground listening to one another. We have been several days here listening to counsels of peace, and it has made us happy. and you, my young men, have been here several days listening to your chiefs and captains talk of peace. My brothers that are white and you my grand children, the Treaty that is affected I hope we will all stand to as long as the world shall last. it will be better for all. I call on the Great Spirit to witness our treaty. he has given us all chiefs, to make the young men walk in the right path. the young men have met here with the big men to hear the talk of peace. I hope that no men lie when here they talk of peace. I tell you all, my red brothers, never lie

while here you talk of peace. I hope you all will stick to the white words and the white path long as the streams will run or sun will shine. it will be better for our women, children and chiefs. The Great Spirit looks down on us all as one race of children. he has given a big white feather to his chiefs to sweep up the white path, so that our children when they are born and open first their eyes, may see the white path plain before them, as our great chiefs did of old. They made, like us, a white path, that their children might not be lost. The Great Spirit did not place us here for war but peace. Waco and Tawakoni chiefs, I have heard your talks of peace, and I hope you will stick to them. my words will last as long as the streams will run or the sun will shine. I have long been telling our great men and chiefs stick to peace. by here talking of lasting peace when we die it will be better for our women and children. My grand children, the Waco, I am sorry to see the difficulty you have got in since the treaty. I am sorry you did not stick to it. had you done right from the first you would not now feel sorry. look to my other grand children, the Caddo, Anadarko, Ioni, Shawnee, etc. they were the first to make a Treaty: they will be the last to break it. I hope you will now do better, other tribes will turn against you if you dont do right. We will try you one year more. if you do well we will all feel different towards you, and if you stick to peace our people and all the other Tribes will then feel glad. you are the cause of this Treaty moving on so slow. to you, my other brothers I feel as towards my own people. I hope this Treaty may prove lasting.

Talk of Bedi the Ioni Chief.

“Hear all: an Ioni now speaks; red brothers listen. I am an Ioni, and we are now but few. our old chiefs have all gone. I have no chief. I am about to speak to you as my brothers have. I have seen Houston and talked with him. I remained near him a day and a night. he gave me a paper, but that I left at home. My body, only, I brought here. I don't talk much, the old people of my race are all dead and I stand here the oldest. I have heard my white and red brothers all speak and I feel like them. Houston has said we must all both red and white be brothers. we can hunt and find plenty of game. by so doing we shall have plenty to eat, and be glad.”

Talk of Chicken Trotter, the Cherokee Captain.

"Brothers and grandparents, Keechi, Caddo, Anadarko, I have set here in council and I have listened to you. My people and myself, since the Treaty have none done any harm, but walked in the way of the old people and the Captains who had made peace. Captains you have now made the white path plain and I hope no brush will be thrown into it. Captains, you have talked good at this council; you have talked the talk of the whites and I am glad. I hope it will prove true; if so our days will then be happy. Our red brothers, the Waco, have acted bad. I hope they now understand our talk well, and will keep it. I hope their days may be good hereafter. it will be well for them to act right, and for their children, if they wish them to grow up in peace.

They must listen to the good that has been said to them, and bear it in mind, or they are lost. if they take a strong, fast hold of it their days may then be happy.

All the Cherokee in Texas are now here. I am not a bad man, I love peace and justice and will not fight when I can help it."

Oak-star-ar-lee wishes to know about three children belonging to a Cherokee called *Chu-ti-koo* who is a brother of Sam Benches. they are all girls and were taken on the Colorado in the year of 1839. the youngest was then an infant, the second one two or three years old: sick and unable to walk. the oldest is now about nine years of age. he wishes to know by the next council.

No. 30

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[May 17, 1844]

Govt of Texas
Indian purposes

Bot of Torreys and Co

2 5/12 Doz Weeding Hoes	@ \$ 7 50/100	18.13
4 8/12 " Tin Cups	@ 12/.	7.00
1 " Yankee Hoes Handles		8.00
1 5/12 " Tin Pans	@ 6 50/100	9.25

2½	" Frying "	@	7 25/100	18.13
35	1 oz Brass Kettles	@	7/.	30.68
3	Doz Large 1/2 Axes	@	18 50/100	55.50
2½	" Small do	@	16.00	40.00
2	" Squaw do	@	25. 50/100	51.00
9	Ripe Hatchets	@	4 50/100	40.50
125	lb Lead	@	1/.	15.62

Amt mdse Got by Commissioners for Indians				65.97
16	lbs brass Wire	@	80c	13.60
1	Piece Blue Cloth		41¼ yds at 3/.	15.47
1	" Domestic		30 " at 20c	6.00
1	" Bed Tick		40¾ at 5/.	15.30
2	" Butcher Knives	@	5/.	100.0
1¼	lb Vermillion	@	4.00	5.00
8	lb Brass Wire	@	80c	6.40
42	Yds Blue Cloth	@	3/.	15.75
44	Yds Domestic	@	20c	8.80
41½	Yds Bed Tick	@	3/.	15.47
8	Butcher Knives		for	3.58
7	lb Brass Wire	@	80c	5.60
80¼	Yds Bed Tick	@	3/.	30.00
32½	" Domestic	@	20c	6.50
1	4/12 Doz Butcher Knives		for	7.16
	vermillion			5.74

Amt carried forward	\$ 530.15
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1	Piece Domestic		24½ yds @ 20c	4.90
4	Yds Strouding	@	2.75	11.00
1	Doz Butcher Knives		for	5.00
	vermillion			4.10
1	Piece Domestic		50½ Yds @ 20c	10.10
1	" Blue Drill		9½ " @ 3/.	3.56
	Butcher Knives			3.00
	Blue Strouding			4.34
	vermillion			4.00
1	Piece Domestic		50 Yds @ 20c	10.00
1	" Blue Calico		28½ Yds @ 2/.	9.00
1	" Domestic		30 Yds @ 20c	6.00

Amt of Mdse Given Bintah			7.00	
"	"	"	2 Keechi @ \$ 7/. ea	14.00

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" " " "	Black Cat	8.00
" " " "	Chicken Trotter	8.25
" " " "	Acaquash	8.00
" " " "	Waco and Tawakoni Chiefs	14.00
" " " "	Knives and Paint Waco	2.25
" " " "	Ben-Ash	9.25
" " " "	Kiowa	5.25
" " " "	St. Louis	15.00
136½ Yds Calico @ 2/6	\$ 42 64/100	
3 Doz Fine Combs @ 3.00	9.00	51.64
28 Butcher Knives 27 50/100	2 doz Coarse Combs	
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Amt of Mdse got by Supt of Indian Affairs for Indian		25.90
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Tehuacana Creek May 17 1844		
Amt given to Acaquash pr order of		
govt in March by Mr Sloat		20.00
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		\$ 842.19
To freight on Hoes and Tobacco		7.50
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		\$ 849.69

Washington, May 24. 1844

We certify that the within and foregoing bill is correct, and that the articles were purchased by us for the use of the Indians. —with the exception of Bill pershed by supre Indian Affairs and order of Genl Sam Houston.

J C Neill Commr
L H Williams Commr
Thos. I. Smith

Approved for Eight hundred and forty nine 69/100 Dollars (\$849.69) Par funds to be paid in Exchequer Bills at Custom House rates.

Washington 24th May 1844.

SAM HOUSTON

Let this be audited 7th Aug 1844

Sam Houston

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Torrey and Co

Admitted Sept 21st/44 for One Thousand and Sixty Two and
11/100 dollars Goods furnished the Indians

H. W. Raglin

Actg Auditor

Approved Sept 21/44

James B Shaw

Comdt

Recd Warrant

Torrey and Co.

No. 31

LETTER FROM J. C. NEILL, L. H. WILLIAMS AND THOMAS I. SMITH
TO SAM HOUSTON [May 23, 1844]

To His Excellency

Gen. Sam Houston

President of the Republic of Texas

Sir,

We the Commissioners appointed by your Excellency for the purpose of treating with the Comanche Indians, and distributing presents to them, and the other Tribes that might come in, beg leave to report, that in company with the Hon. Geo. W. Hill, Secretary of War and Marine, be united at the Council Ground on Tehuacana Creek on the 14th day of April, where we found a portion of the Dalaware, Caddo, and Shawnee Indians already assembled.

On Monday, the 22nd inst.* Mr Daniel G. Watson came in from the Comanche who informed us that that Tribe would not be in to treat with us at the present time in consequence of their young men having gone out in different directions, in hunting parties and could not be called together. Mr. Watson gave to Maj Thos. G. Western, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, a talk had with the Comanche Chief; a copy of which we forwarded to your Excellency, by express in the 25th inst. together with a letter, asking for information relative to the distribution of presents to the Indians assembled on the Council Ground.

*The authors of this document used Inst. and Ult. interchangeably.

On Saturday, the 27th Inst. John Conner, arrived, who informed us that a party of about one hundred Indians were on their way in, consisting of Delaware, Caddo, Ioni, Anadarko, Keechi, Shawnee etc.—we mounted our horses and with the big Council Pipe and tobacco, went out to meet them, we met about two miles from the Council Ground, where, through Luis Sánchez, as Interpreter, we were introduced to the principal chiefs who we embraced and seated ourselves upon the grass and smoked with them; after which we mounted our horses and escorted them to the Council ground.

On Sunday, the 28th Ult. we had a talk with Luis Sánchez and John Conner. We took a statement from Sánchez, a copy of which was forwarded to your Excellency.—

On Monday the 29th Inst. we called a council, making known to the Indians the reason of our delay; telling them we were waiting the return of our Express sent to your Excellency, a copy of the minutes of that council were forwarded to you. In the evening Mr. J Chisholm arrived at the Council Ground with the Cherokee Indians.

On Friday, May 3rd, the Waco Chief, Acaquash, arrived at the Council ground. he gave us a talk, a copy of which was forwarded to your Excellency.

On Saturday, the 4th Inst. Mr. Bryant came in from Little River, who reported 10 horses stolen from him by the Waco. Mr Daniel G. Watson presented his report; for which we refer your Excellency to document marked letter A.

On Sunday, the 5th Inst. Acaquash left for his tribe, and, at our request, Mr Chisholm accompanied him, for the purpose of hastening their return.

On Monday the 6th Inst. our express arrived with instructions from your Excellency.

On Tuesday, the 7th Inst. Mr Chisholm returned, who stated that the Waco and Tawakoni were near, but would not be in for three days, they having found a large number of buffalo.

On Wednesday the 8th, Mr Chisholm left again, for the Waco and Tawakoni Indians, accompanied by Commissioner Williams, to hasten them in if possible, to the Council Ground.

On Thursday, the 9th, a Mr Wilson and Kattenhorn, came in from Little River, reporting more horses stolen: some of which belonged to them.

On the evening of the 10th Ult. Commissioner Williams and Mr. Chisholm returned, and informed us the Waco and Tawakoni were near, and would expect us out to meet them on the ensuing morning.

On Saturday, the 11th Ult the Waco and Tawakoni arrived at the Council ground, for the manner of their reception, I refer your Excellency to document marked letter B.

On Sunday, the 12th Inst. we heard of the murder of Doct Kenney and two other whites on Brushy, by the Indians. In the evening a council was called by the Indians, to which we were invited. for the minutes we refer your Excellency to Document C.

Late in the evening we were informed of a disaffection in the camps of the Delaware, Caddo, Anadarko, Shawnee and other indians in consequence of an order sent by Maj. Thos. G. Western, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, to the Falls of the Brazos, countermanding an order previously given by him, for Beeves. At the time there were but two Beeves on hand; little or no dried meat in camp and the Council had not commenced. We called upon the Hon. Geo. W. Hill Sec. of War and Marine, for advice in the emergency, and after consulting with him we despatched a messenger at midnight to Mr Marlin at the Falls, who was to furnish the Beeves, with a note, of which the following is a copy.

Tehuacana Creek
12th May 1844

Mr John Marlin

Sir,

If the Superintendent of Indian Affairs has instructed you to bring no more Beeves, you will bring tomorrow or next day, if possible, five or six Beeves: tomorrow if practicable.

This number is essential, as I am informed by the Commissioners, to bring good out of what has been already expended. For them you shall be paid.

Your Ob't Serv't
G. W. Hill
Sec'y W. & M.

the above is correct

Leonard H Williams	}	Comrs.
Jas C. Neill		
Thos I Smith		

On Mondy the 13th Inst. it was late before we could get the Indians in to council, but finally succeeded, after assuring them the Beeves should be brought up.

For the minutes of our first day's council we refer your Excellency to Document D.

On the morning of the 14th, we received through our Secretary, from Maj Thos G. Western, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, a Protest against the purchase made by us for Beeves. For a copy we refer your Excellency to Document E.

For the minutes of our second day's council we refer you to document F.

On Wednesday the 15th, the council was closed. For the minutes we refer your Excellency to document G.

On Thursday the 16th we distributed presents to the different tribes, agreeable to the instructions of your Excellency, except in the articles of powder and lead to the Waco and Tawakoni; which we promised to them when they should return the horses stolen, back to the agent at the trading house. For the division of the presents we refer your Excellency to documents H and I.

To the Hon. Geo. W. Hill, Secretary of War and Marine our thanks are due for advice and assistance rendered in carrying out the objects of our mission.

With much respect
 We have the honor to be
 Your Obed't Serv'ts
 J C NEILL Comr
 L H WILLIAMS "
 THOS I SMITH "

Washington May 23d 1844.

Omitted Names and numbers of different Tribes, letter J.

No. 32

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [May 25, 1844]

I agree to give Jesse Chisholm \$ 250 in specie for 4 mos. services

with L. H Williams out of the appropriation for Indian purposes.

SAM HOUSTON

Examined and found correct.

T G Western
Supt. Ind. Affs.

Washington

25th May 1844

We are satisfied that the above duty was duly performed.

J C NEILL Comr
E MOREHOUSE Comr

[Endorsed]

J. Chisholm
\$ 250. No. 8

To Messrs. Torrey and Brothers

Pay the within to D. G. Watson assignee of Jesse Chisholm,
and charge to appropriation for Indian purposes.

Sam Houston

To Jesse Chisholm Esq. Pay the within to D. G. Watson
Present

Jesse Chisholm I hereby assign the within to Torrey etc. or
order

Attest

S. Z. Hoyle

D. G. Watson

Approved to be paid out of appro for Indian liabilities.

approved Jany 30th 1845

Feby 1st. 1845

No. 33

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [May 25, 1844]

Recieved of T G Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs
Twenty Seven 12/100 Dollars Exchequers for the purpose of
paying to R A Barton the Amt. of frieght on 40 Kegs Powder
and 1 Keg Cartridges from this place to Falls of Brazos for
Govt. Account.

Washington May 25 1844

THOS. I. SMITH

[Endorsed] Rect. of Thos. I Smith for \$ 27.12½

May 25/44

Vi No 1.

Voucher No 40

No. 34

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH W. P. RUTLEDGE [May, 1844]

Indian Bureau

	To W. P. Rutledge	Dr.
1844	To Repq. Gun for Couchatta Indians	
May	Ben-Ash	\$3.00

Washington 22 March 1845.

Received on approved account for Three Dollars of which the above is a copy——.

Wm. P. Rutledge

[Endorsed] Encd.

W. P. Rutledge—22 Mar./45

\$3.00

No. 35

STATEMENT OF LUIS SANCHEZ AS TAKEN BY WALTER WINN
[May, 1844]

That in company with Daniel G. Watson, a white man and John Conner, a Delaware Indian, he left the Settlement in the month of February last, that he was taken ill at Franklin, but continued on to the Anadarko Village (José María the Chief) about fifty miles above the Council ground on Tehuacana Creek—there he gave up, being too ill to proceed. Conner and Watson, after some days delay left him and went on to the Comanche, telling him when able to travel, he might follow to the Clear Fork of the Brazos—and there remain until their return. About 15 days after, being better, he left for the Keechi village, 200 miles above the Anadarko town, upon the east bank of the river, and 15 or 17 miles from the Clear Fork. While there two Comanche came in. they told him their Chief Pahaenah had lost a son in the Spanish war, in consequence of which he had killed his horses, destroyed his lodges and taken new skins to the Salt Plains, there to erect new lodges and make a new home. the account he gave of the old woman pleased the Comanche much: they said

their young men were all out hunting, and they knew their people would not be able to come in at the time we had fixed for the Treaty. Some days after Conner and Watson came in, and they had then to remain eight or ten days for the Keechi to come in, who were out hunting, before starting for the Treaty ground: while there three men, a Waco, a Keechi and a white man or boy, passed through town each with a stolen horse, they heard of twelve horses being driven through there at one time, and of seven at another. Red Bear told them they must give up to Acaquash, but they told him, he had not the power to get them. (Acaquash is unpopular, on account of his peace policy) Red Bear then told them that an account of their conduct should be sent to Washington, on paper; this much alarmed them, especially the Keechi, Certificates were left by Watson and Conner stating that if horses were stolen by indians and traced to the Anadarko, Ioni or Caddo villages, they were not the aggressors, as the roads to the Waco, Keechi, Tawehash and Tawakoni villages, all passed through theirs, and that the first named tribes were doing their best to stop the other from coming down upon our frontier,—With the Keechi they left for Red Bear's town, 25 miles below, and on the river, where they remained four days and then, with the Caddo, left for the Anadarko José María's village. While there a Waco Chief, the principal man of their tribe who they term the "Lame arm," on account of a wound received in the wrist, rode into the village and, by accident was met by the Chief José María. the Waco Chief was habited for war, nearly naked, without even a blanket and quite alone, he was asked by José María why he appeared there in such a sight? to which he replied he was just from the Spanish war. If so, says José María, where are your warriors? when I go to war I lead my men; I am found in the front; if you did the same how do I find you here by yourself alone? You speak with a forked tongue; follow me. By José María the Waco was conducted to the camp of Conner, and all together went to the Keechi Camp. when there the Waco made the following statement "that, with ten men, he started to make war upon the Mexicans; that he passed down the other side of the Colorado, crossed the San Antonio Road and were near Gonzales when he, the Waco chief was persuaded by David Warwick, a Tonkawa Captain, (taken prisoner when a boy) to change his route and steal from the settlements they took first three, then four, then two in all thirteen horses and started slowly back.

the whites followed and overtook them. the Tonkawa Captain and some others turned to fight; the Tonkawa was killed and one Waco, the rest scattered and he took the nearest way to the Anadarko village, he thought the whites had acted right—; he did not wish to steal the horses but had been persuaded into it, in consequence of which, he was fearful of coming to the Council, he would go to his village and there remain but if John Conner or Jesse Chisholm would be sent for him he would then come in.

Sánchez then said that though the Keechi had come in they were in constant fear, as some seven or ten of their young men were out, and if they were to molest the settlements they, here upon the Council ground, might be made to suffer, he thinks little or no powder should be given to the Keechi or to the Waco, Tawehash and Tawakoni should they come in, until a treaty is made with the Comanche; then with that tribe on one side and the Anadarko, Ioni, Caddo and Delaware upon the other they will be forced to behave themselves. He thinks, also, that Commissioners should be sent up in the time of roasting ears, or before the last of June; otherwise though the Comanche have promised, they will not come down; such is also the opinion of Conner, and Watson.

The talk that had been brought in by Watson, some days before the arrival of Conner was read to him, and he pronounced it all correct.

The above report was made verbally to the Commissioners in the presence of Maj Western, Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

WALTER WINN
Secretary
Commissioners

[Endorsed] Statement of Luis Sánchez
May 1844
at Council Ground

No. 36

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JESSE SUTTON
[February-May, 1844]

Indian Bureau—

To Jesse Sutton

Dr

1844

Feb. To	Dressing and repg. Gun for Caddo—	7.50
"	Repg. Gun lock for Ioni	1.37
"	Straighting and dressing Gun for Caddo	8.50
"	do Gun for Ioni	3.00
"	Repg Gun for Had-dah-bah—Caddo Captain	5.00
"	Dressing a Gun for Caddo	2.50
"	Straighting a Gun " "	1.00
"	do " do " "	1.00
March	" Dressing a Gun " "	2.50
"	do and bushing " "	3.50
"	putting a new tube " "	1.25
April	" Regp. A Gun lock " Ioni	.75
"	Straighing and bushing "	3.00
"	Dressing a Gun	2.00
"	bushing " " " Caddo	1.00
May	" Dressing and bushing "	3.50
"	Bushing a Gun "	1.00
"	Repg. a Gun and lock " Anadarko	3.00
"	Cuttg a Gun in two and new Sightg. Cherokee	3.00
"	Dressing a Gun for Cherokee	2.50
"	Repg. Gun lock " "	1.25
"	Sighting a Gun " "	2.00
"	Dressing " do etc. do	2.50
"	Repg. a Gun " "	4.00
"	Dressg " "	2.50
"	Straightg and bushg. a Gun	3.00
"	Dressg a Gun	2.50
"	Bushg and Straightg a Gun	4.00

\$78.42

Washington Dec 20—1844—

[Endorsed] A/C \$ 78.42

I Sutton, herewith for Indians—

No. 37

SCRIPT ISSUED TO IONI JIM [June 1, 1844]

To Maj. T. G. Western
 S. I. A.
 Sir

You will give Ioni Jim Two pounds lead, and one
 of powder 4 lbs Tobacco and Six yards cheap blue callico.

Your obt servt

1st June 1844

SAM HOUSTON

[*Endorsed*] To Maj T. G. Western
 S. I A
Present

No. 38

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [June 1, 1844]

Received June 1st 1844 of Thomas I. Smith twenty seven Dollars
 for handling Powder from Washington to R. H. Porters Falls
 Brazos.

R. A. BARTON

[*Endorsed*] Albert Porter
 Rect to
 Thomas I Smith

No. 39

PURCHASE ORDER FOR INDIAN BUREAU [June 1, 1844]

To

Maj. T. G. Westerr
 S. I. Affairs

1 lb. Powder

2 " Lead

4 lbs. Tobacco

6 yds cheap blue callico

For Ioni Jim

out of the appr for I. Purposes

1st June 1844, Sam Houston

No. 40

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 6 June 1844

To
Mr. Benj Sloat Indian Agent
 Council Ground
Tehuacana Creek

Sir

As no Communication has been received from you Since the return of the Superintendent to this place, this note is addressed to you with the view to point out the necessity of a Continued Correspondence with this Bureau, in order to furnish it with the latest and best information of events transpiring on the frontier, and of all matters in any manner, was the most unwilly [*sic*], Connected with Indian Affairs—It is Confidently expected that the desire on your part to perform all the duties assigned to you as an agent with promptness and precision, will stimulate you to action in this particular and that your reports will be frequent.

Col. Thos. I Smith when he left this place was furnished with the necessary funds to pay Mr Barton the amount due for transportation of powder, to receive the 3 Kegs detained by Barton, hand them over to Maj. Porter, take his receipt for the Government property in his charge and forward the rect to this office together with the rect of Barton—You will ascertain what has been done in this matter and report accordingly—

The Waco and Tawakoni as you are aware pledged themselves at the late Council to return the Horses and mules recently stolen by their people from the Citizens of Colorado and Little River; You will receive them when brought in, and deliver them when applied for, to their owners free of all or any charge or expence whatsoever, and should the Animals so released by the indians, be in such numbers as to require it, you will employ a person on account of the Government, to assist you in taking due care of them until so delivered, advising me at this place without any delay when those belonging to the Citizens of Colorado are received by you in order that I may notify them of the fact.

You will see that the Comanche persons within the limits of your Agency are taken due care of, Mr. Marlin agreed to clothe those in his charge. See that they are all treated with kindness and humanity, and report to me their situation, they have a double claim on our sympathies they are prisoners and women.

You will not permit (if in your power to prevent) any Indian to pass into the Settlements except on business with the Govt., and then accompanied by an agent or a person duly authorised to conduct them; Some Ioni and others have lately visited this place contrary to this Rule and have caused trouble and expense to the Govt. I have every confidence in your diligence and intelligence and that you will discharge every duty assigned to you as agent with promptness and decision.

Your Most obt. Ser't
 THOMAS G WESTERN
 Supt Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Copy of a letter to Benj. Sloat, agent
 6 June 1844—
 original pr. Kattenhorn
 13th June—

No. 41

LETTER FROM BENJAMIN SLOAT TO SAM HOUSTON

Tehuacana Creek June 14 1844

Gen Sam Houston

Dear Sir,

At the time the last Council broke up at this place, I rendered to Maj Thos. G. Western as Gen. Supt of Indian Affairs my accounts against the Govt as Indian Agent, for Corn furnished the Indians during the Council. And for building the Council House and other little items of expense for the Govt.

Maj Western told me at that time that he was the proper person to whom the acts should be rendered and promised me to give his attention to the collection of the same, and forward it to me to enable me to settle with the different persons for the Corn, Hauling and Labor in building. At the time I contracted for the corn and hauling I told the men whom I employed that they

should have their money as soon as the Council was over. As you told me when I was in Washington. Now these men are very much in want of the money and are constantly annoying me about the same and if it is a possible thing I wish you to pay the amount over to Mr. Geo Barnard, of the Firm of Torrey and Co. Indian Traders at this place who leaves today for Washington and he will forward the same to me and enable me to settle up with these Gentlemen.

Our affairs here are in a flourishing condition, the Indians so far as I can learn are uniformly well behaved and we commit ourselves to the arms of Morpheus at this place with as little fear of the Tomahawk and Scalping Knife as Queen Victoria can possibly do with her Maids of honor. The Indians have brought in to this place and given up to me six heads of Horses since I have been here, all of which have been given up to their proper owners (the Whites). I have been in bad health for several days but hope to recover soon. Any instructions you may see proper to send to me shall be punctually attended to by

Yours Respectfully

B. SLOAT

Tehuacana Creek

June 14 1844

Instructions.

To

Messrs Benj Sloat and Luis Sánchez
Indian Agents

[*Endorsed*] *Sloat*

Corn	75.00
Hauling	83.50

par	158.50
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Sloat's bill

Amt of Building \$ 83.—
par issues——

No. 42

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington June 15th, 1844

To
 Benj. Sloat—Agent
 Council Ground
 Tehuacana Ck.
 Sir

Herewith you will find duplicate of my official note of 6th. inst. to which I again call your attention.

For your government I now State to you that Col. L. H. Williams and Jesse Chisholm have been Commissioned by the President to visit the Comanche and bring in their Chiefs to the Council in September next, John Conner (Delaware) is also under orders for the same purpose, you will of course afford them every facility in your power the occasion may require.

I trust the Waco and Tawakoni will redeem their pledges and return the horses they stole, you will bear in mind that they are to have no powder or lead arms or other warlike stores until they have fulfilled their engagements and delivered to you all the stolen animals and even then only a very limited portion until further orders; depredations it seems have very recently been committed by a party of 25 Indians in the neighborhood of Corpus Christi, in the conflict 3 citizens were killed and several wounded, the greater part of the Indians shared a similar fate report says they were supposed to be Lipan or Comanche, it is more probable they were neither, gain what information you can on this Subject and communicate it to this Bureau.

Yr. Mo. obt. st.
 THOMAS G WESTERN
Supt. Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Copy of a letter to Benj Sloat—Agent
 15 June 1844
 pr mail

No. 43

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Washington June 16/1844

Dear General

The Western mail arrived here last evening and brings the intelligence that Maj. Hays has had a pretty smart brush with some 60 Indians supposed to be Comanche, on the river Guadalupe, above the San Antonio Road and near the "Pinto trail"

distant about 60 miles from Bexar. It appears by a letter from Mr B McCulloch dated Bexar 9th inst. addressed to Col. T. Green of this place, that Indian depredations had recently been committed in the vicinity of that place. Hays with 15 men went out to scout the country around and ascertain who they were, he proceeded to the "Pedernales" and finding no sign was returning when Indians were discovered; it seems they had followed on his trail. Some showed themselves and bantered him for a fight, Hays advanced upon them, they manouvered in retreat, he suspecting they were in force made for a point of timber to take position, but found it already occupied by the main body of the Indians his approach arousing them from their lair, they made the attack, he ordered the charge, and then they had it in close combat hand to hand en "melee" only one gun was fired and that killed their chief but the repeating pistols, the "five shooters" made great havoc among them, some 30 or more were the killed and wounded, finally they fell back carrying off their dead and wounded and encamped in sight, where they remained, the belligerent camps in sight of each other when messenger (Mr. Threadgill) who Maj. Hays sent to Bexar for reinforcements and supplies left them—Hays had none killed and but two wounded Mr. Walker seriously, perhaps mortally, and Mr. Gillespie severely.

Lieut. McCulloch had already dispatched 12 men with provisions medical aid etc. to Succour Hays previous to the departure of the mail—The serious character of Walkers obliged Hays to maintain his position, he could neither advance or retreat without abandoning his wounded.

Threadgill it is said stated that they were Comanche while writing this I have learned that various letters are in Town confirming the above and that the Indians were of the Tribe above mentioned—I hasten to make this communication to you for your information—No news has been received from the Council ground agent Sloat has not written—all seems to be quiet on that position—I have written to him repeatedly but have recd no reply.

Mr. Bryant is here—Gen. Morehouse is sick Maj Riley [Reily] is better—the court martial has not had a quorum for a week or more—the Supreme Court is in session and has been since middle of last week—

You have no doubt by way of Galveston heard of the affair with the Indians at Kinneys rancho Corpus Christi.

Be pleased to present my respects to Mrs. H[ouston] etc.
etc.

Your Truly
WESTERN

To Sam Houston
Grand Cane Trinity

No. 44

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington June 19, 1844

To Mr.
Benj. Sloat Agent
Council Ground
Sir

Referring you to my communication of the 6th and 15th inst. the first of them pr. Duplicate I have now to say that, I have just been informed tho' unofficially that some of the horses stolen by the Waco or other Indians, perhaps those from Little River, have been returned and delivered to you, but I have no advice from you to that effect. I sincerely hope this report may prove true, and that those taken from the Colorado settlement are among the number returned, it is not only important but absolutely necessary that you should give me the earliest information of any accounts of this nature, and I trust you will communicate to me all the facts in relation to this matter immediately, together with any other information relating to indians and indian affairs in your section of the frontier.

Yr. mo. obt. sert.
THOMAS G WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Copy of a letter to Benj Sloat Agent [illegible] Washington
June 19, 1844

No. 45

PERMISSION TO ENLIST MILITARY AID OF SHAWNEE JIM BLACK
CAT [June 24, 1844]

The Shawnee Captain "Jim Black Cat," is permitted to act in conjunction with such citizens as may be authorised by the Government to chastise the hostile Indians who may commit depredations on the Frontier Settlements, and other Chiefs and Captains of the Tribes in peace and friendship with us may cooperate with our citizens when deemed needful, provided such aid be of their own free will and accord and the Citizens so claiming their services be authorised by the Government as aforesaid.

Washington June 24/ 1844

T G WESTERN
Supt Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Copy of document to Shawnee Jim Black Cat for [illegible] Passport

No. 46

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 25 June 1844.

To
Benj. Sloat—Agent
Council Ground
Tehuacana Creek

Dr. Sir,

As you are now about to return to your post, I will, in addition to my former instructions add the following. When at the Falls, you will visit the prisoners there, and see that they are well fed, clothed and treated with humanity. You will then proceed to examine the state of the Government property in charge of Maj. Porter. Should you find it in a state of sufficient security and preservation it is well. If not you will remove it, and place it in charge of Col. John Marlin. Make a minute inventory of it, take his receipt there to pr. duplicate and forward the original to me. You are well aware that both the Powder and the spears should occupy a place free from wet or damp. You will, when the arrival of Acaquash with the horses, which I trust will be very soon, treat him with marked kindness, and

all our usual friendly attentions. Should he be so fortunate as to bring in and deliver to you, the whole or greater part of the horses you will be authorised by the understanding at the Council to give him powder and lead, the same as the other friendly chiefs had, but circumstances have charged suspicious acts on some of his young men that they are implicated in some of the late disastrous occurrences, he therefore ought not to expect a fulfillment of that promise at this time. Therefore you will give him merely enough to kill meat for his women and children for a short time. He must be patient until the matter is investigated or some new lights are thrown on the subject. He must not think that the confidence the Government has in him is in the least impaired. The Great Chief's esteem for him and confidence in his good faith is as great and the same as ever, but we all know that he has bad men in his tribe, who never came to the "talk," and whom he can not control. They, the bad men, will be punished. Repeat to him that Sam Houston's love for him is the same as ever, and this is merely a precautionary step of mine until instructions shall be received from his Excellency on the subject.

Should any of the Comanche chiefs or head men come in with Jim Shaw, expected soon to return from their nation, or should any come in from the Caddo Villages, where some will probably be during the present roasting ear season, you will conduct the chiefs to this place, with as few of their attendants as possible, to avoid unnecessary expense or send some prudent and discreet citizen with them.

You can, if you please, visit our friend José María the Ioni Chief's village and apprise him of the occurrences on the frontier. He may, when made acquainted with all the facts, aid in the discovery of the perpetrations of the late outrages.

Write me by every mail—dispatch by express should any thing important occur.

Yr friend and mo. obt. st.

(Signed) THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supt. Indian Affairs

No. 47

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Washington June 30, 1844

Dear General

I had this pleasure on the 15th inst. and now reiterate my respects transmitting to you the enclosed document handed to me by the messenger who brought it on Sunday last without the least delay I laid it before the Secy of War and the Atty. Genl. and it was agreed that in the absence of the Executive to whom it is addressed, the Sec. of War should reply to it authorising the Citizen signers of the document to say to their fellow citizens to repel force with force—and that the Supdt. of Indian Affairs should give the friendly Indians in that neighborhood to accompany the citizens in pursuit of the hostile parties of Indians if required to do so by Citizens authorised by the Govt. to pursue them—this was done and on Monday mornng. the messenger was dispatched highly elated at the happy result as he termed it of his mission—For your personal I enclose herewith a private letter from another part of the same County, for yr. information.

Mr. Sloat Indian Agent arrived here a few days ago direct from the Council Ground at Tehuacana Ck. he reports all well there, all peace and tranquility in that quarter—Our good friend Acaquash (the Waco) had not returned nor had he been heard of. The friendly Indians come in frequently to the Trading-house for the purposes of Trade and conduct themselves with great propriety. Torrey has a considerable lot of goods there entirely unprotected—Jim Shaw is expected there hourly from the Comanche—Sloat thinks he will bring in some of their chiefs. I have instructed him to bring in none but principal Chiefs to this place to avoid expense—I await your further orders on this point. John has been detained on the road about 30 miles hence by the sickness of his wife—She was better when Sloat passed and have no doubt gone on with him so that he will probably proceed on his mission very shortly—Williams and Chisholm had not passed on by that route, for the greater security and preservation of the public property at the Falls I have directed Sloat to remove it to Marlins if found necessary—further rearms I will give hereafter.

I regret exceedingly to learn that you were unwell pr last accounts. I hope you have recovered your health—I am happy to hear, that Mr. Sam has recovered. Be pleased to present my respectful salutations to Mrs. Houston, who I am delighted to find enjoys fine health. I have been confined to my room by fever for the last 8 or 10 days, but am better this is my first attempt to use my pen for some days.

Truly and Sincerely Yours

W[ESTERN]

To
Gen Sam Houston
Trinity

[Endorsed] Western Washington To June 30 1844 *Gen Sam Houston*

No. 48

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington July 9th, 1844

To His Excellency
Genl. Sam Houston

Sir—I had yesterday the honor to receive your Excellency's Communication dated 25th ult. and regret exceedingly the bad state of your health, I hope you have recovered and that yourself and family are now in good health.

Your Excellency's instructions regarding the Indians are duly noted and I shall proceed forthwith to visit them to restore order and enforce as far as may be, the observance of treaty stipulations. The Delaware Jim Ned is a refractory Spirit, as I have already noticed to your Excellency; In May last in open defiance of law and my injunctions he collected his men and was the first to come down into the settlements. St. Louis appears to be a law abiding man, he is now in the neighbourhood of Franklin. I will see him with the least possible delay and will read your Excellency's Talk to him and to the rest whom I may find, and visit on their going within their proper limits. Sloat is already appraised of the Conduct of the Comanche and I directed him to get all the friendly Indians to

camp on the Council Ground he could, which I expect he has done. I charged him to keep a good look out and gave him permission to visit if he pleased, but at all events to communicate with the Ioni Chief José María and to apprise him of the occurrences on the frontier, he came down here to collect the money for the corn (part of it) and the transportation of it, he was delayed here but one day and I started him off with his instructions. I have continually impressed upon him the necessity of keeping up a continued correspondence with this Bureau which he promised to do. I shall take with me the necessary documents and shall endeavour to obtain the companionship of Capt. Chandler and will endeavour to get from the War Dept. the piece of artillery which is at Nashville, and have it transported to the Council Ground for its defense.

Your Excellency's orders shall be promptly and fully executed, and by myself in person so far as practicable.

Yr. Mo. obt st.

T G WESTERN

Supdt. Ind. Affs.

[Endorsed] Copy of letter to Gen Sam Houston Washington July 9, 1844

No. 49

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Washington July 12, 1844

To His Excellency
Gen Sam Houston

Sir—My last respects were on the 9th inst. to which I beg leave to refer. Since that date I have received agent Sloats report of 5th inst. all was well at the Council Ground at that time. I had directed Mr. Sloat to examine the State of the public property at Maj. Porters and if necessary to remove it to some place of greater security, but Maj Porter refuses to deliver the property to the order of any person but that of your Excellency. Parties of friendly Indians have been in with their peltries to the Trading house, they say that the late murders were committed by Comanche—no news from Acaquash nor Jim Shaw—John Conner had not arrived there—The arrival

of Capt [illegible] has detained me here today and yesterday. I will try to get off tomorrow in Compy. with John Marlin and you.

Yr truly obt servt
 THOMAS G WESTERN
Supdt Ind Affrs

[*Endorscd*] Copy Supt. Ind. Affairs To Washington July 12, 1844 His
 Exy. Gen Sam Houston

No. 50

NOTES, COUNCIL GROUND, TEHUACANA CREEK

Notes—Council Ground 22 July 1844—

Tehuacana Creek

John Conner states that St. Louis has gone to the Canadian that he will send runners to his people.

Red Bear says that young Warriors of the Keechi told him that the old Chiefs who were at the Council had told them nothing of the Treaty they had made of peace—that therefore they had contd. to make war as ever but that they would now desist and are now at peace with the Texans. The Keechi Chief White Feather who went some time ago to Mexico has returned, he seems to be favorable to us and blames the K. Chief for permitting the young men to steal—

John Conner thinks he will return about the full moon of August—with Mopechucope he hopes and the Chief of some other bands who may be at the friendly village during the Green Corn Season.

The Coms. low down are friendly, those who have been in are from high up.

The Mexicans are friendly with the Yamparika.

R. B. and J. M. say that abt a moon ago a Mexican named Santos come in with W. Feather and also 2 other Mexicans this Santos is a spie and was in the Wichita mountains some 2 years ago according to Sloat who saw him there and was then securing the Wichita and others he there took off with him W. Feather K. Chief Keegs Hodji a Creek and others.

“Elias Makay,” residing near “Porters” Bucks [illegible] traded

with Ioni Jim for a mule and gave him 26 bottles whiskey for it. The mule belonged to old Caddo with Jim. 'Tis said that Kellogg, at Wheelocks town, traded with the Delaware. Some say Jim Ned, for some 2000 lbs peltries.

[*Endorsed*] *Notes and Memos.* at Council Ground 22 July 1844 and Elsewhere

29 July

One "Angling" a Citizen living on the Navasota 2 miles below Parkers Ft. states that he has just returned from the neighborhood of Ft. Houston that while there it was reported to him that some men from Red River had stolen some Horses in the Colony that the owners following on the trail of the thieves came to an indian camp near Ft. Houston, where they found 5 dead indians and 1 loose horse that they took, the horse and proceeding onward met an indian, that with much difficulty they got the indian to come to them he proved to be a Delaware and stated that he was the only survivor of 6 at the camp just mentioned that the balance had been killed by white men who proved to be the same who stole the Horses, then robbers killed the 5 Delaware and took their horses and peltries. the indian carried the good white men to the camp of their chief and after parading his warriors 80 in number, received them and agreed that if the whites would deliver up the men who murdered his indians he would deliver up his people who had killed some man or men some time previous on Red River— Hon. Isaac Parker who arrd. a few days afterwards stated to Stroud the good citizens above mentioned had pursued the robbers taken 2 of them, carried them to the place where the murder was committed and there hung them. —

Council Ground 22 July 1844

Red Bear that the party that killed [illegible] on Gabriel were Comanche with one Waco and two Wichita, that he was told so by Keechi, who was told to by a Waco, who also said that the Comanche were of the Yamparika bands who inhabit high up on the Canadian in New Mexico (This was 8 or 10 days ago.) That a party of Keechi, had started on a war excursion when they met 3 Tawakoni fleeing homewards who informed the Ks. that they were all that remained of their party who had had a fight with the Whites and were all killed up except themselves. The Ks. then retd. home.

That: all the Caddo who had gone to Mexo. have returned

to their tribe except those who died there (dissatisfied with the Mexicans)—that—on their way in, they saw on Pecan Bayou at the two Great hills a large number of Comanche coming towards the Villages on this river they were Mopechucopé's the Hoish band, he was with them, he said he was going to the Caddo villages Red Bear's house for ear Corn to hear the news that he expected to meet John Conner to conduct him there. That the party who had the skirmish with Hays were Kiowa and Snake indians, there is abt. 200 of them Snakes who live with the Coms.

That he R B would do all in his power to bring in some of the Coms. Chiefs when they came in I gave him Tobacco to smoke with them.

José [María] tells the same tale he heard it from some of the Caddo—Some say half Cherokee came in with the Caddo, they left but 2 Caddo there the Cherokee live at José María's Village.

Red Bear also states that the Keechi told him that the Waco intended to scalp by an perhaps this full moon—that they would also call at the Trading house and kill those there and return here, that the brother of the Tonkawa is living and [illegible] for [illegible].

No. 51

TESTIMONY OF FRIENDSHIP

[July 25, 1844]

Testimony of Friendship between the Anadarko Nation and the United States of America*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That *José María* a Chief of the *Anadarkos* and the tribe to which he belongs are by Treaty, on terms of Peace and Friendship with the United States of America.

José María has in person visited Washington City, the seat of Government of the United States and conducted himself according to the terms of the treaty, to which, he was a party.

*Original in possession of C. Ross Hume, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

This paper is given in testimony of the Friendship existing between the two Countries.

[Seal]

Done at the City of Washington this twenty fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

JAMES K. POLK

President of the United States of America

Geo. L. Mency
Secretary of War.

No. 52

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Ft. Milam 27 July 1844

Dr Sir

By Mr Barnard who will hand you this, you will receive three men who have volunteered their services in the defense of your place against any attack that may be made upon it, with those who probably arrived with you today from Suttons your force will amount to 15 men or more and as Agent at the Post the Command of them will probably devolve upon you whether this should be the case or not, you will always bear in mind that a *Treaty of peace* and amity exists *between us* and the *Waco* and *Tawakoni* you will therefore be careful *not* to violate it or become the aggressors or assailants under any circumstances: if those indians are so disposed they will not fail to commit some overt act, this will afford you the opportunity to repel force by force, and when driven to this extremity you will not fail to punish the aggressors most exemplarily and teach them a lesson they will not readily forget, if the reports be true, those bad indians will soon show their hands, and then you will have ample scope to give them the chastisement they merit—but—be careful. Let them first commit themselves do not commit y[ou]rself by striking first—I repeat, the Treaty must be respected by us.

I shall leave here tomorrow for the Navasota to apprise the citizens there of the state of affairs and to get some of them to act as rangers or spies between there and your Post, and also to get some of the Delaware to join you, meanwhile keep out

some spies if your force will permit I shall return to this place by Tuesday next when you will have your reports here to reach me.

With every confidence in your activity and diligence and intelligence, and that you will inflict due chastisement on *all* who dare violate a stipulation of a treaty which should be held sacred. I remain Yr. mo. obt st.

T G WESTERN
Supdt. Ind. Affrs.

To Capt Ben Sloat
Council Ground
Tehuacana Creek

[Endorsed] Copy

Sup. Ind. Affairs to letter dated Ft Milam 27 July 1844
Benj. Sloat Agent Council Ground Tehuacana Ck.

No. 53

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO SAM HOUSTON

Fort Milam—Falls of Brazos
July 27—1844—

Dear General

Information of rather unpleasant character since my express to you yesterday.

Before day-break this morning Mr. Barnard reached this place from Suttons place some 10 miles above the trading house, he states that Cavanaugh, a white man who has been to the Comanche with Jim Shaw arrived there Express from José María's village with news that the Waco meditate an attack upon this frontier in conjunction the Tawakoni, Tawehash etc. on or about the full of the present moon, this information was brought to the above named village by a Caddo who was only 8 days ago in the Waco Village, he says he saw them harvest their corn, shell it, pack it in sacks and send it off with the women and children to parts unknown and further more it seems the Caddo relates that the Warriors had actually started on their expedition before he left that he rode a fat mule which enabled him by riding incessantly to make the distance in so short a time. Jack Harry the Delaware was there (at José Mariás

Town) and believing the news advised Cavanaugh to bring it on Express, this force is some 200 Warriors their plan, tis said, is to make the descent in three Divisions, one to attack the Trading House one the Settlement of T. I. Smith and the other the new place of Strouds on the Navasota. The measures I have adopted in the emergency are there I have notified Bryant on Little River to be prepared, called at Maj. Porters to send a runner to Smiths. The Trading House was guarded last night by three men—with recruits from this place and eleven here this force will amount then to 15 men for the defence of that point Mr. John Marlin Sen. a companion and myself will start in the morning for the settlements on Navasota to apprise them of the state of affairs, as well as to endeavor to induce some of the Delaware (said to be in that quarter) to proceed to the Tradg. Ho. for its protection. These are merely precautionary means. I have charged the men not to be the aggressors, but to be prepared to meet force with force. I shall continue to inculcate this and to keep in view that until some overt act is committed by these Indians, they must be considered as friends—I trust the course I have adopted in the present instance will meet your approbation—I shall return from the Navasota in three or four days, to receive your orders.

Yrs Truly
W[ESTERN]

To
Gen Sam Houston
Washington

No. 54

DRAFT ON TREASURY

Executive Department
Washington, July 29th, 1844

The Treasurer will pay Mr. Slater, the bearer, the sum of fifteen dollars out of the appropriation for Indian purposes, for services as express bearer.

I have the honor to be
your obt. servt.

Sam Houston

To J. H. Raymond, Esq.
Acting Treasurer
Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc.

Treasurers Office
July 29th 1844

Received of Jas H Raymond Actg Treasurer the within amt
of fifteen dollars in Exchequer Bills— STEPHEN T SLATER

[Endorsed] No. 1 Genl Houstons order 15\$ Mr. Slater Indian Fund
July 29th 1844

No. 55

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[May and July, 1844]

Republic of Texas			
Indian Department			
1844	To Torrey & Brother	Dr.	
May 11 "	11 lbs Tobacco	4/s	5.50
16 "	1 Blanket		4.00
2 "	To amt specie pd Slater pr Genl. Houston's order		20.00
July 2 "	To mchdz pd Indian pr Genl. Houstons order		6.62
			<hr/>
			\$ 36.12
Nov 1844			<hr/>
24	Domestic		1.05
	Ticking		.25
			<hr/>
			37.42
	Excheqr. at 80 cts		<hr/>
			46.77

Approved
SAM HOUSTON

[Endorsed] No. 2030 556—\$46.77 Indian Department
1791 \$46.77
Torrey & Brothers Admitted Sept 21st 1844 for forty six &
77/100 dollars
Articles furnished for Indian purposes H W Raglin Actg audt.
Approved Sept 21/44 James B Shaw Compt
Recd Warrant Torrey & Bros

No. 56

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Ft. Milam, Aug. 1, 1844

To
Benj. Sloat Esq
Agent—Council Ground

Tehuacana Creek—Sir—Communications have been recd fr. H. E. the Prest. by me last eving. dated 29th ult. The intelligence br'ot by Jim Shaw is gratifying and the President duly appreciates the motive. H. E. instructs me to say that inasmuch as Conner has been detained: Jim Shaw can now accompany him to the Com[anche] that if the Com[anche] wish peace they will come in and be at Tehuacana Creek by the 15 Sept. next, you can assure Conner and Shaw in the name of H. E. that if there is a final peace made with the Comanche, thro' their instrumentality the President will make them a handsome recompense, it will therefore be an object worthy of their consideration to bring it about by using the greatest exertion to insure them to come in by the 15th of Sept.

I returned from the Navasota the night before last. Am happy to find the indians have made no hostile essay on the trading house. You know the indian character too well to allow a little delay to divert you from your purpose of defending the place, or, to throw you off your guard for a moment, be always prepared to resist aggression, act on the defensive until attacked. Endeavour by every means in your power to induce some of the friendly indians to associate with you in sufficient numbers to defend the place or deter the hostile from attacking it. I have not been able to find a single Delaware or other friendly indian in all the Circuit I have made there is none at Tawakoni Vill where I expected to find them—I heard a rumor of some having been killed by whites somewhere on the Trinity, am told that Shaw and Conner have heard of it—by the return of Slater you will give me their version of this Story—also a written statement of Cavanaugh's and Jack Harry's versions of the news they br'ot of the Waco intended hostility.

I will make arrangements to send you a piece of artillery.

I shall proceed to Washington as soon as Mr. Slater returns,

do not detain him a moment than is necessary—the President will not remain there many days and I must see him before he leaves. If I meet him there I will get the money for the Corn and transportation and send it to you.

The president says he will write to Torrey abt. the exposed state of his property —Since I should suppose you may expect some aid from that quarter.

Continue to Communicate with the Bureau at Washington by every mail or other oppty.

Your Mo. obt st.
T. G. WESTERN
Supdt. Ind Affairs

[Endorsed] Sup. Ind. Affs To: Ft. Milam Aug. 1, 1844 Benj. Sloat Agent
Council Ground Tehuacana Ck.

No. 57

RECEIPT FOR GOODS RECEIVED BY R. H. PORTER [August 2, 1844]

The following property belonging to the Govt. of Texas is now in my possession in good order and subject to the order of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

	Vi[z]
Recd pr Balten Powder	40 kegs
Delivered to order of Commissioners of Treaty	5 "
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on hand this day Powder	35. kegs
one box spears	1. box
one box shafts for spears	1. box
one half keg. musket cartridge	1 keg
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Town of Bucksnot Falls of Brazos
2d Aug. 1844

R H PORTER

[Endorsed] R H Porter, Rect for public property Falls Brazos, 2 Aug/44

No. 58

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington Aug. 6, 1844To Benj Sloat Esq.
Ind. Agt. Council Ground

Sir

Your communication of 1st inst was recd. at the Falls. I trust nothing has occurred to disturb the tranquility of your Post since I left. If any friendly indians are found in this region, measures will be taken to send them up to you as a reinforcement—meanwhile you will be on the alert to prevent surprise.

Mr. Slater has been appointed Indian Agent and proceeds to the frontier under orders from the President, his instructions will probably send him among the tribe above you etc etc.

I reached this place yesterday. This mornng. I presented your account for Corn and transportation of it. The President says that the doors of the Treasury are closed, that no money is paying. I will however use my best endeavours to collect this money as soon as possible. I am disappointed in not having it in my power to do it now, but you see how it is. Before I left the Falls I contracted with John Marlin to transport the piece of Artillery from Nashville to the Council Ground, you will receive it from him, put it in the best possible order, and advise me of its state of repair and of its appointments in order that they may be completed if needful.

You will give me the earliest information of every occurrence of importance, and under all circumstances keep up a continual correspondence with the Bureau.

Yr. mo. obt sert—

T G WESTERN

Supdt. I. Affs—

[*Endorsed*] Sup. Ind. Affs. To Washington Aug. 6, 1844 Benj. Sloat Agent
Copy

No. 59

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH D. L. MILLICAN
[August 6, 1844]

Indian Dept.

	To D. L. Millican	Dr
To ferriages of sundry persons and horses expresses etc. for Govt. a/c		\$ 2.63
Washington Aug. 6, 1844		
Examined and found Correct		
T G Western		
<i>Supdt Indian Affairs</i>		

The Acting Treasurer will pay the above amt of two dollars
and sixty three cents out of appr. for Indian purposes

SAM HOUSTON

Sept 26, 1844

[*Endorsed*] Received Treasurers Office Oct 12th 1844 of Jas H Raymond
Actg Treasurer the amt of the within a/c of two dollars and
sixty three cents in Exchequers D. L. Millican
Genl. Houstons order \$2.63 to D L Millican Oct 12 1844
Indian Funds A. B. Treas

No. 60

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [August 7, 1844]

To His Excellency Gen Sam Houston

You will please pay to the order of Messrs. Ross and Edrington
one hundred and twenty dols for value received and charge this
to my act as Indian Agent.

June 10th 1844

BENJAMIN BRYANT

approved

Sam Houston

7th Aug/44

[*Endorsed*] Benjamin Bryant per assignment Ross and Edrington ad-
mitted August the 8th 1844 for *one hundred* and twenty
dollars B. Bryant to be charged with the same
pay as Indian Agent
Charles Mason
Auditor
Ross and Edrington

No. 61

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 21 Aug. 1844To Mr Benj Sloat Agent
Council Ground, Tehuacana Ck.

Sir—

Yours of the 14th inst. is received and its contents duly noted. It is gratifying to find that at the date of your note nothing had occurred to disturb the general tranquility at your agency, and it is to be hoped it may continue, though you are no doubt too well versed in the wiley ways of the Red Man to be thrown off your guard for a moment by any strategem of theirs to lull you into security, for until something transpires as to the operations of the War parties we know to be on an hostile excursion, you must be watchful and not expose yourself to surprise it were very desirable that spies or scouts should be kept out—The Delaware are well adapted to this duty—I found Jim Ned in Montgomery some 10 days since—he promised, if I would grant him permission to go to Houston, to take up his men 40 to 50 in number, to the Trading house and I think you may expect him shortly.

Complaint has been made to me that a Delaware called “Black Snake” has stolen a horse from one Mr. Adams residing 15 miles west of Huntsville the description given of him is as follows “An American Mare abt. 15 hands high 5 to 6 years old, of Brown Color heavy with foal and branded [1] on the left shoulder.” Jim Ned says, he has no doubt Black Snake stole the mare that he went up the County as he thinks to the Trading house—that B. S. has a Shawnee for wife—Should he be up your way, you will take the necessary steps to recover the mare and advise me of the fact that her owner may get her again.

The Genl. is not disposed to incur any expense in buildings—The necessary arrangements will be made to meet the Comanche at the appointed time and place—Should they visit you previously (which may not be expected) you will treat them with the greatest Hospitality Courtesy and Attention advising

me of their presence—Give me the earliest information of every passing event—Inform me whether Mr. Marlin has transported the piece of Artillery from Nashville to the Council Ground according to his agreement with me—See that it is in good order and advise me of all that may be wanting to make it complete. I repeat keep up a Continued and uninterrupted correspondence with this Bureau.

Yr. mo. obt st.

THOMAS G WESTERN

Supdt. Ind. Affs.

P.S. I have just recd advise from the Falls some days later than yours it seems the Indians are becoming troublesome there and that a large force is reported to be on Little River—I await your official report as to these matters of rumor or fact if they are so—give me the earliest and best information.

Yr. etc. W[ESTERN]

S. I. Affs.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt Ind. Affs. to Washington 22 Aug. 1844 B. Sloat Agent Copy

No. 62

PASS ISSUED TO SHAWNEE JIM BLACK CAT [August 31, 1844]

The introduction of Indians into the Settlements is prohibited by law and by treaty stipulations, the violation of these salutary provisions is subversive of good order and will (it is hoped) not be countenanced by any good Citizen. No Indian is allowed to pass below the line of trading houses without the "Special permission of an Agent" and such permission has not been granted in the past.

The bearer of this Jim Black Cat a Shawnee of acknowledged worth and friendly relations is permitted to pass there to the Trading House on Tehuacana Creek—this permit to serve him for that purpose for the term of ten days only from this date.

Office of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Washington

Aug. 31, 1844

THOMAS G WESTERN

Superintendent of Indian Affairs

No. 63

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

To
Mr Benj Sloat
Council Gd. Tehuacana Creek

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 5 Sept. 1844

Sir

I regret to say that no communication has been received from you at this office pr. last mail, the more so because it has been rumored that there were considerable bodies of hostile indians in your quarter, and because the day prefixed for holding the Council with the Comanche at your Post is fast approaching, the President is expected in a few days and it is very desirable to be in possession of the latest information relating to the state of affairs with you—Dates to the 26th ult. are before me from the Falls, but nothing from you later than the 14th. This is unfortunate as I wished to lay before the Executive the latest dates from you for his government as well as my own—Should the Comanche come in to council before the General or myself should arrive there you will give them the best reception in your power and should Acaquash come in with or without the Tawakoni with whom I am told he now is, treat him like a brother, tell him that Gen. Houston is not angry with him, that both the Gen. and myself esteem him as a true and faithful friend and desire much to see him, that we expect to see him at the council and trust that he will bring the Tawakoni in with him to the Council.

It is understood that St. Louis is at the Council Ground, if so prevail upon him to remain with you, with as many Delaware as possible.

You will furnish this Bureau with the earliest information of the approach of the Comanche you have it always in your power to send your boy "Sam" with your Dispatches to Franklin, to be mailed there, and it is Confidently expected you will not omit to execute this part of the duty assigned you with promptness. Gen. Houston is expected at this place on the

10th inst. and he will probably proceed to the Council Ground which you can Communicate to the Tribes around you.

Your mo. obt st.

THOMAS G WESTERN

Supdt. Indian Affairs

Doct. Anson Jones is Elected to the Presidency beyond doubt and by a majority of upwards of 300 votes it is believed.

[Endorsed] Superintendent To Copy Agent B. Sloat Sept 5, 1844

No. 64

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO STEPHEN T. SLATER

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington Sept. 5th 1844

To

Mr S. T. Slater

Indian Agent.

Sir

Your communications of 16th and 26th Ult. are received and contents noted.

Your promptness in communicating intelligence to this office is highly commendable, nevertheless it is strictly within the line of your duty and it is confidently expected you will rigidly pursue a continued correspondence, in order that the Govt. may have the earliest and best information of everything transpiring in your quarter. Your advice to Mr. Armstrong was proper, our citizens must not become the Aggressors nor violaters of Treaties, but when their rights are invaded, their property stolen, and Treaties disregarded by the Red Men 'tis time enough, and they will then be justifiable in punishing the offenders with the severest chastisement in their power to inflict. The advise of José María to Bintah and Red Bear is good, and such as all Captains brave in battle and wise in council will always give, he is a great man and a good friend, embrace him for me as my Brother, and say that Gen Houston will approve of his conduct that he was right in preventing bloodshed, that our Great Chief wishes to keep the path white, not only between the white man and the Red man, but also between the Red Man

and the Red man; they must not make war one with another without his orders.

It is gratifying to find that you were well received by them, you are sufficiently acquainted with the Indian Character to render yourself popular with them, which it is hoped you will do.

The word you sent to Acaquash was proper, he is a good man and I perceive continues to give further proof of his fidelity, tell him to be at the council on the 15th of this month and to bring the Tawakoni with him to the council.

Tell him that I love him as a brother, that Houston has always loved him, and cannot change, he knows Acaquash is a true friend and desires to see him at the council he cannot be angry with his friend.

It is to be regretted that the Mexican has given us the slip, *execute your orders whenever practicable keep your eye on White Feather*, he is a suspicious character.

Gen Houston will be here on the 10th he will then probably proceed to the council on Tehuacana Creek on the 15th if the Comanche come in.

Continue to keep me advised of every occurrence.

Your mo obt svt
(signed) THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affairs

Doct Jones is elected to the Presidency, this is certain and by a majority of upwards of 2000 votes it is believed.

No. 65

ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES OF INDIAN AGENTS E. STROUD AND OTHERS

Boggy Depot 7th September 1844

The Republic of Texas per Col. E. Stroud and others

Bot of Berthelet Heald and Co for Indian presents

1842

August 24	48 yds Domestic	@ 20	\$ 9.60
" "	1/2 Qr Paper	4/—Paid Caddo Express	10.25
" "	12 Blankets	4.50	54.00

"	"	Paid L. Sanchees' [Sánchez] order	3.50
"	"	8 yds calico 3/-, 3 yds Blue stroud 3\$	12.00
"	"	amt paid Caddo Chief (Red Bear)	7.00
"	"	1 Thimble 2/- Needles 1/- 2 HdKfs 4/-	1.37½
"	"	salt 4/- 1 pr shoes for L Sánchez 16/-	2.50
"	"	1/3 yd Red stroud 1.33 1/3 pd Pestle (C. Chief)	8.33⅓
"	"	1486 lbs Beef @ 3½	52.01
"	"	15 Papers Paint 2/-, 12 Bunches White Beads 4/-	9.75
"	"	30 Plugs Tobacco 6/-, 1 lb Thread 16/-	24.50
			\$ 195.31¾

We the undersigned do hereby certify that the above account is just and true given under our hands this the 12th day of Oct 1844 at Tehuacana Council ground Republic of Texas.

L. H. WILLIAMS
Former com.
LUIS SANCHEZ
his X mark int.

No. 66

NOTE FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO STEPHEN T. SLATER

Copy

To
Mr Stephen T. Slater
Indian Agent

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 10 Sept. 1844

Sir

Herewith you will find duplicates of my communications of the 5th inst. Sent pr. last mail, to which I have nothing to add at present.

The President has not yet arrived here but is expected hourly.

You will continue to give this bureau the earliest informa-

tion of passing events under the instructions already given you.

Yr. mo. obt st.

THOMAS G. WESTERN

Supdt. Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Superintendent To Copy Agent S. T. Slater Sept. 5, 1844
and Sept. 10, enclosing Duplicate of 5th.

No. 67

NOTE FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington Sept. 22, 1844

Benj Sloat Esq
Council Gd. Tehuacana Creek

Sir

The bearer and Head men and others of the Lipan tribe of Indians who have been ordered by the President to assemble at the council to be held with the Comanche and others at your Post. You will please receive them and treat them accordingly.

Your most obt. sert.

[T. G. WESTERN]

This will probably be
presented by

Captain Chicito

Castro Iunim

Capt Roan

} CHIEFS

Seuge Castro

Flaco Chico

Castillo

} COMPANIONS

and four females Comanche prisoners.

[*Endorsed*] Superintendent To 22 Sept 1844 Agent Sloat

No. 68

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs

To
Benj. Sloat Esq.
Sir

Washington 23 Sept., 1844

The Express pr. Jack Harry arrived last Eving. and I received your note of the 20th inst. together with the enclosure.

The President is here and will start for the Falls tomorrow mornng. so that he will be there in one or two days after this reaches you, then he will communicate with the Commissioners and his further progress will be concerted as he is very feeble from ill health and may not be able to travel far.

Commissioner Neill left here on the 20th with instructions to purchase provisions, he will be with you before you receive this.

Mr. Torrey left here for Houston yesterday to hasten on the goods for the Treaty, he said that some of the Wagons were to leave that place this mornng.

Yr. mo. obt st

THOMAS G WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Superintendent To Washington Sept. 23d 1844 Benj Sloat
Agent

No. 69

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [September 23, 1844]

Mr Millican

The bearer Jack Harry is an Express on business of the Govt. You will please charge his ferriage to acct of the Indian Dept.

Washington Sept. 23, 1844 Yrs etc.

T. G. Western
Supdt. Indian Affairs

The acting Treasurer will pay the above amount of *fifty cents*, out of appr for Indian purposes.

Sept. 26, 1844

Yours respectfully,

SAM HOUSTON

[*Endorsed*]

Treasurers Office
Oct. 12th 1844

Received of Jas H Raymond Actg Treasurer the amt of the

within acct of fifty cents Exchequers D. L. Millican
 Genl Houston's order to D. L. Millican 50 cts Oct 12th 1844
 Indian funds A B Treas

No. 70

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO JOHN F. TORREY

Washington 23 Sept. 1844

Mr J. F Torrey

Dr. Sir

Jack Harry arrived here last eving. from the Trading House with information from the agents dated 20th that the Comanche are within a few miles of that place prepared to go into Council, they are accompanied by a large body of friendly Indians, Jack says three times as many as attended the last Council say 1000. The Comanche are somewhat alarmed and very impatient, which I communicate to you for your information in order that you may omit not possible means to hasten on the wagons with the articles necessary for the contemplated Treaty. The health of the President is not good but he will probably proceed upwards in 3 or 4 days.

[illegible]

[T. G. WESTERN]

[Endorsed] Supdt To Washington Sept 23 1844
 J. F. Torrey

No. 71

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington 26 Sept 1844

Mr. Benj. Sloat

Agent Council Gd.

Sir

My last requests were pr. Jack Harry who left this place for your post on the 23 inst.

His Excellency the President departs this morning for the

Comanche treaty, and will I hope arrive in time, the boy Robert (Comanche prisoner) rides a Public Mule and Saddle if he should go to his people you will of course retain them, if not you will let him have them to return to this place.

I expect to hear from you of the progress of the treaty.

Yr. mo. obt. srt.

THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affairs

The account you left here for corn and hauling is approved and will be audited, I shall use all my endeavours to collect the amount. I am told that Mr. Tarbox has been here about it, during my absence I did not see him.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. To Washington Sept. 26, 1844 Benj Sloat Agent

No. 72

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO JOHN F. TORREY

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 30 Sept. 1844

Jon. F Torrey Esq
Houston

Sir

His Excellency the President left this place yesterday, for the Comanche treaty of which I apprise you for your government in regard to the transmission of the goods required there, you will please advise me of your progress in the matter in order to enable me to Communicate the same to His Excellency.

Respectfully Yours

THOMAS G WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affairs

P.S. I am requested to state for the information of his friends in Houston that the Hon. Robert Wilson accompanies the President to the treaty.

Yrs. etc. Western

[*Endorscd*] Superdt. To Washington Sept. 30, 1844 J F Torrey

No. 73

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN

Republic of Texas

To T G Western

Dr

1844

Oct. 1. To Compensation of Superintendent of Indian
Affairs from 1st August to 1st Oct. at

\$ 750.00 pr ann

\$ 125.00

Washington 16 Oct 1844

Approved

Sam Houston

Executive Department

Washington, Oct. 17, 1844

To J. H. Raymond, Esq.

Acting Treasurer.

Pay the above amount of one hundred and twenty five dollars, out of the appropriation for Indian purposes in your hands to my credit.

I have the honor to be
your obt. svt.

Sam Houston

Received Washington Oct 17th 1844 of Jas H Raymond Actg
Treasurer the amt of the above account in Exchequer Bills.

T. G. WESTERN

[Endorsed] Genl Houstons order 125\$ to T G Western Indian fund Oct
17th 1844 AB

No. 74

LETTER OF JOHN CONNER AND JAMES SHAW TO SAM HOUSTON

Council Spring Tehuacana Creek Texas

Oct. 2d, 1844

To His Excellency Sam Houston

Hon. Sir according to instructions received of You in May last to procede to the Comanche Tribe of Indians where ever I might find them in the praries for the purpose of bring-

ing them together with all other Indians I might meet with down to this place or at any other point on the frontier if in my power to make peace with the Republic, I left Washington and proceeded to the Trading house on Tehuacana when arriving at that place and making the necessary preparation for my journey I thought it advisable for James Shaw to accompany me on getting your consent by express we left for Tishes [Tawehash?] Village on the Brazos about forty miles above this place. On our arriving at that place we called the Villagers in council for the purpose of informing them about our mission and what time the Treaty would take place. whilst we were in council there came an express from Red Bares [Bear's] Village about One hundred and twenty five miles above that place. on hearing his business it was he was sent down by his Chiefs for the purpose of raising men to go to war against the Waco, also he was to go down to the Settlements to raise as many whites as he could to join them and if they did not want to fight themselves they wished them to go and witness the action, we counceled them out of that notion and persuaded them to wait until after the council that is now to take place, we then hastened to Red Bares [Bear's] Village with as much speed as possible where we got as many of the Indians together as possible, after advising the Caddo not to fight until after the Council, we got Acaquash with some of the Waco and Tawakoni at the Council and tried to get them to give up all the stolen horses they had which they at first agreed to do but eventually would not give them up so we thought best to let all things rest until after the council. They all agreeing to attend the Council. We then went from there to the Keechi Village about twenty five miles above Red Bares [Bear's] Village where we met and counceled with them again, they all appeared to be well disposed, we then left for the Comanche on the Clear Fork of Brazos after traveling some nine or ten days through the heat on tired animals we found the Comanche about two hundred miles from the Keechi Village after our arrival we held a council with the Comanche whom all appeared to be well disposed but the young man (Buffalo Hump) who was rather put at the head of affairs with them wished us to return and inform you that they were not at that time ready to come down but for you to make ready every thing and be at the Council Ground yourself and then let them know and they would come down. The old man Mopechucope with whom Watson and myself counceled last spring sat silent until after I had

informed them that this was the last time that we would vissent them for the purpose of making peace or trying to get them to a council then he spoke and said he was ready to go to the council that he had give his word last spring to do so and he would stand to what he had said when he had said so several joined him but Buffalo Hump would not agree to go only as he had first said, we ware thare several days whilst we ware thare some of our animals are out of the way and young man we had hired to attend to them ware out hunting them being on some high point in view saw some young men on parade just about to start to ware [war] against the Mexicans took an alarm and ran in to the Keechi Village and told me ware all Killed and he only made his escape by being out a horse hunting that caused some uneasiness amongst the Indians in that direction but soon learnt to the contrary we ware detained a day or so looking for the young man but could make no discoveries nor get no information about him and we started in leaving the young war Captain behind but on the second day he overtook us we all got on well to the Keechi Village whare we overtook the young man that had taken the alarm and left us: on our arriving at that place knowing of Col. Williams and his company coming on to meat them I John Conner left them in charge of Jas. Shaw and came on to bring the information of the Indians coming in, in two days after I left Colo. Williams and his company came on and they all started down all farther information we think you will get out of Colo. Williams.

So we remain your most humble Servants

Witness

Daniel G. Watson

JOHN CONNER his X mark

JAMES SHAW his X mark

No. 75

MINUTES OF COUNCIL AT THE FALLS OF THE BRAZOS

Minutes of a Grand Council held near the Falls of the Brazos, between the Republic of Texas and the Indians, commencing on Monday October the 7th 1844.

Present at the Council.—His Excellency, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas; Col J. C. Neill, Col Thos I Smith and Gen E Morehouse, Commissioners, Hon G. W. Hill, Sec-

retary of War and Marine, Hon G. W. Terrell Attorney General, Messrs. Sloat and Slater Indian Agents and several visiting whites:—Indians.—

The Chiefs of the Comanche, Keechi, Waco, Tawakoni, Caddo, Ioni, Anadarko, Cherokee, Delaware, Shawnee and many of their Captains and warriors.

Interpreters Col L. H. Williams, Daniel G. Watson, Jesse Chisholm, Luis Sánchez, Mexican, James Shaw and John Conner, Delaware, and Vicente, a Caddo.

The Council was opened by smoking the pipe of Friendship and peace, after which His Excellency, the President, made the following remarks:

“We have met here to talk with the Chief of the Comanche and the other Chiefs: if he or they wish to talk we will hear them; if not I will talk and speak for myself and my chiefs.” The Indian Chiefs replied they would listen to him, and His Excellency gave the following talk:—

“To the Chiefs of the Comanche, and to all the Chiefs;—We, the Chiefs of the white people are very glad to see you. You are welcome to our presence. We are glad that you are here. We have been very far apart, and the path that led from your villages to us has been a long and bloody one; the blood hath been taken out of the path between the white people and many nations of the Red people, we have now met to take away the blood from the path of the Comanche and the white people.

Six years ago, I made a peace with the Comanche: that peace was kept until a bad chief took my place. That Chief made war on the Comanche and murdered them at San Antonio: he made war, too, on the Cherokee, and drove them from the country. Now this has to be mended, war can do us no good. It may kill white men: it may kill red men: it will cause trouble to women and children, and can bring no happiness to them. If war can do us no good stealing can do us no good. If our red brothers want to steal there are more horses on the Rio Grande than in Texas, and they have been accustomed to take them from there. If stealing horses in Texas is not stopped, it must make war between the white people and the red people; and between the red people themselves. good men don't want their property taken, and I don't want war. Some Waco who would not listen to the Treaty and the voice of Acaquash have stolen horses. they must bring back those horses and steal no

more. I intend to make Acaquash the Chief of that nation, because he is a good man and walks straight, and puts aside his men when they do bad. I do this because he remembers his Treaties and walks straight, if the other chief will learn to do this and walk straight, I will then hear his words. a few bad men can do much mischief. I know where the Ioni, the Keechi, the Caddo, the Anadarko, and other indians make their corn, and my young men can go there, and eat with them and all be happy, but if bad men will steal horses from my people, they will do much mischief, and bring evil upon these, my good red brothers. These bad men must be put down so that your people can make their corn in peace. To those people that make corn I want to give hoes and axes to make their corn with for their women and children, and not to have them, by the conduct of bad warriors, to be scared, and cause them to leave their homes and be running to the woods for shelter. I want the Lipan and all the other indians to become friendly, as brothers, and to bury the tomahawk. I want them to put it under their feet. The Comanche and Lipan have made peace, and I want them to keep it fast. I want the chiefs who have made peace with them to keep it in confidence. I have sent two Lipans, runners, to their tribe, for them to come in to this council, with their prisoners, if they do not get here in time to give them up I will see when they do come in that they are then given up. We are now here making a great peace to last forever, and we wish the Great Spirit to hear what we say. We have six prisoners, and when the chiefs go home, they shall take one with them: the rest shall be left at the Trading House, and when our people are brought in, we will then give them up. We want no ransom. When we make peace we do it for our nation. We are people from the Red River to the Rio Grande, and I want my red brothers to know, for them to keep at peace. I live below here; if harm is done to my people this side of the Rio Grande or Red River it wounds my heart, and if my people injure the red people it wounds my heart also, and I shall punish them. When my Comanche brethren and the Comanche all are satisfied they are not to be deceived and killed, they shall be invited down to Galveston to see the ships and the big guns and the wide waters where the ships go out from the sight of land. Say to the Chiefs that it has rained much below and on account of the high waters we have not many presents. We have some here now, at another time we will give them many more.

I shall expect my Comanche brother, after we have embraced, parted, and he has gone home, to see to the sending in the horses that have been stolen; I learn he says it shall be done. He is a powerful chief and I look for him to attend to it. I know he is an honest man. When many good strong and honest men stand up together, bad men run like wolves; and if bad men will steal horses they must be stopped and the horses must be taken from them and given to their owners and if they cannot be stopped, good men must put them down; they ought to be slain.

Near three years ago I sent my Chiefs to the Comanche to counsel and talk, on the frontier. I sent Conner and Shaw and Col Williams to bring them in, The Comanche did not come in, because they had once been deceived, they have now come here and can see Acaquash and the other chiefs, Luis Sánchez, the Keechi Chief, the old woman and many others who have been down to my house, and were never harmed. We will have plenty to eat now; there will be no more hunger, tomorrow we will have the Treaty read: it is like my talk. All the principal chiefs will sign it, but particularly the Comanche.

I have not called the names of José María, Red Bear, Bintah and others who have come here to see me, yet I well remember they have been with my Chiefs and I know them well.

Now the Chiefs can consider of my words, as they have heard them: they are true, and will last as long as the earth our mother, or the Great Spirit which is our father. They can sleep upon them tonight, and I will hear them in Council tomorrow.

His Excellency arose from his seat, and requested Acaquash to rise also, when he bound around his brow a silk handkerchief, with a large pin in front, and proclaimed him "Chief of the Waco."—

The Council adjourned to meet tomorrow morning between nine and ten o'clock.—

Tuesday, October 8th 1844. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—present as before.—

The Council was opened by the following talk from Pochanquarhip or Buffalo Hump, the War Chief of the Comanche.

"The Great Spirit above is looking down and sees and hears my talk; the ground is my mother, and sees and hears that I tell the truth. When I first heard the words of your Chief I felt glad; and I was uneasy until I struck the white path and came

here to see him. That is all I want to say, what I came here for was to hear the words of peace. I have heard them and all is right; peace is peace.—I have no more to say.—

Gen. Houston—"What you have said is good; I love your words. If there is any other Chief that would wish to speak, I should like to listen."

Talk of Anohetchtowey or "White Feather" the War Chief of the Keechi.

"The Comanche Chief has spoken to you first; now I will speak, and the Great Spirit above, and this our mother, Earth, will listen to what I say. For myself I have no hard thoughts in my heart. The Great Spirit has given me a good heart to bring here, and I have forgot all of our troubles. Before now I had a bad opinion of your people and I kept away; now I have no bad opinion. I have come to meet the big Chief of the whites and I have found a big white path. As I have said I have no bad feelings in my heart and I hope yours are the same. The Great Spirit above, the blowing winds, our mother Earth, the trees and these big Chiefs all will listen and hear these, the words of a good peace. I have spoken the truth and have no more to say.—

Talk of Roasting Ear, Chief of the Delaware.

"All my white brothers, I am glad to see us all meet together. I have long been trying to have peace between the red man and the white. I have long looked to see together my red and white brothers. The Big Spirit will look down and see that it is good. I expect that your feelings and mine are one, peace is best always for us; for our women and children. I love my children and I know the whites love theirs, for them peace is much better. I want you and me to hang on to peace. We are now here all together, and we have been trying long to get together and I now want we should make a peace to last always. I was glad when I first heard the words of peace, those words I hope will never be dropped but that there always will be a peace as long as the world lasts. I was very glad when I first saw the white path, so that my people and yours could meet in friendship and find no peace but where the path is white. I am glad the Treaty is to be made between us because the white people know how to make Treaties. I am an old man and have been to Treaties in the United States. I am now glad of this peace as we can bury the bones of our people and live in happiness. My

white brothers I have no more to say to you. I will speak now to my red brothers. All that are here are friendly to me and my people, the Lipan and all of you and north of this farther than I can tell the people are all friendly to us. I speak this to you, my red Brothers, that like my people you may all be friendly; there are thirty nations that I have made peace with. I have no more to say either to my white or red brothers.

Talk of Narhashtowey or "lame arm" the Waco Chief.

"My feelings are like the other chiefs, the big spirit looks down, and our mother earth looks on and hears what I have to say. I have long wished to see your Chief. I have now seen him and my heart is glad, my heart now is big, there is not a drop of blood on it, but it is all white. All the way I have been coming here I have been in the white path and have not seen a drop of blood. I have joined with all of these chiefs to make peace and a white path and I will help to keep it. I am glad at my heart that the white path has been made. I know not how long it is to the end of it. I will hold on to it so long as I have life in me. When I took the first smoke my heart felt glad, and all these chiefs, Lipan and all who hear my talk hear the words of truth. I have no more to say.

Talk of Gen' Houston.

"I will now speak a few words. I will tell why I made Acaquash the first Chief of the Waco. At the last Treaty, St. Louis gave to the Chief of the Waco, the white path, and he promised to keep it. He did not keep it, but led on others to steal horses from my people, for that reason I have made Acaquash Chief. When he (Narhashtowey) brings in the horses that have been stolen he shall again be white before me and my people. Last spring he knew that two years ago, a Treaty had been made with Acaquash yet he and his bad men went down and stole horses. He was stopped by Black Cat and others and told that he was doing wrong, yet still he set his bad men on to steal more horses though he knew by so doing he would bring trouble on his women and children. Last spring this Chief said he would steal no more, yet he has done it, and by so doing has caused his women and children to leave their cornfields and run away and now they are hungry because they have no corn. Last spring too, he got no powder and lead because he did not bring back the horses his bad men had taken away and now he cannot be a Chief until the horses are brought back.

I liked his talk to day: his talk was good talk and I hope he will keep it. I shall listen with both my ears, they will be wide open to hear that he has caused his bad men to bring in the horses they have stolen from my people, then all will be right and the minds of my people will be at rest. I say I shall listen for it with both my ears. When the Chief does right he will find my heart straight towards him, but if he will still let his men steal, mounted dragoons will come from the United States, hundreds and hundreds of them and they will sweep the Waco away from among the good chiefs of my red brothers. The horses must be brought in; then I shall know this Chief intends to do right. Say to the Comanche and other chiefs that we will now go and eat and after resting, we will come back when I will explain to them the Treaty and hear any talks they may have to make.

The Council took a recess of an hour, after which His Excellency, the President read to the Chiefs the Treaty made known to them the place of their signature and explained the seal and the colors of the ribbon attached to it. "The White denoted peace; the blue was like the sky, unchangeable; the green, like the grass and trees, existing as long as the world stands; our hearts ought always to be pure and white and never change, and as the grass is ever green our friendship should be ever fresh.

After reading the Treaty, his Excellency presented a blue robe to each of the two principal Comanche Chiefs and promised presents to the others, after which the Council adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, October 9th 1844. Council met pursuant to adjournment. present as before.

Talk between His Excellency, Sam Houston and Pochanauquarhip, the Comanche War Chief.

Houston—"Chiefs you have all heard the Treaty read, I would like to know your opinion of it. Let the Comanche Chief speak first."

Chief "I like the Treaty well enough, all but one thing, the line is too far off; too far up the country."

Houston "On which side of the Brazos do you mean?"

Chief "I mean between the mountains and San Antonio. It is on account of the buffalo: when they come down I want the privilege to come after them, the San Saba is too high up."

Houston "How low on the Colorado would you wish to come?"

Chief "To begin at the timber above Austin and to go from that up."

Houston "How many leagues do you think it above Austin?"

Chief "A good days ride, to ride fast one might get there before sun down, the distance perhaps 50 miles, it is all prairie from there on West, and I want the privilege to follow the buffalo on down. That country is full of bear, deer, wild horses and buffalo for my people to live on."

Houston "How far do you mean this line to be above the mouth of the San Saba?"

Chief "About four day's fast riding below the mouth."

Houston "That cannot be, it would bring you below Austin and Bastrop, do you want the line to run by the mountains above the St Mark [San Marcos]?"

Chief "I want the line to run on the edge of the mountains in the prairie to San Antonio; then on the San Antonio Road to the Rio Grande, where the town is of that name."

Houston "Will it not do as well for the line to run 25 miles above San Antonio, and to leave San Antonio 8 leagues to the left and strike the Presidio road above?"

Chief "I want it to run from the edge of the mountain up."

Houston "How long would it take to ride from the line you want run to the town of San Antonio?"

Chief "You can see the mountain from San Antonio, 5 or 10 miles."

Houston "Is the big mountain half a day's ride from San Antonio?"

Chief "It is about three leagues."

Houston "We intend to establish a trading house there."

Chief "We do not want it: you and I have talked friendly; your talk is good. I call you my father, but I am poor and want that country."

Houston "Do you know the Cañon de' Uvalde?"

Chief "Yes."

Houston "How far do you want the line to run from that?"

Chief "It is too high up, it is in the middle of the mountains. I want the line to run on the road that leads to the town of Rio Grande."

Houston "Do you want the line to start at the Comanche Peak on the Brazos?"

Chief "No. I want it to start at Sandy Creek, 5 leagues above the Falls of the Brazos."

Houston "I have always heard that you wanted it to start at the Comanche Peak or the mouth of Noland's River, and then to run on above Little River and above Bryants, through the prairies on to the Rio Grande, why do you now wish the line to come below?"

Chief "Who told you that was our wish?"

Houston "The letter of Conner and Watson, containing your talk, said so, the line was to run from Red River, between the Cross Timbers to the Comanche Peak and on to the Rio Grande."

Chief "We never said so; the paper lied; we then said what I now say. The Great Spirit sees and knows I speak the truth. I want the line to run as I have said, it is a good country and has good grass, and I want to live by the white people."

Houston "We are going to establish a Trading House on Noland's River and send up goods, and we will have a gun smith there to repair your guns, and corn shall be raised for to have at our councils."

Chief "I want the Trading House to remain where it is; and I want my friends, these other Indians, to settle on the line and raise corn and I can often come down among them. I am like the bird flying through the air. I can travel and am always traveling and can easily come down here. I want the Trading House to remain where it is and I will come to it."

Houston "If the line should start at the place you speak of how would it run?"

Chief "On the lower edge of the lower Cross Timbers to Red River."

Houston "How on West?"

Chief "Through the prairie, above Little River, to San Antonio."

Houston "The line, as before agreed on runs from the Comanche Peak, between the Cross Timbers to Red River. The line was made at a Treaty that was signed by Red Bear; when Col' Williams, Messrs Durst and Stroud went over to Red River, then Red Bear wished the line to be high up, as he did not wish to come near the whites.

Chief "Red Bear never owned lands, to run lines with the white people, the lands belong to the Comanche. Red Bear lives high up and if he ever had lands he may have sold them."

Houston "The white people have 60 councillors to make laws. I am their chief and must listen to my councillors, my people have settled up to the Lower Cross Timbers and the settlements will drive the buffalo up, for that reason I want the line to run between the Cross Timbers to the Comanche Peak, thence through the prairie, over the Colorado, and above the St Mark [San Marcos] and above San Antonio and to the Rio Grande. I and my councillors heard this was your wish and we believed it."

Chief "The Comanche never understood it so, when the buffalo come below there is nothing for us to eat above."

Houston "If the buffalo would not come down should you then want the country?"

Chief "The buffalo do come down and it is them I want."

Houston "We have met here to make peace and be friends and the put our names to this paper (the Treaty) as friends. before we part we will sign this paper and we want it to be right. You are pleased with the Treaty and call it all good but that part about the line; we will sign all but that part, which we will rub out and go on as before. If we send people among you we will give them a paper that will have a big seal, so that you may know them as good men. If any white man goes among your people and steals horses or mules and you catch him, do not harm him but bring him in and we will hang him for it and if any bad Indians should steal horses from my people and run away with them, bring them in to the Trading House and whip the men. I want the Comanche Chiefs to know that here are some poor men who depend upon their horses to make corn for their wives and children: the Waco have stolen their horses and I want to know if they are to get them back? Col. Williams will go up and bring them down if they are to be given up; and I want to know if these men are to behave themselves?"

Narhashtowey "It may be that some of the horses are dead. All that are living shall be sent in by Col Williams."

Houston "For every horse that's dead or missing a Waco shall be hung. I would say to my Comanche brethren that at the place where the ships come in there has been much sickness, for which reason a ship that has many things for them has not

yet come in, we have strouding, lead, calico etc., but not as many presents as we expected to give them. We will now sign the Treaty." Article 2nd and 3d, in relation to boundary line is stricken out and the Treaty signed.¹

Houston

"The government wishes you to trade here, and their object is that you may not hear bad talk, at the Trading House you can get things cheap, and you can get all you want, one nation will talk against another; for that reason I want you to trade with the people of Texas. I suppose you would not like to trade at San Antonio: trouble once grew up there between the red and the white people. On that account I want to establish Trading Houses up among you."

Comanche Chief "I do not think that my people will go in that direction, there are many bad indians traveling through there, the Kiowa are now at war with your people. I shall stay on this river and in this direction."

Houston "Cannot you keep the Kiowa away from my people?"

Chief "They are more powerful than the Comanche and we fear them."

Houston "If you should know them to be coming, send a runner, with a white flag, to tell my people at San Antonio, because, if the Kiowa come in, the people not knowing, will say they are Comanche. We thought you all one people."

Chief "There are nine different tribes who have not yet made peace; the Kiowa, Lipan, Chians, [Cheyenne] Arapaho, Charatahar or Dog-eaters, Yamparika or Root-Diggers, Ceanaro, Shoshoni or Snake Indians, and the Pornemohaws.

Houston "Cannot you make peace with these tribes so as to keep them from troubling us?"

Chief "The Kiowa are at war; I think the others will make

¹[Articles omitted by President Houston at the Treaty with the Comanche at Tehuacana Creek]

Art. II. They further agree and declare, that a line shall run between them, separating the hunting grounds of the white and red man; over which neither party shall pass without permission from the President or some agent on the line.

Art. III. They further agree and declare, that the said line shall be marked, and run from the Red River with the Upper Cross Timbers to the Comanche Peak—from thence to the old fort of San Saba, and from thence in a Southwest direction to the Rio Grande. The chiefs of the Indians shall accompany those who mark the line.

peace. When I go back I will send runners among them to let them know."

Houston "Send word soon that peace has been made from the Red River to the Rio Grande and stop those other Indians, so that my people may not think the Comanche the aggressors. See; the sun is now setting clear, and through our Council it hath smiled kindly upon us. We have had plenty to eat both of meat and corn, and all are in good spirits. The Wagons have come and presents shall be distributed tomorrow."

José María "As we are now soon to part, when shall we meet in council again?"

Houston "The light of this moon next year, or about twelve moons. We will then have plenty of corn and the roads will be good."

Comanche Chief "At any time you send to them Jim Shaw or John Conner the Comanche, will be ready to come in."

Houston "If I send, you will know the runner by the paper and the big seal."

The Executive called up the two Keechi Chiefs and presented each with a blue strouding robe.—after promising the rest of the Chiefs and warriors that presents should be distributed in the morning, the pipe of friendship and peace was smoked and the council ended.

WALTER WINN
Secretary to Commissioners

No. 76

A TREATY SIGNED IN COUNCIL AT TEHUACANA CREEK
[October 9, 1844]

TREATY

Of Peace, Friendship and Commerce.

Between the Republic of Texas and the Comanche, Keechi, Waco, Caddo, Anadarko, Ioni, Delaware, Shawnee, Cherokee, Lipan and Tawakoni tribes of Indians, concluded and signed at Tehuacana Creek, on the 9th day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Whereas, in time past hostilities have existed and war been

carried on between the white and red men of Texas, to the great injury of both; and whereas, a longer continuance of the same would lead to no beneficial result, but increase the evils which have so long unhappily rested upon the two races; and whereas, both parties are now willing to open the path of lasting peace, friendship and trade, and are desirous to establish certain solemn rules for the regulation of their mutual intercourse:

Therefore, the commissioners of the Republic of Texas, and the Chiefs and head men of the before mentioned tribes of Indians, being met in council at Tehuacana Creek on the ninth day of October, in the Year 1844, have concluded, accepted, and agreed to and signed the following articles of treaty:

Article I. Both parties agree and declare, that they will forever live in peace, and always meet as friends and brothers. The tomahawk shall be buried, and no more blood appear in the path between them now made white. The Great Spirit will look with delight upon their friendship, and will frown in anger upon their enmity.

Art. II. They further agree and declare, that the Government of Texas shall permit no bad men to cross the line into the hunting grounds of the Indians; and that if the Indians should find any such among them, they will bring him or them to some one of the agents, but not do any harm to his or their person or property.

Art. III. They further agree and declare, that the Indians will make no treaty with any nation at war with the people of Texas; and, also, that they will bring in and give up to some one of the agents of the Government of Texas, any and all persons who may go among them for the purpose of making or talking of war.

Art. IV. They further agree and declare, that if the Indians know of any tribe who may be going to make war upon the people of Texas, or steal their property, they will notify the whites of the fact through some one of the agents, and prevent such tribe or tribes from carrying out their intentions.

Art. V. They further agree and declare, that the Indians shall no more steal horses or other property from the whites; and if any property should be stolen, or other mischief done by the bad men among the tribes, that they will punish those who do so and restore the property taken to some one of the agents.

Art. VI. They further agree and declare, that the Indians will not trade with any other people than the people of Texas,

so long as they can get such goods as they need at the trading houses.

Art. VII. They further agree and declare, that the Government of Texas shall establish trading houses for the convenience and benefit of the Indians, and such articles shall be kept for the Indian trade as they may need for their support and comfort.

Art. VIII. They further agree and declare, that when peace is fully established between the white and the red people, and no more war or trouble exists, the Indians shall be supplied with powder, lead, guns, spears and other arms to enable them to kill game and live in plenty.

Art. IX. They further agree and declare, that they will not permit traders to go among them unless they are sent by the Government of Texas, or its officers.

Art. X. They further agree and declare, that the Indians will not sell any property to the whites, except such as are authorized to trade with them by the Government of Texas.

Art. XI. They further agree and declare, that the President shall appoint good men to trade with the Indians at the trading houses, so that they may not be cheated; and, also, that he shall appoint good men as agents who will speak the truth to the Indians and bear their talks to him.

Art. XII. They further agree and declare, that if the trading houses should be established below the line, to be run and marked, the Indians shall be permitted to cross the line for the purpose of coming to trade.

Art. XIII. They further agree and declare, that no whiskey, or other intoxicating liquor, shall be sold to the Indians or furnished to them upon any pretext, either within their own limits or in any other place whatsoever.

Art. XIV. They further agree and declare, that the government of Texas shall make such presents to the Indians as the President from time to time shall deem proper.

Art. XV. They further agree and declare, that the President may send among the Indians such blacksmiths and other mechanics, as he may think best, for their benefit: and also that he may send schoolmasters and families for the purpose of instructing them in a Knowledge of the English language and Christian Religion, as well as other persons to teach them how to cultivate the soil and raise corn.

Art. XVI. They further agree and declare, that if the President should at any time send men among them to work mines, or agents to travel with them over their hunting grounds, the Indians will treat them with friendship and aid them as brothers.

Art. XVII. They further agree and declare, that hereafter, if the Indians go to war they will not kill women and children, or take them prisoners, or injure them in any way; and that they will only fight against warriors who have arms in their hands.

Art. XVIII. They further agree and declare, that they never will, in peace or war, harm any man that carries a white flag; but receive him as a friend and let him return again to his people in peace.

Art. XIX. They further agree and declare, that they will mutually surrender and deliver up all the prisoners which they have of the other party for their own prisoners; and that they will not be friendly with any people or nation, or enter into treaty with them, who will take prisoners from Texas, or do its citizens any injury.

Art. XX. They further agree and declare, that if ever hereafter trouble should grow up between the whites and the Indians, they will immediately come with a white flag to some one of the agents and explain to him the facts; and he will send a messenger to the President, who will remove all trouble out of the path between the white and the red brothers.

Art. XXI. They further agree and declare, that there shall be a general council held once a year, where chiefs from both the whites and the Indians shall attend. At the council presents will be made to the chiefs.

Art. XXII. They further agree and declare, that the President may make such arrangements and regulations with the several tribes of Indians as he may think best for their peace and happiness.

The foregoing articles having been read, interpreted, and fully understood by the parties, they agree to and confirm the same by sealing and signing their several names.

(Seal)

THOS. I. SMITH
J. C. NEILL
E. MOREHOUSE

} Commissioners

PO-CHA-NA-QUAR-HIP (rubric) his X mark War Chief	}	Comanche
MO-PE-CHU-CO-PE (rubric) his X mark Chief		
CHOM-O-PARD-U-A' (rubric) his X mark Chief		
ANO-HETCH, TOWEY or WHITE PLUME [FEATHER] (rubric) his X mark War Chief	}	Keechi
TE-CAR-KE-QUACHE (rubric) his X mark Chief		
ACA-QUASH (rubric) his X mark Chief NAR-HASH-TOW-EY or LAME ARM (rubric) his X mark Chief	}	Waco
CHARS-TUS-COW-OW (rubric) his X mark Chief		
BINTAH (rubric) his X mark Chief RED BEAR (rubric) his X mark Speaker	}	Caddo
JOSE MARIA (rubric) his X mark Chief		
BEAD EYE (rubric) his X mark Chief	}	Ioni
ST. LOUIS (rubric) his X mark Chief ROASTING EAR (rubric) his X mark Chief		
BLACK CAT (rubric) his X mark Chief	}	Shawnee
NA-KA-WA (rubric) his X mark Capt CAS-TE-A' (rubric) his X mark Capt		
TE-YA-KAR-RA (rubric) his X mark Capt CODEH (rubric) his X mark Capt	}	Tawakoni
TAH-WIN (rubric) his X mark Capt ISH-SHA-HO-MO (rubric) his X mark Capt		
CHO WA (rubric) his X mark Capt	}	Caddo
DECATER his X mark (rubric)		
	}	Caddo Capt

OAK-STAR-AR-LEE his X mark (rubric)	}	Cherokee Chief
RAMON CASTRO his X mark (rubric)	}	Lipan
CAPTAIN CHICO his X mark (rubric)	}	
Interpreters	}	DANIEL G. WATSON
		L. H. WILLIAMS
		JESSE CHISHOLM his X mark
		LUIS SANCHEZ
		JAMES SHAW his X mark
		VINCENTE his X mark
Witnesses	}	JOHN CONNER his X mark
		BENJ SLOAT
		GEO W ADAMS
		ELI SMITH
		R. H. PORTER
		STEPHEN T SLATER
		R. WILSON
JOHN F. TORREY		
Witness	}	J. E. SMITH
		WALTER WINN Secretary to Commissioners.

No. 77

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS, JESSE CHISHOLM, AND D. G. WATSON TO SAM HOUSTON [October 9, 1844]

Big Spring camp near Tehuacana

To His Excelency

The Executive of the Republic of Texas

Hon. Sir.

According to instructions recieved of you on the 24th day of May last I left Washington for my residence in Houston county whare I remained until the 7th of July; awating with the expectation of recieveing written instructions from you to procede to the praries, in search of the Comanche and other various tribes of Indians ranging on the frontier of our Country; for

the purpose bringing them if possible in to treat with the Republic: not receiving any more instructions and fearing the delay of too much time; I left at the time aforesaid for Red River on the first day after leaving home I recieved information of Some white men having killed some Delaware Indians in the neighbourhood of Mr. M. Harts in Fannin County; thinking it best to see what was done with them to enable myself to give satisfaction to the Indians I proceded to that place; when I Saw Mitchel Ray White and Jones part of the partisipaters in the atrocious dead Executed on the 17th of that month; none of the Indians ware present which I verry much regretted, I recieved Some horses and outhter small articles of no great value belonging to the Indians which I thought best to carry to the Chickasaw Agent and deliver them to him whare the Indians would be enabled to get them. I then proceded towards the Creek Nation whare I was to fall in Companey with Messrs. Chisholm and Watson whom was to accompaney me out to the praries; on my rout I met with many of the Friends and relations of the unfortunat Delaware that had been Killed whom I gave ample sattisfaction or as fare as possible for the loss of those friends and relations, on my arriving on the Canadian finding Messr Chisholm and Watson awaiting my arrival we delayed as little time as possible in making ready for our journey: we thought it best to meat and hold a Council with the Indians living in that Country merely to asertain those feelings towards making peace with this Republic; Some of the Delaware, Shawnee, Kickapoo and some Creek ware present and all shewed a great desire that thare should be final peace with us forever, but showed some fear that it would not be best for us to go out in the praries at that time as they had heard so many stories about the hostilities of the Waco Tawakoni and Wichita, but that being our mission we thought not of desisting but raised as large an escort as we could which was verry small, one of them Mr N. Miller we would beg of your Hon. to notice; we prepared our selves as soon as practicable and started for the Wichita Mountains about fifty miles north of Red River, whilst traveling on Walnut Bayou we met with some Waco whom informed us that the Wichita had deserted those Villages and gone with the Comanche to the Clear Fork of the Brazos, on that day we ware overtaken by some Caddo from Wichita whom informed us that the Keechi Capt. White Feather was coming on behind and desired that we should wait until he could overtake us on the

third day he came up with us, we had a talk with him and the Caddo, which all appeared quite friendly. White Feather said that he had never been at a treaty or made peace with Texas but was now anxious to make peace, and wished us to accompany him to his Village where he would send runners all through the Country and collect all the Waco, Tawakoni and Wichita at his village where he would make them all make peace also he said he would send for the Comanche him self and they would come to his talk, we knowing he was a man capable of doing a great deal of good or harm concluded to try his veracity which we have found pretty true thus far; on our route we passed through the Waco and Tawakoni villages which we found all evacuated none of them to be found; though we found plenty of peas and pumpkins, we were informed by two Comanche that were encamped near the Waco village that they had been stealing horses some of them had got killed some wounded and they had taken an alarm fearing the whites would come to their villages; and left for protection under the Comanche, but on their getting amongst the Comanche they told them they had been doing wrong and they must stay to themselves, then they removed to the mouth of the Clear Fork of the Brazos where we understand they still remain; on the 12th of Sept we landed at the Keechi village where we found James Shaw with the Comanche; Conner having left to give the information of their coming down to treat; we also found some of the Waco and Tawakoni; on the following day we met the Comanche Keechi Waco Tawakoni and Caddo in Council where there was several very friendly speeches delivered by the different tribes Chiefs showing great signs of peace and friendship and stated that they were then ready to come to the Council and make final peace with Texas on the 15th left that place for the named place for the council on our route we passed through the Caddo village on passing through the Tish [Tawehash?] village or José María's Village we found Capt. Sánchez with the Caddo and those associate bands awaiting our arrival to proceed to the Council; we hope your Excellency is well apprised of all other proceedings since that time;

Sir your most humble servants

L. H. WILLIAMS

JESSE CHISHOLM

D. G. WATSON

No. 78

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[October 13, 1844]

Government of Texas

Bot of Torrey and Co

4 Pieces Striped Shirting	139 ³ / ₄	@ 1/5	\$ 26.19
1 " Blue Prints	30	@ 2/	7.50
1 " do do	31	@ 22c	6.82
1 " do do	29 ³ / ₄	@ 2/	7.44
1 " do do	31	@ 2/	7.75
1 " Red do	19 ³ / ₄	@ 2/	4.94
6 M Brass Nails		@ 12/	9.00
20 ¹ / ₂ lbs Vermillion		@ 4.00	82.00
4 Doz Butcher Knives	9 in	@ \$6.00	24.00
8 " do do	6 in Cocoa	@ \$6.00	48.00
3 " do do	6 in Wares	4/50	13.50
9/12 " 1/2 Axes		@ \$18	13.50
6 Pieces Domestic	162 yds	@ 14c	22.68
3 Boxes Tobacco	440 lbs	@ 3/	165.00
7 Doz Cott Hakfs		@ 2.75	19.25
3 Officers Sabres	2 a \$5.00 and \$3.50		13.50
7 Brass Keetles	28 lbs	@ 8/	28.00
2 Doz Squaw Axes		@ 2/25	56.00
300 lbs Lead		@ 1/	37.50
4 Doz Tin Cups		@ 1/75	7.00
50 Tin Pans		@ \$5. doz.	12.94
10 do do		@ \$7 "	5.83
6 Fuckets		@ \$5 "	2.50
5 Pic Pans		@ 3/50	1.45
40 lbs Brass Wire		@ 10/	50.00
400 Flints		5/	5.00
83 ¹ / ₂ yds Blue Stroud		@ 2/75	229.63
36 " Gingham for Hakfs		@ 30c	10.80
4 3/12 Doz Tin Pan		@ 2.00	8.50
20 ¹ / ₂ yds Blue Stroud		@ 2.75	56.37
Making 2 Robes		3.00	3.00
do 4 do		@ 6/	3.00
2 Gro Binding		@ 2/50	5.00

	Amt Carried Forwd	\$ 993.59
to Amt brot forwd		\$ 993.59
10 Smoking Hatchets	@ \$4/50 ea	45.00
Goods Given by Commissioners at Council Ground		
6 Yds Blue Stroud	@ 2/75	16.50
6 Tin Cups	@ 1/75	.88
12 lbs Tobacco	@ 3/	4.50
1/2 Doz 6 in Cocoa Knives	@ \$6.00	3.00
12 lbs Lead	@ 1/	1.50
1 Pocket Knife	@ 12/	1.50
4 Yds Stroud	@ 2/75	11.00
2 Linen Bosom Shirts	@ 2.00	4.00
3 lbs Lead	@ 1/	.38
12 Yds Domestic	@ 20c	2.40
47 " Calico	@ 2/	14.68
6 lbs Tobacco	@ 3/	2.25
1 Fine Merino Shawl	@ 2.00	2.00
Amt Paid Roasting Ear		15.00
do do St. Louis		15.00
do do Black Cat		12.00
do do Cherokee		15.00
Amount Pd Cherokee for Corn and Corn Flour for Indians		6.50
do do Wilson Marlin for Express		5.00
Amt of Funds got by Commissioners for use of the Indians before Council		16.63
		\$ 1188.31

We the undersigned certify that the above a/ct was got by us for Indian purposes

Council Ground
Oct 13 1844

Thos I Smith Comm
J. C. Neill Comm
E Morehouse

2 Yds Blue Stroud "White Feather"	5.50
Paid Caddo Chief	15.00
1 mule got by Commissioner	30.00

approved	\$ 1238.81
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Sam Houston

Washington, Oct 21st 1844.

S. B. Brigham Esq.

Sir,

You will please pay Messrs. Torrey and Brother or order, the annexed amount of one thousand two hundred and thirty eight 81/100 dollars in par fund, or the equivalent in Exchequer bills at Market value, and their acknowledgement to you therefor, or any part thereof, will be sufficient to credit the receipts held by me, against the estate of A Brigham.

Sam Houston

To amount of this and brot frwd		\$ 1238.81
By p \$ 538.00 in Exchequer	90cts	484.20
		<hr/>
Bal. due on this acct Seven hundred and fifty four 61/100		\$ 754.61

Approved for seven hundred and fifty four 61/100 Dollars to be paid out of appr for Indian liabilities under Act of Jan'y 30th 1845.

Anson Jones

Received Houston, Novr 2d, 1844 of S. B. Brigham Five hundred and thirty eight (\$ 538) dollars in Exchequer bills on the with-in order.

Torrey and Bro
pr. J. C. Eldredge.

[Endorsed] Govt bill Torrey and Bro \$807.61 Due voucher No. 1

No. 79

DUPLICATE OF DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Washington, October 14, 1844

This will certify, to all whom it may concern, that sometime during the month of June last I drew an order in favor of Messrs. Ross and Edrington, merchants, upon and as the balance of, the salary due me as Agent of the Lipan and Tonkawa Indians, which the said Ross and Edrington now state to me they have lost. Therefore this will authorise the said Ross and Edrington to draw said amount of said order, being One hun-

dred and twenty (120) Dollars in Exchequer bills, intending this to have the force and effect of a *Duplicate* of said order.

Benjamin Bryant

The annexed is the
paper spoken of above

Executive Department
Washington, Oct. 16, 1844.

To J. H. Raymond, Esq.
Acting Treasurer.

Sir

Pay the above amount of Benj. Bryant's *duplicate* order, for \$120 out of the funds in your hands to my credit for Indian purposes.

I have the honor to be your obt. servt.

Sam Houston

Received Washington Oct 16, 1844 of J H Raymond Actg Treasurer
The amt of the above order 120\$ in Exchequers

ROSS AND EDRINGTON

[*Endorsed*] Genl Houston's Order 120\$ Oct 16th 1844 Ross and Edrington
Indian fund

No. 80

LETTER FROM JAMES C. NEILL, THOMAS I. SMITH, AND
E. MOREHOUSE TO SAM HOUSTON

Bucksnot October 15th 1844.

To His Excellency,
Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas,
Sir,

The Commissioners appointed by your Excellency for the purpose of proceeding to the Council ground on Tehuacana Creek and there meet with the Indians who were coming in to the Treaty, beg leave to report that agreeable to instructions, we proceeded to that place, and that on the 5th day of October, in company with the Hon. G. W. Hill Secretary of War and Marine, we met with the Comanche and other Indian tribes, and

invited them down to the vicinity of the Falls of the Brazos, to meet with your Excellency, and enter into a Treaty with the Republic of Texas; to which they agreed, and on the evening of the 6th Inst. we had the honor of presenting them to your Excellency, about eight miles above the Falls.

The accompanying document No 1. contains the minutes of the Council and Treaty held with the different Indian tribes and No 2, the distribution of presents made among them.

With much respect we have the honor
to be your Obedient Servants,
J C NEILL Commissioner
THOS. I SMITH comm
E MOREHOUSE

[Endorscd] To His Excellency
Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas

No. 81

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN
[October 16, 1844]

1844	To T G Western	Dr	
Aug. 20	To Cash to Ben Ash 50c Whiskey 50c		1.00
Sept. -	" 12 lbs flour 1.00 mustard 53c		1.63
29	pd Negro to carry a Hog to [Merrits?] for Ben		.50
Oct. 2	" " load of fire wood for office		1.00
" "	" " Cash to Ben at sundry times		.75
" "	" " 2 lbs Cracker 50c bread 1.00		1.50
11	" " negroes for digging Bens Grave		4.00
" "	" " for hauling coffin to [Merrits?] and the Corse to Cemetery		1.30
12	" " Bens family		1.00
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		par funds	\$ 12.88

Washington Oct 16, 1844—
approved

Sam Houston

Executive Department
 Washington, Oct. 18, 1844.

To J. H. Raymond, Esq.
 Acting Treasurer,
 \$ 16.10

Pay the above amt. of Sixteen dollars and ten cents, in Exchequer bills out of the appropriation for Indian purposes in your hands to my credit.

I have the honor to be your obt. servt.

SAM HOUSTON

[Endorsed] W. D. Miller,
 Private Secretary

Received Washington Oct 17th of Ja. H Raymond Actg Treasurer the Amount of sixteen 10/100 dollars in Exchequer Bills in full for the within a/c

T. G. Western
 Genl Houstons order \$ 16.10 Oct 17th 1844 Indian fund T G Western

No. 82

DRAFT FOR INDIAN BUREAU EXPENSE
 [October 17, 1844]

Republic of Texas

To L. H. Williams Dr.

1844

To Salary as Indian Agent from May
 24th to Sept 24th—4 months at
 500 Doll. per annum

\$ 166.67

To Salary as Indian Interpreter
 from May 24th to 24 Sept. 4 mos
 @ \$ 250.00 pr. ann.

\$ 83.33

\$ 250.00

Washington Oct. 17—1844—

Approved, to be paid by Acting Treasurer out of fund for Indian purposes, in your hand to my credit.

Oct. 17th 1844.

SAM HOUSTON

[Endorsed] Received Oct 18th 1844 of Jas H Raymond Actg Treasurer the sum of two hundred and forty dollars in Exchequer Bills —the amt of within acct

Witness his
L H X Williams
mark
E Morehouse

Genl Houstons order 250\$ L H Williams Oct 17th 1844 Indian fund AB

No. 83

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH L. H. WILLIAMS
[October 18, 1844]

Republic of Texas

To L H Williams

Dr.

1844

To value of a horse lost in the Service of the
Govt. as Indian Agent when with the Comanche
in Excheq \$ 81.25

Washington Oct 18, 1844
Examined and found Correct
Thomas G. Western

Executive Department
Washington, Oct. 18, 1844.

To J. H. Raymond, Esq.
Acting Treasurer
Sir

Pay the above sum of eighty one dollars and twenty five
cents in Exchequer bills to L. H. Williams, out of the fund in
your hands to my credit for conveying Indian prisoners, etc.

I have the honor to be your obt. sert.

Sam Houston

Received Oct 18th 1844 of Jas H Raymond Actg Treasurer
the sum of Eighty one 25/100 dollars in Exchequer
The amt of the order—

his
L H X WILLIAMS
mark

[Endorsed] Genl Houston's order \$ 81.25 L H Williams Oct 18th 1844
Indian fund

No. 84

LETTER FROM J. C. NEILL AND E. MOREHOUSE TO SAM HOUSTON

Washington
20th Oct 1844.

To His Excellcy,
Gen Sam Houston

We the commissioners are of the opinion that Mr. Watson and John Conner have been of much service in bringing the Indians in and of all the Agents [*sic*] sent out they deserve as much if not more than any others.

J. C NEILL
E. MOREHOUSE

[*Endorsed*] Neill and Morehouse, Indian Commissioners To Oct. 20, 1844.
President.

No. 85

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [October 21, 1844]

\$ 86.94 At Sight please pay to Torrey and Co or order the sum of Eighty Six 94/100 Dollars in par money, or its equivalent in Exchequer and place the same to a/c of

Your most obt servt
Stephen T Slater Indian Agent

Gen Sam Houston
Washington
Texas

approved
SAM HOUSTON

Washington Oct 21—1844
Examined and found correct
T G Western
Supt Ind Affs

[*Endorsed*] Approved, to be paid out of appr for payment of Indian liabilities, under Act approved Jany 30, 1845 for Eighty Six 94/100 Dolls.

Feby 1st 1845
S. T. Slater
\$ 86.94
voucher 2

Anson Jones

No. 86

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Washington 23rd Oct. 1844

Benj. Sloat Esq.

Indian Agent

Sir

Yours of 14th inst is received—contents noted—I am rejoiced to find that the Council with the wild tribes resulted so favorably—

The money for amount of meat and corn and hauling has not been collected for the want of funds in the Treasury at the time it was approved etc.

Jim Shaw has obtained a Settlement with the Govt. Your draft on me in his favor for \$ 40.00 I have accepted when in funds.

The Comanche boy Bob was left at Maj. Porters at the Falls in charge of an injured horse of Gen Morehouses, Send him down with it, when the horse is able to travel, or should the animal die, send the boy by some other conveyance.

I expect to hear from you in relation to the collection of stolen horses, I am told you are to make—wishing you well I remain yr obt st.

T G WESTERN
Supt. Ind. Affs

[*Endorsed*] Copy Supt. Ind Affs. to Washington Oct. 23, 1844
Benj. Sloat Agent
Council Ground

No. 87

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Mr Benj Sloat Agent

Tehuacana Creek

Washington 7 Nov. 1844

also

To Mr S. T. Slater

Indian Agent

Sir

The object of this is to apprise you of a recent depredation committed at the City of Austin —On Sunday last at noon two young persons, a Girl of 14 and a boy of 12 years of age Children of a Mrs Simpson were stolen and carried off by Indians Supposed to be *Waco*—You will forthwith promulgate this information to the Citizens on your frontier and to the friendly Tribes of Indians throughout your Agency, and use every possible exertion to recover those infortunate innocents, and chastise the aggressors—A party of Citizens were assembling and would probably leave Austin on Tuesday in pursuit, but with little hopes of success I fear, as the Indians will have had at least 48 hours start on them—I trust and hope a prompt action on your part with your accustomed energy and tact will crown with success your efforts to regain those poor children, and relieve from wretchedness their afflicted widowed mother.

Yr. mo. obt. st.

THOMAS G WESTERN

Supdt. Indi. Affs

Dup. to Sloat and

Slater Mr Kern, 9th Nov

[*Endorsed*] Supdt To Washington 7 Nov 1844 Sloat and Slater Agents

No. 88

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO GEORGE BARNARD

Washington Nov. 7, 1844

Mr. Geo. Barnard

Trading house

Tehuacana Creek

Dear Sir

By the enclosed to Mr. Sloat which I leave unsealed for your perusal you will preceive the object of that communication—Should Mr. Sloat not have returned and you should know his whereabouts please Seal it and forward it to him pr. Express and also that to Mr Slater by the same—Mr. Slater, I presume, is at José Mariás Village, and under any circumstances it is important that the letter addressed to him should be sent to him without delay, as the Caddo, Ioni and Anadarko will prob-

ably take an interest in the matter and through their instrumentality possibly, the double object may be attained of recovering the children and ascertaining who the aggressors are— You will promote the interests of the country and the cause of humanity by rendering any aid in your power to this end—I would not occupy your attention with this affair, but, for the supposition that Mr. Sloat may not be present, and that I know your willingness to engage in a good cause. I shall be gratified to hear from you at as early a period as convenient, and to know what success you may have had.

Very respectfully

Yr. mo. obt. st.

THOMAS G WESTERN

Supdt. Ind. Affs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt To Washington 7 Nov, 1844 G. Barnard

No. 89

RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE OF A. G. KIMBELL

Lamar County Novr 10th 1844

Mr Norman Chatfield

Sir

I have agreed with Mr. Phelps concerning my licence to trade with the Indians as follows: I am to relinquish all the right which I have by virtue of my Licence from the President dated 1st December 1843 to trade with the Indians on condition that you satisfy Messrs Rusk and Terrell for their services, relinquish your claim against me for two cows and calves and pay me twelve dollars for my Cros Cut saw and Broad Axe and pay Keynon 3 or 4 dollars the amt. of his acct against me out of the 12\$. And I hereby relinquish all claim which I have in and to the place selected by me for the Trading House on Clear Creek about 4 miles from its entrance into the West Fork Trinity and known as the Live Oak Grove.

A. G. KIMBELL

[*Endorsed*] Relinquishment to License Kimbell to Chatfield Norman
Chatfield Esqr

Mr. Phelps Trinity Colony

No. 90

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [October 12-November 11, 1844]

To./ Bureau of Indian Affairs	Trading House
	Oct 15th 1844

Please pay to Jac[k] Harry the amount due me for services rendered for Government while out with Col Eldredge.

	his
Trading House	Jack X Harry
Oct 15th 1844	mark
Witness	

Geo. Barnard	Sam Houston
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Messrs. Torrey and Brother will please pay the above to Jac[k] Harry (being fifty dollars) and charge to appr for Indian purposes.

Examined and found correct
T G. Western *Supt. Ind. Affs.*

Sam Houston

I hereby assign the within to Torrey and Co or order

Attest	his
S. Z. Hoyle	Jac[k] X Harry
	mark

Approved for Fifty dollars, to be paid out of appr for the payment of outstanding liabilities of the Govt incurred for Indian purposes

Feby 1st 1845	ANSON JONES
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[Endorsed] Jac[k] Harry ac \$50 No. 15

No. 91

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [October 12—November 11, 1844]

The Treasury of the Republic of Texas will please pay to Mr Luis Sánchez or order the sum of Five Dollars. (the same being for the hire of one mule for Indian purposes) and charge the same to a/ct of Indian appropriation.

Council Ground
Oct 15th 1844

Stephen T Slater
Indian Agent

Examined and found Correct

T G Western

Supt Ind. Affs.

Washington 21 Oct 1844

Sam Houston

[*Endorsed*] Slater Dft for Sánchez \$5 No. 9

I hereby assigne the within to Torrey and Brother or order

Attest

his

Luis X Sánchez

James B Shaw

mark

Approved for Five Dollars, to be paid out of appr for Indian liabilities. Approved Jany 30th 1845.

Feby 1st/45

ANSON JONES

No. 92

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN CONNER

[October 12-November 11, 1844]

Republic of Texas

	To John Conner	Dr
To 6 plugs Tobacco	@ 75c	\$ 4.50
" 2 Looking Glasses	@ 25c	.50
" 2 Bl'k Silk Handkerchiefs	@ \$1.50	3.00
" 2 Papers Paint	@ 50c	1.00
" 2 Butcher Knives	@ 75c	1.50
" 4 Yds Bed Ticking	@ 50c	2.00
" 12 Plugs Tobacco purchased of James Shaw for the Comanche	@ \$2.00	24.00
" 2 Plugs for Small Harry	@ \$2.00	4.00
" Employing two runners on Clear Fork to hunt the Comanche at \$ 10.00 each		20.00
		<hr/> \$60.50

The above account is for articles given to the Comanche and other Indians as presents, in bringing them in on the frontier for the purpose of making peace with the Republic of Texas.

Washington October 19th, 1844.

Examined and found Correct

T G Western

Supt Ind Affs

approved

Sam Houston

Approved for sixty 50/100 Dollars to be paid out of appr for the payment of outstanding liabilities of the Govt incurred for Indian purposes.

Feby 1st, 1845

ANSON JONES

[*Endorsed*] I hereby assign the within to Torrey and Co. or order
Attest

S. Z. Hoyle

~~his~~
John X Conner
mark

John Conner c/c \$60.50 No. 14

No. 93

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [October 12—November 11, 1844]

Washington, Oct 21st 1844

Republic of Texas

To D. G. Watson, Dr.

To four months' services in company with Col. L. H. Williams, in bringing in Indians to Council in the summer and fall of this year — — — — — \$ 100.00

I certify the above
to be correct

Dan G. Watson

Examined and found Correct

T G. Western

Supt Ind. Affs

approved

Sam Houston

Messrs. Torrey and Brother

Pay the above to D. G. Watson and charge to appropriation for Indian purposes.

Sam Houston

I hereby assign the within to Torrey and Co or order.

Attest

S. Z. Hoyle

D. G. Watson

Approved, to be paid out of appr for Indian liabilities, under
Act of Jan'y 30th 1845 for One hundred Dollars
Feb'y 1st, 1845 ANSON JONES

[*Endorsed*] D. G. Watson \$100 No. 13

No. 94

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [October 12—November 11, 1844]

Washington, Oct. 21, 1844.

Republic of Texas

To Jim Shaw, Dr.

In two months and fifteen days service in bringing
in Indians to Council in the summer and fall of the
present year

\$ 125.00

Examined and found Correct

T G Western

Supdt Ind Affs

approved Sam Houston

Messrs. Torrey and Brother

will please pay the above amount, and charge to appropriation
for Indian purposes.

Sam Houston

I hereby assign the within to Torrey and Co or order

Attest

his

S. Z. Hoyle

Jim Shaw X

mark

Approved for one hundred and twenty five Dollars, to be paid
out of appr for the payment of outstanding liabilities of the
Govt. incurred for Indian purposes.

Feb'y 1/45

ANSON JONES

[*Endorsed*] Jim Shaw \$ 125. No. 11

No. 95

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [October 12—November 11, 1844]

Washington, Oct. 21st, 1844

Republic of Texas

To John Conner, Dr.

To three months services in bring in Indians to Council
during the summer and fall of the present year — — \$ 150.

Washington Oct 21—1844—

Examined and found Correct

T. G. Western

Supdt. Ind Affs

approved Sam Houston

Messrs. Torrey and Brother, pay the above amount and charge to appropriation for Indian purposes.

I hereby assign the within to Torrey and Co. or order.

Attest

his

S. Z. Hoyle

John Conner X

mark

Approved for one hundred and fifty Dollars, to be paid out of appr for the payment of outstanding liabilities of the Govt incurred for Indian purposes.

Feb'y 1/45

ANSON JONES

[*Endorsed*] John Conner \$ 150. No. 111

No. 96

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [October 12,—November 11, 1844]

Washington, Oct. 19., 1844.

Republic of Texas

To Luis Sánchez, Dr.

To services, under instructions of the President, in bringing in Indians to Council, from the 5th August to 15th Oct., two months and ten days — — — — \$ 97.00

I certify the above account to be correct

Exd. and found correct

his

T. G. Western

Luis X Sánchez

Supdt Ind. Affs

mark

Witness

W. D. Miller

approved Sam Houston

Having received a valuable consideration from Torrey and Brother for the above, I hereby assigne the same to them.

attest his
James B Shaw Luis X Sánchez
mark

Approved for Ninety seven Dollars, to be paid out of appr for the payment of outstanding liabilities of the Govt incurred for Indian purposes.

Feby 1st, 1845 ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] Luis Sánchez

No. 97

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[October 12-November 11, 1844]

Indian Dept.	To Torrey and Co.	Dr.
1844		
May	To bal. due of tobacco had at Council	
	in April ——— ——— ——— ———	25.50
"	" Goods furnished Acaquash ——— ——— ———	4.30
"	" 4 Bundles Beads for do women — ————	3.50
July 26	" 23 lbs Tobacco, Sent by Conner to the	
"	Comanche——— 4/———	11.50
"	" 3 butcher knives 8/-	3.00
"	" Sugar 1.25 Corn \$1.00	2.25
		\$ 50.13

Washington Oct. 19, 1844

Examined and found Correct

T G Western

Supdt. Indn. Affa.

approved

19th Oct 1844 Sam Houston

Approved for Fifty 13/100 Dollars, to be paid out of appr for Indian liabilities, under Act approved Jany 30, 1845.

Feby 1st/45 ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] Torrey and Brothers \$ 50.13

No. 98

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Tehuacana Council house Oct 12th 1844

The Republic of Texas

To William a Delaware

To carrying an Express from Red Bares [Bear's] Village
on the Brazos to this place———

\$ 8.00

Witness

L. H. Williams *Traveling Agent*

J. C. Neill Comr.

Thos. I. Smith Com

Examined and found correct

T G Western

Supdt. Ind. Affs.

approved

Sam Houston

To Messrs. Torrey and Brother

Pay the above to William (a Delaware) and charge to ap-
propriation for Indian purposes.

SAM HOUSTON

[*Endorsed*] I hereby assign the within to Torrey and Co or order

Attest

S. Z. Hoyle

his
William X
mark

Approved, to be paid out of appr for payment of Indian lia-
bilities, under Act approved Jany 30, 1845 for eight Dollars
Feby 1st/45 Anson Jones

Williams 8 no 4 \$8.00/— o.k.

No. 99

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JACK HARRY

[October 12-November 11, 1844]

Government of Texas

Dr.

In a/c with Jack Harry For carrying Express from

Council Ground to Washington and back during Council
 in Sept last \$ 25.00
 " Services rendered in recovering Stolen Horses
 from the Waco 50.00

Recd Payment by Dft 75.00

Trading House
 Nov 11 1844.

his
 Jack X Harry
 mark

Examined and found correct—Washington Nov. 28/44
 T G Western *Supdt Indn. Affairs*

\$ 75 At sight please pay to Benj Sloat or order the sum of
 Seventy five Dollars in Exchequer Bills and place the same to
 a/c of

To Your Most his
 Bureau of Indian Affairs Obt Servt. Jack X Harry
 Washington Texas mark

Witness

Geo. Barnard

Approved to be paid so soon as an appropriation is made for
 the Indian Department

28th Nov 1844

SAM HOUSTON

Republic of Texas

Washington County

Before me Joseph Daniels Notary Public in and for the
 county aforesaid, appeared Thos S. Lubbock and Joseph C. El-
 dredge who being duly sworn—deposith, that they are ac-
 quainted with the signature of Geo. Barnard and believe the
 above signature to be good and genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and offi-
 cial seal at Washington on the Brazos this 13th day of De-
 cember A.D. 1844.

Joseph Daniels
 Not. Pub.

[*Endorsed*]

Houston Dec 6th 1844

For value recd. I hereby transfer the within to Paul Bremond
 or order

Witness

[illegible]

Benj Sloat

Approved for seventy five Dollars, to be paid out of appr for
 Indian liabilities under Act approved Jany 30th 1845

Feby 1st/45

Anson Jones

\$ 75 J Harry 3 o.k.

No. 100

ACCOUNTS FOR INDIAN PURPOSES BY TORREY AND BROTHERS
 [October 12,-November 11, 1844]

Abstract of accounts for Indian Purposes by Torrey and Bro.					
Torrey and Bro.	Voucher No. 1	approved for	\$	754.61	
Slater S.	" " 2	" "		86.94	
J Harry	" " 3	" "		75.00	
William Delaware	" " 4	" "		8.00	
Isaac Pennington	" " 5	" "		199.50	
Torrey and Bro	" " 6	" "		50.13	
Luis Sánchez	" " 7	" "		97.00	
J. Chisholm	" " 8	" "		250.00	
Luis Sánchez	" " 9	" "		5.00	
J Conner	" " 10	" "		150.00	
Jim Shaw	" " 11	" "		125.00	
L. H. Williams	" " 12	" "		4.00	
D G Watson	" " 13	" "		100.00	
John Conner	" " 14	" "		60.50	
Jac[k] Harry	" " 15	" "		50.00	
Torrey and Bro	" " 16	" "		10.00	
B Sloat	" " 17	" "		200.00	
			\$	2,225.68	\$ 2225.68
	deduct No 17	200.00			\$ 2225.68
					200.00
			\$	2,025.68	\$ 2,025.68

No 17 amounts to 435. Dolls and 42/100 bury [?] approved for \$ 200 00/00 leaves a ballance of \$ 235 42/100 due Torrey and Bro on said Voucher.

C MASON
 Auditor

[Endorsed] 2040 \$ 2025.68

Torrey and Bro for themselves and as service of Benj. Sloat and others
 Admitted Feby 1st 1845 for two thousand two hundred
 twenty five 68/100 Dollars
 Services furnished for Indian Purposes

Charles Mason
Auditor
approved for two thousand and twenty five 68/100 Dollars
James B Shaw
Comptroller
Recd. Torrey and Bro.

No. 101

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [November 11, 1844]

Received Washington Nov. 11th, 1844—of Ths. G Western Supdt.
of Indian Affairs Three Dollars for bringing in a public mule
and expenses on the Same

\$ 3.00

T. S. RICHARDSON

[Endorsed] Rec'd S Richardson \$ 3.00 for bringing in a Public mule Nov
11/44 (A)

No. 102

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JAMES G. HEARD
[November 12, 1844]

The Superintendent to Indian Affairs
1844 To Jas G Heard Dr
Novr To 2 Loads Wood 9/— \$ 2.25
Recd the above in full Nov 12th 1844
JAS G HEARD

[Endorsed] Rec't Heard \$ 2.25 Fire Wood 12 Nov. 1844 (B)

No. 103

REPORT FROM BENJAMIN SLOAT TO THOMAS G. WESTERN
[November 13, 1844]

Report of Trip to the Waco in quest of stolen Horses by Benja-
min Sloat. Indian Agent.

August 17th 1844, left Trading House on Tehuacana Creek

and proceeded to the Keechi Village at which place we arrived on the 25th and went into council with them on the 26th and 7th during which they stated that they had stolen no horses since the first Treaty they had made and stated further that Acaquash and his men had been living at their village since the Council in April last and that they had conducted themselves well and had stolen no horses from the Whites. On leaving the Keechi Village we tried to prevail upon Acaquash to accompany us to the Waco Village and assist in recovering the stolen horses, but this he positively refused to do saying that he did not wish to have any thing to do with it. We then proceeded in the direction of the Waco Village and after proceeding some 15 miles came upon the Tawakoni Village and went into Council with Kechikaroqua and remained three days in his camp waiting for animals to be given up, at the end of which time they brought up two Horses and one mule and stated that was all the stolen horses they had in their possession, but I have reason to believe that they lied about it, as I accidently saw some horses in their camp that I knew, but was unable to obtain them, as they had hid them out, when I enquired for them.

Kechikaroqua stated to me while in council with him that Ejahajo a Creek Chief was to start early in the spring with a party of warriors for the Spanish Country to join the Spaniards in waging War against Texas, and that White Feather had agreed to join him, and stated further that they wished him (Kechikaroqua) to join them, and that he had not yet made up his mind whither he would join them or not.

We then proceeded to the Waco Village where we arrived on the 1st Nov. and went into council with them at the end of which they gave up four head of Horses, and stated that they had four head more of Horses that belonged to the whites, but that they were then absent on a Buffalo Hunt, but would be back in a few days, When they would send them directly down to the Trading House and deliver them up. As for the balance of the Horses which they had stolen they stated that they had none of them in their possession as a great many of them had been stolen from them again and the balance had died.

Finding that I could effect nothing more in the recovery of Horses I started on my return to the Trading House where I arrived with seven head of animals on the 10th Inst.

In the different Councils I held with the Indians they all stated to me that the Comanche Kiowa Arapaho and Cheyenne

were counseling together in large numbers with Buffalo Hump and his party, and had sent down an express for Acaquash and White Feather to attend their councils, and Acaquash and White Feather had left for these Councils on my return by the Keechi Village.

all of which is most respectfully submitted by your

To/ most obt Servt

Maj Thos. G. Western BENJ SLOAT

Gen. Supt of Indian Aff. Indian Agent.

Trading House Tehuacana Creek Nov 13, 1844

[Endorsed] Report of B. Sloat Agent red. 20 Nov. 1844

No. 104

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO M. C. HAMILTON

Washington Nov. 21 1844

To M. C. Hamilton Esq.
Actg. Secy War etc. etc—

Sir

In reply to the enquiries you make relative to the abduction of two children of Mrs Simpson at the City of Austin by Indians, I have to state that information of the lamentable event was received at this Office on the 7th instant, only four days after it occurred, the respectability of the Source whence it was derived entitled it to full credit and without a moments delay the facts were communicated to the Agents and traders on the frontier with instruction to use every possible exertion to intercept and recapture the children if practicable and punish the depredators or at least to ascertain who they were; these communications reached their destination in due course and one of the Agents is even now among the friendly tribes stimulating them to action in this laudable cause pursuant to my directions The amicable disposition manifested by all the tribes with whom we have treaties of Peace, their correct deportment generally and strict observance of treaty stipulation induces me to believe that they will take much in ferriting out the outlaws and treat

them as such. It is to be hoped Success will crown their efforts—nothing will be omitted on my part to attain that end—

Yr. mo. obt st
T G W
Supdt. Ind Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt to Washington Nov 21 1844 Actg Secy. War

No. 105

CERTIFICATION FOR SERVICES

Treasury Department
Auditors Office Nov. 27/44

I certify that in accordance with the annexed notification that the following individuals are entitled to credit for the amount set oposite their respective names viz

John S Black	\$328.00/100	doll
Thos I. Smith	"325.00/100	"
Benj Bryant	"200.00/100	"
Gipson May	" 46.00/100	"
S. Z. Hoyle	" 70.00/100	"
G. W. Terrell	"487.00/100	"

Which is transmitted to the comptrollers for his decision therein

To

Jas. B. Shaw Esq.
Comptroller

Comptrollers Office

If the above credits have not priviously been given, I now certify. Augst 12th 1845

JAMES B. SHAW
Compt.

first titles of cr. mislaid

[*Endorsed*] Auditors Certificate
Jno S. Black
G. W. Terrell and others
Indian Fund

bama Indians and forthwith proceeded to investigate their true situation. The Lands appropriated for them by act of Congress I found surveyed one league embracing Colettee Villedge [Colete Village], *claimed by Hamilton Washington* I ordered him to leave the land he refused to give it up that is his claim but said the Indians might cultivate their fields. I put them on the land where they have remained to date they have built their houses on the East bank of Trinity River on a/c of the overflow of the river—If fifty or sixty acres of land was presented them including their houses they would be quite happy. They are turning their attention to agriculture If some facilities were offered them by presents of hoes, axes, wedges, ploughs, trace chains etc etc their farming efforts would be doubled as it is they have made good crops of corn, peas, and potatoes etc.

The upper league including the Batteest [Batista Village] town is occupied entirely by the whites and they refuse to give up the land and part thereof

I visited the Alabama Town and found it settled by the Whites and no Indians there when their land was run off for them, they took it for granted it was for the white man and without an explanation left for Opelousas—finding unhealthy they returned to Texas and settled fifteen miles south of their old town On Doct. Wheats league of land they planted corn there this year This land is situated about thirty miles west of Town Bluff on the Neches River in Liberty County from the threats of the individuals on their land they are not disposed to return to it but wish to live in Texas They number twenty eight warriors about twenty women and as many children The Coushatta No. fifty Warriors as Many women and some thirty five or forty boys and girls— I have restored to them three Horses—the Whites have several Cows of the Indian so I am informed The Indians are entirely friendly and want to remain so, so say their Chiefs Thus Sir I have given you a faithful account of my proceedings as Agent for these Indians My term of office expired on the ninth [*illeg.*] *Inst* I would give it as my opinion some Agent should be kept here to prevent any further difficultys Rising between the White and Red men

I am Sir Yours Most Respectfully

JOS. L. ELLIS

[*Endorsed*] J L Ellis an Agent
of Coushatta and Alabama
Indians—

Report
To Dec 8 1844
Superintendent

No. 108

ESTIMATE OF AMOUNTS DUE BY INDIAN BUREAU
[December 9, 1844]

Estimate of Amts. due by Indian Dept. 9th Dec. 1844

Names	Considuation [<i>sic</i>]	Amt.
To Torrey and brothers	Goods furnished	1238.81
" John Conner	Service bringing in Com[anche]	150.00
" Jim Shaw	do " "	125.00
" D G Watson	do with agt. Williams	100.00
" John Conner	Supplies	60.50
" Luis Sánchez	Interpreter	97.00
" Jack Harry	Supplies	4.00
" Delaware William	Express	8.00
" Jesse Chisholm	Services Seekg Comanche	250.00
" Jack Harry	do with Mr. Eldredge '43	50.00
Isaac Pennington	Goods furnished	199.50
Mandred Stroud	do do	50.00
Jesse Chisholm	Supplies furnished	94.75
James Menefee	Corn	171.00
John Marlin	Beef	220.00
S. T Slater	pay as agent	181.60
L H Williams	do do Col.	60.50
C Green	Do Do	125.00
Ellis	Do Do	181.60
T G Western	Do as Superintend	141.67
B. Sloat ass. Tarbox	Corn and transportation	158.83
Jno. Marlin	Services Seekg. indians	14.00
Gibson May	do as agent	125.00
W G Ford	medicines	6.00
A Jones	Provisions	5.00
Messr. Torrey	Transportation	10.00
L. Sánchez	Hire of a Mule	5.00
Jim Shaw dft fav.		
Staats	a/c of services in '43	85.00
John Conner do. do. do	do do '43	79.62

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M. Stroud	Goods presented	'43	56.00
		\$40 42	\$4055.48
Claims presented and passed	\$195.32 and \$24.00 over		219.38
			<hr/> \$4274.80
Torrey and Bro.	Goods furnished		50.13
Jack Harry	Service	1843.	75.00
S. T. Slater	do—		86.00

[Endorsed] Copy of Estimate

No. 109

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOSEPH L. ELLIS
[December 9, 1844]

	To Joseph Ellis	Dr.
To pay for services as agent to the Coushatta and Alabama Indians from 1st. Aug. to 9 Dec. 1844		\$100.00
Washington 12 April 1845 —		
Examined and found correct for one hundred Dollars—		
Received an approved account for one hundred Dollars of which the above is a copy—	Washington Apl. 12 — 1845—	
	JOS. L. ELLIS	

[Endorsed] J. L. Ellis 12 Apl/45
\$100.00

No. 110

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[December 13, 1844]

Indian Dept.

	To Torrey and Brothers	
1844		
Oct. 18.	To transportation of arms and ammunition from the Falls to the Council Ground	\$ 10.00

Washington 13 Dec 1844
 Examined and found correct
 T G WESTERN
 Supdt. Ind. Affs

[*Endorsed*] Approved for Ten Dollars to be paid out of appr for Indian
 liabilities, under act of Jany 30, 1844
 Feby 1/45 Anson Jones No. 16

No. 111

LETTER FROM C. GREEN TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Washington.
 14th Decer. 1844

To
 Major T. G. Western
 Supt. of Indian Affairs

Sir

On the 11th Feby last I left here and proceded direct to the Tonkawa Indians Encampment on Cedar Creek—where I gave them instructions to keep out of the settlements as directed by Genl Houston.

The Indians being without horses it became necessary that they should visit the settlements where they might procure labour for their subsistence.

From the Tonkawa I proceded direct to the Lipan Camps near Goliad, where I found but few of their tribe—most of them were out as I was informed on the Rio Grande stealing Beef etc.

I informed the Lipan of my instructions and that it was the wish of the President that the principal head chiefs should meet at the contemplated treaty on the Brazos—I also informed them not to make any treaty with the Mexicans or Indians—and not to steal from any of the Indian Tribes—as peace was the policy—and that the Lipan and Tonkawa should remain near each other so I could go to Either Camp in a day or so—That I should be able to attend to my instructions—I then proceded on with three Lipan Indians to the treaty ground—

From the treaty ground in the month of May last I returned to the Guadalupe—

Where I found on the 27h of May the Tonkawa in the vicinity of Gonzales—drinking liquor stealing cattle and committing depredations which made it necessary that I should remain with them—I remained with them until the first of September—

The Tonkawa left for the Colorado—by way of the San Marcos. so as to avoid the settlements.

I was informed by Capt Campos a Tonkawa that the Lipan had made peace with the Comanche before the late Treaty—I have the utmost confidence in the report of Campos

I recd. your letter by the Lipan to attend the late Treaty—I came on as fast as my illness would permit with the head men of the Lipan—but was so indisposed as not to be able to travel—when I dispatched the Lipan with instructions to attend the Council—as soon as I was able I returned to the Tonkawa camp on the Colorado—where I found the women picking out cotton and many of the men lying about Bastrop drunk—I Enquired of O'Quinn—why they did not keep out the settlements—He appeared—independent—saying a portion of their tribe was out west stealing Mexican horses—and that he felt assured that the people would sustain them—and that they were compelled to remain in the settlements to get subsistence—My indisposition required me to leave and so soon as I was able to ride again I came by Tonkawa Encamped on the head of Buckners Creek on the south for this place—Some four weeks since a party of 8 or 9 Indians came in to the town of Seguin in the night for the purpose of stealing horses—They were pursued and one of the Indians killed—His shot pouch and powder horn I am informed can be proved to have belonged to a Lipan Indian—also a blanket was taken which was identified by Mr. Johnson of Seguin as belonging to the Lipan—

The Inhabitants generally believe that the Lipan and Tonkawa commit depredations daily—I have the honor

To be your Servt
C GREEN
Indian agent

[Endorsed] Report of C. Green Agent to the Lipan and Tonkawa—
Red. 17 Dec 1844
Majr. Thos. G. Western
Supt. of Indian affairs
Washington

No. 112

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Washington Dec. 14—1844

Mr. Benj. Sloat—Indian Agent
Present

Sir

You will forthwith proceed to the Council Gd. on Tehuacana Creek and continue to exercise the duties of agent as heretofore—You will be careful to report to this office monthly, or oftener Should emergency require it, So that the most correct and early information may be had at the Seat of Govt. of every occurrence on the frontier and among the various Tribes.

My form communications on the subject and the information you have received while here, you are apprised of all the particulars connected with the abduction, by the Indians, of the two Children of Mrs. Simpson at the City of Austin, and I now again direct your immediate attention to this matter, and in order to recover those children you will upon your arrival at your Post, without delay proceed to the Waco Villages and to such other places as you may deem most expedient to attain the object of your mission. Should you find them (which I sincerely hope and trust will be the case) you will effect their release, and bring them to this place, for this purpose you will take at the Trading house of Messr' Torrey Some Tobacco and Such other articles as may be absolutely necessary. I have great Confidence in your zeal, Capacity and energy and that you will be successful in this laudable and important undertaking.

Should the Mexican Girl at the Council Ground, purchased of the Comanche by the Delaware Jim Shaw prove to be the individual described by Col Kinney, you will forward her to me here, under the arrangements already made with him. You will also endeavour to ascertain whether any of the persons, a description of whom has been handed to you by the same gentleman, captured by Indians at Corpus Christi etc. are to be found on your route, and take such measures for their release as may be needful, you have likewise

herewith a note descriptive of certain horses stolen, it is said by Indians, on the Colorado a few days since, you will demand the surrender of these animals, if found, and bring them in—

Agent Williams and Jack Harry Interpreter will accompany you throughout—

You will not permit the Delaware Jim Shaw or any other person under your Control to molest the persons who hold the negro Slave, ransomed from the Comanche by Said Shaw last Summer—You can assure him, that provision will be made to reimburse him to the amount of the ransom money paid by him with Such other expenses as may have been incurred in her redemption.

Yr. Mo obt Sert
 THOMAS G WESTERN
 Supdt. Indian Affairs

Washington Dec. 14—1844

S. T. Slater Esq

Sir

You will please report in person at the office of the indian agent at your earliest convenience

Yr. obt Sert
 THOMAS G. WESTERN
 Supdt. Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt *Copy*
 Washington
 To Dec. 14/44
 Benj. Sloat—Agent—
 and
 S. T. Slater

No. 113

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN CAMPBELL
 [December 18, 1844]

Indian Bureau	To John Campbell	Dr
1844		
Dec. 18. To one table with drawer		\$ 9.00
Labor and materials in office		11.75

Lock and work	4.00
1 Table	3.75
1 Book Case	16.50
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	\$45.00
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Washington Feb 4— 1845

Received an approved account for Forty five Dolls, of which
the above is a copy——

JOHN CAMPBELL

[Endorsed] *Entd.*

John Campbell 4 Feby. 1845

\$ 45.00

No. 114

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ANSON JONES

Washington 24 Dec. 1844

To/

His Excellency

Anson Jones

President of the Republic of Texas

Sir

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency, the following
Report on Indian affairs.

A Treaty of Peace and Amity was made at "Birds Fort" on
the river Trinity on the 29th Sept. 1843, with Chiefs of the Dela-
ware, Chickasaw, Waco, Tawakoni, Keechi, Caddo, Anadarko,
Ioni, Biloxi, and Cherokee, Tribes of Indians, and with the ex-
ception of occasional incursions into the Settlements, by Some
renegade Waco and Tawakoni the stipulations of that Treaty
have been strictly observed by the Contracting parties, who,
having buried the Tomahawk, now dedicate their attention to
agricultural and Hunting pursuits, thereby, securing ample
subsistence for their families, and peltries sufficient to pur-
chase at the Trading houses, other supplies they need, which
renders them contented and happy, experience is thus teaching
them to appreciate the blessings of peace, and to love and re-
spect the white man who bestows them.

In March last some trusty Indians head men of the before

mentioned Tribes, visited this place to see the President—A “Talk” was given them adapted to the occasion, their good services were secured, in our behalf, to use their endeavours in conjunction with our agents and messengers to induce the Comanche to come in to Council in April; suitable presents were made to them and they departed for their homes highly gratified with their reception, reiterating protestations of friendship, of their adherence to us, and their resolution to do all in their power to reconcile the Comanche and other wild tribes who had not then become parties to the Treaty. as a precautionary measure suitable persons were selected to accompany them through the Settlements towards their homes, and also, to convey to the Comanche a “Talk” or message from the Executive inviting them to attend a Council in April—pursuant to this invitation, three Commissioners and the Superintendent of Indian affairs, repaired to Tehuacana Creek, the place appointed to meet them in Council, but, they came not—after some delay two of our messengers arrived, and reported to us, that they had found a few Comanche, on the head waters of the Colorado, with a Chief, “Mopecucope” he replied to the invitation of the President, stating, that his people were scattered at that time from the Salt Plains of Arkansas to Rio Grande, and could not be assembled for the time named, but, that he would meet him in Council in the Fall of the year, that his people were already virtually at peace with Texas, and had been so for some length of time, with other expressions of Good feeling. The next object in view under the instructions of the President, was, to bring into Council the Waco and Tawakoni, who, notwithstanding the Treaty had committed several outrages upon our citizens, this was effected on the 11th May, they number about 130 souls 60 of whom were Warriors, they were severely reprimanded in Council for three successive days, by the commission and by the head men of the friendly tribes present, and finally promised to restore the horses they stolen and act better in future.

In the month of July a small hunting party of Delaware, on the Trinity, were attacked by a party of white men, two of the Indians were killed, others were wounded, and their horses and other property taken, the murderers were pursued by the good Citizens of the Vicinity, were captured and executed by summary process—

About the 7th of August, information was received by the

Superintendent, then at the Falls of the Brazos, that a party of Waco, about 60 in number, had left there villages for marauding purposes, and were to make a descent, on the settlements of that frontier—The superintendent immediately caused preparations to be made for protection of the trading house, and in Company with a few Citizens, ranged up the Brazos to above the Bosque, thence across to the Navasota, above Parker's Fort, and returned to the Falls without having seen an indian or discovered any sign on the route —

The Council convoked for the 15th of September did not take place until the 7th of October, at the Falls of the Brazos, where the Comanche Chiefs, Po-chan-a-quarhip (Buffalo Hump) and two others with a few warriors, met President Houston in Council, it lasted three days and ultimately a Treaty was concluded on the 9th of that month, in presence of all the friendly tribes who were on the Spot, Presents were then distributed to them all, except the Waco, who were directed to bring in the horses they had stolen which they promised to do, and an agent with others were sent with them to their villages to receive them. The agent returned with seven horses which they delivered to him; they have been restored to their owner.

Occasional depredations continue on our Western and South-western Frontier, the former, are attributed to the Waco, but from the best information I am inclined to the opinion, that much mischief is done on that as well as on our Northern border, by the Wichita or Tawehash and perhaps other tribes from the U States. The attacks upon the Settlement at Corpus Christi, have been made, as it is believed, by "Kiowa" a tribe hitherto little known to us—they are not residents of Texas. Our Indian affairs nevertheless are, in general terms, in a healthy condition; the prospect of permanent peace continues to brighten the Tribes on our borders already find it to their interest to cherish peaceful relations with us, and they are too shrewd to lose sight of their own interests.

Licenses have been granted by our late Executive for two Trading Houses, one to Messr. Torrey & Co. established last Spring on Tehuacana Creek 25 miles above the Falls of the Brazos, and is still in successful operation—the other to Messr. Kennedy and Chatfield, to be located on the Elm or South Fork of the river Trinity.

Agents have been dispatched to recover the two children abducted by Indians at the City of Austin—they are instructed

to proceed direct to the furthestmost villages of the Waco, and as much farther as may be declared expediant to attain that object—to effect the release of other Captives if found and practicable, and to demand the surrender of the horses recently taken on the Colorado if found, and all others known as the property of our citizens.

An Estimate of accounts due to individuals for supplies furnished and services rendered etc. for Indian purposes up to the 8th. inst. amounting to \$4042.03, is, herewith transmitted for your Excellency's information.

I have the Honor to be yr. Excellcy's obt st
 THOMAS G WESTERN
 Supdt. Indian Affairs

[Endorsed] Copy of Report of Superintendent. 24 Dec. 1844

No. 115

LETTER FROM STEPHEN T. SLATER TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Washington

Dec 25th 1844

T G Western

Sir As it is my duty to report to you all I know in relation to the Indians I herewith commit it to you after the Council in September I remained at Mr Torreys Trading House until the 20th of the month I have seen nothing on the part of the Indians wherein they have broken their engagements with the whites but there has been many complaints by the Citizens to me against the Waco for stealing also the Caddo has complained to me about the Waco stealing their horses soon after the Council A Mr Pennington said to be an Indian trader from Red River in company with some Choctaw and Roboni Indians, and stated to me that he was going to Little River on business with Mr Bryant I did not see any goods with him A Choctaw Indian that was with him Traded some Peltry to Mr Torrey clerk for goods Mr Watson Chisholm Conner and Sloat purchased a lot of goods from Mr Torrey to trade to the Mexicans also a large amount of Powder and Lead the Indians complains verry much about the prices of goods that is sold to them.

Yours Respectfully
 STEPHEN T SLATER

[*Endorsed*] Report of S. T. Slater—Agent— 25. Decr. 1844—
To T G Western Supt Ind Afft Washington Texas

No. 116

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF WILLIAM AND JANE
SIMPSON [December 31, 1844]

Joint Resolution

Making an appropriation for the redemption of William and Jane Simpson.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Texas in Congress assembled, that the sum of three hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated and placed at the disposition of the President, for the redemption of William and Jane Simpson (children of Mrs. Simpson) now held in captivity by the hostile Indians.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved. That this Joint Resolution take effect from and after its passage.

JOHN M. LEWIS
Speaker of the House of Representatives

K. S. ANDERSON
President of the Senate.

Approved December 31st. 1844.

Department of State
Washington, Jan'l 30. 1845.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a copy of the original Joint Resolution on file in the archives of this office.

In testimony whereof the official
Seal of this Dept. has been here-
unto affixed.

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

[*Endorsed*] Appropriation of \$300 Dollars for the redemption of Wm. and Jane Simpson
Apprd 31st Dec 1844

No. 117

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO JOHN F. TORREY

Washington 3d. Jany. 1845

Mr. J. F. Torrey

Dr. Sir—

Yours of the 1st. inst. is received—The committee on Indian Affairs endeavoured to assemble this afternoon but at a late hour they had not effected it—the Chairman Mr. Menefee informs me that he is anxious to report, and thinks it will be done in a few days—The Report of the Superintendent was Sent in Some 10 days ago, and, I am proud to Say gave ample Satisfaction.

Red Bear and others arrived here yesterday from the Colorado as they Say, with some 8 packs of peltries, permission to trade has been refused and they depart in the morning for the Trading house with all they brought they seem to complain that Goods are Sold to high at your establishment on Tehuacana Ck. but this may be a mere pretext—and the President and myself did not regard it—It would be gratifying to the Govt. to know that your instructions to your Agents at your Trading House were Such as to afford every facilitiy to the Trading Indians Compatible with your interests as regards the prices of Goods etc. So as to render them contented and prevent further Clamor on that Subject—They will not under any circumstances be permitted to come below the Trading house and it is confidently hoped that Strict Justice will be meeted out to them there, your attention is respectfully Solicited to this item.—

I remain Yr. Mo. obt. st.

THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affairs

[Endorsed] Copy #33.
To Washington
Jany. 3, 1845
J. F. Torrey Houston

No. 118

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT AND
L. H. WILLIAMS

Washington Jany. 4th 1845

Messr. Sloat and Williams

Gentmn.

Your communication of 28th ult. pr. express is before me and I regret to find that so much delay has occurred in consequence of the present aridity of the Country not affording Sustenance for your animals on your intended route to which I have only to Say that, if Such is the State of the upper country, and there is no grass, we must Submit—for the present to the force of circumstances, you will nevertheless hold yourselves in readiness to embrace the first favorable moment to fulfill your instructions of the 14th ult.—

The Caddo "Red Bear" and the Ioni "Bead Eye" with others of their tribes arrived here on the 2d inst. with several packs of peltries, from a hunting expedition on the Colorado, as they Say, with a view to trade, but in accordance with law, they have have not been permitted to trade, and have departed for the trading house with all they brought—their introduction into the Settlements cannot be tolerated—it must be prevented by the Agents it is in violation of law and of existing treaties, Subversive of order expensive to the Government and very annoying—no indian must be permitted to come below the trading house except on Public Service or when sent for by the Govt. and then not without a passport from an Agent—There are now Several hunting parties on the waters of Little River, Brushy etc. you will notify them if practicable, not to come down that the law is positive and cannot be deviated from, they must go with there furs to the trading house to traffic.

The "Red Bear" and the balance have been furnished with provisions, presents etc and all seem satisfied except Old "Bead Eye" he left yesterday quite [torn] which I mention for your Governments—They all complain of the high prices of Goods at the Trading houses, and make this a pretext for coming here to trade, it will be your duty as Agent, to See that all Indians

are dealt with fairly, by the traders, and that justice be done them and it is expected you will report to me on this subject.—

It is rumored that Some Delaware who were hunting on Brushy, Saw the Austin children in possession of the Waco, you may ascertain the facts before you leave and know more about it from the Delaware probably.—

Yr. Mo. obt. sert.

THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affs.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. No. 34.
To Washington
Jan. 4—1845
Agents Sloat and Williams

No. 119

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO JOHN F. TORREY

Washington 6th Jany. 1845

Mr. J. F. Torrey
Houston

Dr Sir

In my last I communicated to you that some Caddo and others had arrived here to trade a quantity of peltries, this privilege was not granted—they were ordered to your trading house for the purpose; and departed— Since that date I have understood that your establishment at that point is destitute of goods, this, it is to be hoped, may not be the case but in the absence of any official report on the subject, I crave you will advise me per return mail of all the facts connected with this important matter, for the information of the govt.—Dissatisfaction among the Indians must be prevented, and our Treaties with them must be rigidly complied with—

Your most obt st
THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. No. 35
Washington
Jany 16—1845
J. F. Torrey—Houston

No. 120

LETTER FROM BENJAMIN SLOAT TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Council Ground
Jan 10th 1845

Maj Thos G Western

Dear Sir

Enclosed we send you the talks of José María, Bintah and Black Cat, as we advised you in our last. We would do.

This reports as near as we can learn has been circulated among the Indians by white men living near Strouds on Navasota but who they are, we have been unable to find out. We have assured the Indians that these reports are false and they are satisfied that they are false.

Col Williams leaves this morning to effect the objects mentioned our last.

Should any thing important occur we will advise you of the same

We remain
Very Respectfully
Your obt Svts L. H. WILLIAMS
BENJ SLOAT
Indian Agents

[*Endorsed*] Franklin
Jan 20
To
Maj Thos. G. Western
Genl. Supt of Indian Affairs
Washington Texas

No. 121

TALK OF JOSE MARIA AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Talk of José María Ioni Chief at Tehuacana Creek Council Ground Jan 10 1845.

Brothers

My young men have left me and gone around because they

have heard bad talk. but I do not believe this bad talk, and this is the reason I wish to hold council. That my young men may be convinced that the talk they have heard is false and the talk of bad men.

When I went out on my hunt, I got a passport from the agent, and did not meet any trouble until I got nearly back to this place. When I met this bad news

When Col Williams went up into our country last summer. I was told that the object of his mission was to get all the women and children in to the council in the fall, and that the whites were then to fall upon them and kill them. The waggons with the goods were to stop below and the troops from the United States were to assist in killing them. At the last Council all of the Captains said the old men with grey beards would not tell lies.—My beard is not yet grey. I am a young man, but I speak truth. For myself I believe that these stories I have heard are lies because I heard the talk of the chiefs at the last council, and I then told my white Brethren that whenever I heard any bad news, I would come to the Trading House and tell it and have the talk sent to the Great White Chief. I do not tell these things myself but tell what I hear. I intend to hold fast to what I said at the council—

For my own part I am not afraid, but my people say I am a fool for staying so near the whites, as so soon as the corn gets fit to eat they intend to raise and kill them all and that the reason these goods were put here was to cheat our people out of their hunts to pay for the good white men they have killed.

I have understood also that if we did not go with the whites and help kill the Waco that the whites would think we were friends to the Waco, and kill us.—The Waco say that if we do not move out, away from the whites they will steal our horses, so you see we are between two fires. What shall we do? I know that it is the desire of the whites to make peace with all, but it is impossible. The whites have done their best to make peace, but the Waco and others will not be friends.

Two nights ago news was brought me that the Waco had stolen all the horses from 5 of my men, and that the men had left their families and pursued the Waco, and I have not heard of them since and do not know whether they are killed or not.

The Waco also stole some horses from some Lipan a short time since, and the Lipan moved and camped in another place,

and tied their horses, and watched them. That night the Waco came again to steal and the Lipan shot one of them and broke both his thighs, and in the morning he was sitting where he was shot. Then they took him and cut both his feet off and told him whenever he got well, to come on and take *choice* of their horses. They then left him. They have also stolen all the horses from Bintah's son, and he has followed them.

My men shall not go below to hunt like the Delaware have done, without permission from the agents as I know that the Delaware did steal horses, when they were there, and I do not wish my men to do the same, but be friendly with all whites whom they meet.

We are glad, and have been glad ever since the *Great White Road* has been made, and we wish to continue in it and meet our white bretheren as friends. We are all now in the White Path and hope we shall always keep in the same path. I am determined to stick to what I have said in former council, and am in hopes that our Mothers and Fathers may live to see their young children grow up in peace with their white Bretheren. I come in to see you and give you my talk so that it can be sent to your *Chief* as I do not wish to go around like my young men have done but come straight to the white path, and pursue it. Our women and children are naturally scary, but myself and men are not afraid.

Brothers my talk is done—

No. 122

TALK OF BINTAH AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Talk of Bintah Caddo Chief at Tehuacana Creek Council
Ground Jany 10th 1845

My Brothers,

What José María has told you is true. I have heard the same things. As for myself and José, we have no bad thoughts about this news, and do not believe it to be true, and in my old age I am not disposed to believe these reports. Now we see when the Pipe of Peace is presented to us we all take it. White and Red and Smoke together in friendship, but if we believed these reports, and did not wish to be friendly we should not

take the pipe but let it lay on the ground. This is all I have to say now.

Black Cat Shawnee Capt. arrived while we were in Council, and says. I have heard all these reports spoken of by José and Bintah, and the reason I have come in is to learn whether they were true or false. I think the Peace we have made is strong, and that all will hold fast to it. The Waco and Tawehash are bad, and steal our horses. I am glad that the Great White Chief is to hear this talk. I have done.

No. 123

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[January 12, 1845]

	Indian Bureau		Houston
		To. Torrey & Brothers.	Dr.
20	"Collins" C. S. Chopping axes.	2.50	50 00
6	pr chain Traces	75	4 50
1	Drawing Knife	1.00	1 00
5	doz. Extra C. S. Welding Hoes	10.00	50 00
6	pr. Supr. White Mackinaw Blankets	7.00	42 00
7½	yds Blue Cloth	4.50	33 75
7½	" Scarlet Strouding	2.25	16 87
2	Hand Saws	2.00	4 00
1	Pipe Hatchet	4.50	4 50
6	Plough Stocks	1.25	7 50
6	Pr Harnes	75	4 50
6	Collars	75	4 50
6	Swingletrees	25	1 50
6.	Plough. Iron Work for 6 Swingletrees.		
10	Iron Wedges. 6 pr. hooks for Harnes.		
	150 lbs Iron Work	37½	56.25 280.87
	Packing Box		1.25
	Cartage, Wharfage, Freight and forwarding		8.00
	Via Galveston, to "Elis" landing		\$290.12

Houston Jany 12th 1845. Received this day goods in accordance with the above invoice for the Couchatta and Alabama Indians

Signed

Recd. an approved acct for two Hundred and ninety 12/100 Dollars. of which the above is a true copy

TORREY & BROTHER

[*Endorsed*] Messrs. Torrey & Bro.
\$290.12

No. 124

LETTER FROM ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

San Antonio. Jan. 14th. 1845.

Majr. Thos G Western
Superintendent Indian Affairs

Sir

Agreeable to your instructions I went to the Lipan Camp, and had a talk with them. I found that there main camp was on the Borrego [Boregas], a branch of the Atascosa about 50 miles South of San Antonio. A small party of them near Dn. Erasmo Seguins Ranch with 2 or 3 of the Tribe that are sick The talk proved very satisfactory—as they profess to be divoted to the interest of the Government and say they are perfectly willing to be governed by the instructions of the Government in Every respect. I found the Tribe in Good Circumstances, they appear to be very well supplied with Every necessary. They appear to be very well pleased to hear of the Council in September and promise not only to attend themselves, but to use their Exertions to induce the Comanche and all other Indians in this Section of the Country to attend also. I found in their camp 5 Caddo and their Squaws. that has been living with them some 6 or 8 months The Chiefs of the Lipan met me at Ranch of Emmencio where we held the Talk on 3d. June. on the 5th. June I visited there main camp. on the Borrego [Boregas Creek] and made strict inquiry about the Horses that was stolen from Victoria but could get no clue what ever they profess to be perfectly inocent of committing any depredation and say that they are willing at all times to lend their aid in the recovery of any Horses or other property that may be stolen and to give a

strict account of themselves at all times I found about 30 Comanche in Their camp on the Borrego [Boregas Creek] and Had a Talk with them the day after my arrival—They had been whiped by the Mexicans in a fight—they had near Matamoros and had fall in with a party of Lipan on the Frio—who took them to their camp and furnished them with some necessarys and Horses—they say they belong to Santa Anna party. They show a disposition to be perfectly Friendly and Say that they are willing and anxious to make peace with the Government of Texas and will visit the Trading House on the Brazos for that purpose as soon as they return from their Present Expedition to the Rio Grande. They were badly mounted and had no Extra Horses with them and wished to make a campaign to Laredo and mount themselves before they went to the Brazos. The principal Chief or Captain of the Party Said his name was Ta.na.cio quache—or Bears Tail. in course of the Talk with the Comanche They said they were very Poor. and wanted me to furnish them with articles—such as paint calico etc. I did not think my self justified in so doing—and told them thus. They would have presents made them, when they visited the Trading House I However Bought them a Beef at one of the Ranchers and Gave them a small quantity of Tobacco with which they appeared well pleased and left the Camp next day. (the 6th June) on their campaigns with many Expressions of Friendship, during the Talk I explained the nature of the Treaties Existing between the Govt. and the different Tribes of Indians and at the conclusion at the request of the Chief gave him a letter of recommendation to Capt Sloat. one of the Party wished to go directly to the Trading House and I gave him a passport. he passed through San Antonio and received Som presents from the merchants in that place. went off towards the Brazos Very Highly Pleased—he was a very intelligent Indian—and Says that he is the son of Ta-sha.ro.she—one of the Great Chiefs of the nation.

On the 30th Jun I visited the Tonkawa Camp. and found Them Camped on the Cibolo near the old Gonzales crossing. There was no change of interest, in their condition, Since last reports. They had one of there Squaws Killed By the Waco near the Dutch settlement on the Comal and appear to be much Exasperated against the Waco I notified them to attend the Council, which they have promised to do—I have found it necessary to have a few of There Guns repaired as they have to sub-

sist Entirely By Hunting and Had not the means of paying for it themselves.

The Lipan are anxious that the Tonkawa should join them until they go to the council—they wish them at that time Take a long Buffalo Hunt on the upper Brazos and Colorado and wish to take their families with them or that they should follow. Soon after when they go to the council—I am using Every Exertion to Effect the union of the two tribes and think I shall succeed in so doing. If so, I can Keep Both under my Eye at the same time and have better control than I can at present having to visit them alternately. I hope you will approve of the measure.

I have just recd. information that a Mexican was Killed a day or two since at Antonio Navarros Ranch. By the Indians—Suposed to be Comanche—Capt Hays is still out. I think on the San Saba and there is no one here to go in pursuit or to find out precisely what Indians they were—with that exception every thing in the Indian line has been quiet since my Last.

Having nothing new of Interest—I have the Honor to Subscribe Myself

Respectfully
R. S. NEIGHBORS
Indian Agent.

[Endorsed] R. S. Neighbors
20—14 June/45
To San Antonio
Superintendent

No. 125

LETTER FROM ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Jan 15th. 1845

Majr Thos G Western
Superintendent Indian Affairs
Sir

For your Better information I
Send you this List of the chiefs of the Lipan Tribs as they Gave
them to me in council. Viz.

Lemas Castro. Principal Chief

Raymond Castro.	}	War Chiefs—
John Castro.		
Capt. Roan	}	Civil Chiefs—
" Chicito		
" Chico		

By thire own account 67. warriors

Respectfully
 R. S. NEIGHBORS
 Indian. Agent

[Endorsed]	Report	recd.
	of	31 July 1845—
	R. S. Neighbors Agt.	
	for	
	Lipan and Tonkawa	
	June 15, 1845	

No. 126

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Indian Bureau
 Washington Jany. 16. 1845—

Mr. Sloat, agent
 Tehuacana Creek

Sir

The bearer is Francisco an Indian of the Bidai Tribe—You will deliver to him five pounds of powder out of the Public Stores, and Six cheap blankets from the Traders Store—the powder is for hunting purposes—I wish you to treat these Indians very kindly and make them Some other little presents as an inducement to them to retire from the Settlements and reside at your Post, they are a poor and a good people and would be very serviceable on your frontier as hunters etc. etc.

Yr. obt sert
 THOMAS G. WESTERN
 Supdt. Indian Affairs

Should Mr. Sloat be absent, the Mr. Barnard will please execute this order—

[*Endorsed*] Supdt No 36
 To Washington
 Jany. 16, 1845
 B. Sloat—agt

No. 127

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO J. FERNANDEZ

Washington 17 Jany. 1845

Mr. J. Fernandez
 Black Lake

Sir

His Excellency the President has received your communication and appreciates your motives, in reply he desires me to say to you that he will be pleased to see you at this place at your earliest convenience, and to hear from you whatever further information you may have on the subject of the Indians—Capt. Millard who hands you this will accompany you hither.

Respecty. Yr. obt. St.
 THOMAS G. WESTERN
 Supdt. Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. No. 37.00
 To) Washington
)
) Jany. 17—1845—
)
) Fernandez

No. 128

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT
 AND L. H. WILLIAMS

Washington Jany 18th. 1845

Messrs. Sloat and Williams, Agents "
 Trading house Tehuacana Ck "
 Gent.

Your Communication of the 6th is received and contents noted—Some Eight days have Elapsed since the 9th. the day you say was appointed for the Council you mention. I am without any information as regards the result of that council, which circumstances require should be made known to this office immediately Upon ordinary occasions I might have awaited your monthly reports, but in view of the various reports afloat and the present *apparent* state of things some anxiety is created to know from you the results of your councils with the Indians and the *true* situations of our affairs with them so far as may be within your knowledge.

For your information and government I refer you to the following Extract made from a communication addressed to his Excellency the President dated at Black Creek (Milam County I suppose) 13 ulto. by a Mexican—

“On my route from your city towards Bexar the Indians (Red Bear, Bead Eye and Company) overtook me, and proceeded on with them to Independence where we encamped on the Evening (of the 1st. Inst) during the night they envited to join them in an attack they proposed to make on the Tawakoni, stating that they had orders from the Government for that purpose, but such it seems was not their intentions for upon arriving at a place upon the Brazos they met the Tawakoni as friends, as well as the other tribes that were there. It appears that it is their intention to take the Trading house on the Brazos and then proceed down the Brazos stealing and kill all they find their plan is to perpetrate vigorous hostilities upon the Texians.

“The object of the Indians who went to Washington to trade was not altogether for that and it was chiefly to inform themselves of the number and situation of the inhabitants— They have found that your people are quite off their guard and this has animated them anew to carry on their plan of warfare —I know from their own lips that they were about to complete the number of Five thousand Indians to Effect their undertaking”

The above Extract is from an unknown hand and signed “Fernandez”—I wish you to inform me whether you know any person of that name on the frontier to let me know who he is if possible—also the result of the council—The number of Indians assembled and their disposition with Every other particular in detail and you will promptly dispatch Mr. Winns the bearer of this with all information you have or can collect—

do not delay him one hour if possible, there may be no necessity for the precautionary measure but it was well to be prepared to destroy all the powder in case of an emergency—Be Especially kind and attentive to the Indians at this time—It is possible that the very Mexican who writes as you see above is Exciting the Indians to hostilities and we must foil him—Col. Williams will remain at his present post for further orders and not go to the Trinity for the present.

Yr obt Sert

T. G. W. [ESTERN]

P.S. I wish to be distinctly understood that it is not my intention to create any alarm in your minds, or on the frontier, nor are we here the least alarmed but we deem it proper that you should be in possession of the best information respecting the Indians, and it is certainly prudent and wise to keep a sharp look-out and use every precautionary measure your prudence and knowledge of the people you have to deal with may dictate—
[Endorsed] Supdt. No. 38

To) Washington
)
) Jany. 18. 1845—
 Mess. Sloat and Williams
 pr. Express
 A Winns

No. 129

TALK OF PAH-HAH-YUCO AND ROASTING EAR

Talk of Trading House
 Pah-ha-yuco January 19th 1845.

Brothers. This man (Sloat) has been sent here to make peace with all the Red men, and is a good man, and Capt for his great white Chiefs. Never give up your exertions to make peace with your Red Brethren, but whenever any of them come in to see you Smoke the pipe of peace with them and give them good talk before they leave, because if you do that every body knows that you are appointed by the great chief, and will come to you to make peace, and they know that you will stay here and will have confidence in you, and you must give them presents when they come, as that will not hurt you but if they should cut

your meat off that would hurt you. I hope soon to hear from the President and hear his talk and hope it will be good.

The reason I came here was to bring the white prisoner and deliver him up to you as soon as possible, as I know his people are anxious about him, and I am aware that according to our treaty with our white bretheren it is our duty to give up our prisoners as soon as we find out that they are with us. I do not keep my words hid nor tell lies, but what I say is true, and I am anxious and so are all my tribe to make peace, and what I say now I will stick to as long as I live.

My people are now gone to the Spanish Country for *foolishness* and when they get their fill of *foolishness* they will come back here.

If the President will send me word in his talk when he wishes to see me and appoint the time and place then I will come and see him.

When Col Eldredge came to me and told me that Texas wishes to make peace with me I was glad and listened to his talk good, and I have told Buffalo Hump that he must not forget what he heard at the last council, but hold fast to it and never give it up. When I was a young man we were accustomed to go among the white people and trade, and I am anxious that that time should return as we wish to be at peace with all and raise our children in peace and my war chief "*Tuna woora quashi.*" "*The Bear with a Short tail*" is brave but prefers peace to war and has come in to see that the peace is good.

He is next War Chief to Buffalo Hump. Now we love our white Bretheren the same as our Red Bretheren. Three of the Wichita and Waco Captains have joined us and are friendly to Texas, but the balance do not wish peace with Texas and have joined the Osage. When my brother came back from the council we were all glad to hear his words for they were good. All the other tribes of Indians know me, and know that I wish for peace with all. You that are listening to me now, may think that I am telling lies but the Great Spirit who looks upon me now knows that I speak truth. Whenever any of my men, or chiefs come in to see you you must give them presents. so that when they return home the people may see that the whites are friendly. The Spaniards when they send for us to make peace steal our horses, but we believe that what the white people tell us is true.

The Buffalo are close by here, and we are obliged to come down with our families among them and all tribes and nations have some bad men who will steal but none but my good men shall come and we will do our best to keep all from stealing. In the Spring some of my men will be down about San Antonio and we may wish to go into the Settlements, which if they do they will come with a white flag so that the whites may know that they are friendly and not hurt them We shall rang[e] from the Colorado to the Guadalupe and we wish to be friendly with the whites, and I mention this that they may know that we will be there hunting, and not to steal so that they may meet us friendly. The Wichita are like dogs. They will steal. You may feed a dog well at night and he will steal all your meat before morning. This is the way with the Wichitas

We want Molly and Sam to take back with us to the village, and want the President to say whether we can have them or not.

I do not think it advisable for the whites to move any farther up the country until a line is designated between the whites and Indians, as it might create disturbance.

I wish Mr Sloat to stay here as I shall expect to see him when I come back.

This is all I have to say. If you listen to my talk I shall be glad and every thing will be good.

Roasting Ears talk

I have listend to Pah-hah-yucos talk and it is good and I am glad to hear it and believe he speaks truth as he has told me all about his travels and has been among all the tribes since Buffalo Hump returned I have listened to him twice now and his talk is the same He wishes to be at peace with the whites and I hope it will be effected. I have been listening to white men since I was a boy and now I am grey headed, and they have told me some lies, but I believe what they say now is true, as what we say in presence of the Great Spirit we must stick to for we cannot lie when we call him to witness what we say but speak truth. We love the white men women and children the same as our own and it should be our desire to make peace with all for the sake of our women and children if nothing else, and I will do my best to make peace between the whites and all the Red men

I am glad to find that my friend here is disposed for peace,

and hope you will satisfy him before he goes back. This is all I have to say—

No. 130

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH L. MOORE [January 19, 1845]

Washington

Indian Dep		To L Moore	Dr
1844			
Dec 10th	For 2 plugs Tobacco @ 2/-		\$.50
1845			
Jan. 2nd	" 1 white Hat		3.00
" 16th	" 5 lb Tobacco @ 2/-		1.25
" 19th	" 1 Roop [?]		.75
" "	" 1 pr Shoes		1.75
" "	" 1 Hafk		.37½
" "	" 1 Cloth coat		5.00
" "	" 1 Velintid [?]		1.50
" "	1 pr Pants		2.00
			<hr/>
			\$ 16.12½

Washington Jan 29—1845

Received an approved account for Sixteen 12/100 dolls of which the above is a copy

L. MOORE

[*Endorsed*] Indian Dep Act L. Moore 29, Jan, 1845 \$16.12 *Ent* L Moore
29 Jany, 1845

No. 131

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[January 9-19, 1845]

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau

		To Torrey & Bro:	Dr.
1845			
Jan. 9th	To 8 qts. Salt 4/ 4 plugs		

	Tobacco a/ 3.	3.50
" 11	To 2 plugs Tobacco. 1.50 /	
	2 do. do. 1.50	3.00
19	" 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds pants' stuff 1.50	
	1 shirt 14/hdks 3/-	3.63
"	5 Bus Corn 12/- 7.50 Meat 2.	9.50
"	1 plug Tobacco 6/ pd making pants for Boy 4/-	1.25
"	1 Coat \$6. 1 Blue Blanket \$6.	12.00
"	Pd. for horse to ride express	9.00
		\$41.88

Trading House Jan 2nd 1845

Washington, 29 Jany 7 1845

Examined and found correct

Thomas G. Western

Supdt. Indian Affairs

Approved to be
paid from appn. for
Mrs. Simpson's
children.

ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] 2037

Torrey & Bros

Admitted Jany 30 1845 for
forty one and 88/100 Dollars

Advances for redemption of William and Jane
Simpson amounting to less than apptd.

31 Decr. 1844

Charles Mason

Auditor

App Jany 3/45

James B. Shaw

Compt.

Torrey & Bros.

No. 132

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH F. DIETERICH

DUPLICATE

Washington Janr. 24th. 1845.

Indian Dept

Republic of Texas

}

To F. Dieterich

Dr.

To 1 doz. Shirts

\$ 14.—c

" 1 " Butcher Knives

" 5.—

" 5 flints 2n p

" 1.—

TEXAS INDIAN PAPERS, 1844-1845

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" 6 files 2/		" 1.50
. 1/2 lb of Indigo 4.00		" 2.—
" 16 bars of Lead 1/		" 2.—
" 2 lbs " Shot 1 1/2		" .38.
" 3 plugs of Tobacco 4/		" 1.50
" 31 yds blue Denims 28c		" 8.68.
" 7 1/4 " Casinett 1.25.		" 9.06.
" 2 1/2 " blk Cloth 5.50		" 13.75.
" 1 pr of Mar. Blankets		" 7.—.
" 2 " " common do 2.50.		" 5.—.
" 1 1/2 yds Bedtiking and Thread		" —.63.
" 18 lbs of Coffe 6 lbs		" 32.—.
" 14 " " Sugar 7 lbs		" 22.—.
" 1 " blk Peper		" —.38.
" 3 1/2 lbs Manilla Rope 3/		" 1.31.
" 2 Coffe Packs 3/		" —.75.
" 5 1/2 yds blue Jeans 1.00		" 5.50.
" Lining 6/1 Thread and Silk 6/1 Buttons 7/.		" 2.38.
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	par funds	\$ 86.82c
" 2 Shirts 1.25		" 2.50.
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		\$ 89.32c
Janr. 28. To 1 Velvet Cap		" 2.—.
" Cash paid Mrs. Diegeler for making a Coat and a pair of Pants.		" 5.—,
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Washington Jany. 29—1845		\$ 96.32c
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Received an approved account for ninety Six 32/100 dolls of which the above is a Copy. —

F DIETERICH

[Endorsed] F Dieterich 29. Jan/45

\$96.32—

Appd. and paid out of the approptn. for redemption of Mrs. Simpson's Children

No. 133

CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATE DRAFT

Washington Jany. 25./45

The Delaware Indian "Jack Harry" accompanied my party on the trip to the Comanche Nation in 1843 and served faithfully as a hunter during the whole trip, but was not employed by me individually—He was engaged by Jim Shaw by consent of the President, but whether his account was ever paid or not, I am unable to state—If it has not it is a just claim against the Government.

J. C. ELDRIDGE

late Supdt. of Indian Affairs

[Endorsed] Government of Texas

In a/c with Jack Harry Dr

For Trip on the prairie with Col J. C. Eldredge in 1843. as pr
agreement with him to be \$50.00

Trading House

Tehuacana Creek Jany 21/1845.

No. 134

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH W. E. MILLON

Washington, January 25th 1845.

Indian Bureau

To W. E. Millon_____	Dr
To Six days Services as Express in search of the Mexican	
Juan Fernandez, at three dollars, per diem _____	\$18.00
" Expences of sd Mexican on the road _____	2.50
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	\$20.50
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Washington Jany. 30. Received an approved account for
Twenty 50/100 Dollars—of which the above is a copy—

W. E. MILLON

[Endorsed] W. E. Millon

30 Jany. 1845

\$20.50—

No. 135

LETTER FROM ANSON JONES TO PAH-HAH-YUCO

Washington January 25, 1845

My Brother

I have heard your Talk. It is good—Your words are words of Peace and make my heart Glad. The Great Spirit who sees and knows all things hears your words and sees that you are good. He will Smile upon you and fill the Prairies with Buffalo to make meat your people that they may not be hungry and will give you health and make you happy, because you are good men and wish peace. No more war shall be between your people and mine If people, bad people trouble you and tell you lies, come to me or go to my Captains and you will always hear the words of truth of friendship and Peace. Women and children must not be harmed nor be scared by men. Brave men should not kill children. You are brave men and will not do it. I hope your foolish young men will not do so again. You are their chiefs and will not let them do so any more. My people have some of your children here, we do not kill them nor harm them but treat them the same as our own Children. This is good, You are the great Chiefs of your people. You are good men. I am the Great Chief of my people I am their father and the father of all the Red people in Texas. as a father loves his child, So do I love my red Brethren and their Children. The path between the Red man and the white man is now made white, it is straight and broad. It must be kept clean, no blood must be spilt in the white path. Brothers, You have brought to me the little white boy, that is good, this shows me that you are true friends and true men and that you know and do not forget that you have made a Treaty with Texas, when the Great Spirit was looking on, you are good Chiefs and cannot lie before him. I embrace you my brothers—You have sent me the little white boy, that he may go home to his Mother and make her heart glad. She was in much trouble. You will receive in return the Comanche boy Sam. Captain Sloat will deliver him to you. If you have any more of my people now in your country bring or send them to me and deliver them to my agents at the Trading House, and I will give you more of your people, but

your young men must steal no more of my peoples children. I know you do not wish to keep my people in your Camps. I do not wish to keep your people from their friends. I wish to see all men happy. As the Great Father of Texas, I wish to see my Red brothers happy. I will always do good for them. I am glad to hear that Three of the Wichita and Waco Captains have joined you and wish for peace, they will now do no more harm. You must prevent the balance of them from Stealing my peoples horses and from doing bad. If your people see them taking off horses take them from them and send them to the Trading House.

(In September next) When the leaves begin to fall from the trees, we will have a big Council, you my brothers will be there and hear a good Talk you will bring in all the Chiefs of the bands of Comanche that they may hear the words of peace and friendship and that our people may see them and know them as good men. Gov. Butler will be at the Council and will make good words of peace for his people, they are good men and will not lie. We will then all Smoke the pipe as friends and as Brothers—Your women and Children shall not be afraid—they shall know that the white man cannot harm them nor make them afraid—I do not now name a place where at to hold the big Council, where all the Nations are to meet—I wish you to name a place you may think most Suitable either on Red River Brazos or Colorado. I consult this matter with you because you are my friends and Brothers, we will make a Strong peace which shall not be broken.

When you select a place send me your words and I will say whether it will suit us all. My captains and all my people will always be glad to see you at the Trading house. Your people can come there for trade. There will be goods there so soon as the ship which brings them comes out of the Big Water. When three Moons shall pass I will send to the Trading House an Old Chief to see you and Speak my words[.] you and he can then determine on a place for the Great Council if not done before.

I embrace you my brothers, may the Great Spirit give you health and happiness and all your people for evermore. Be good men and true

Your Brother

[Seal]

(Signed) ANSON JONES

To Pah-Hah-Yuco
Principal Chief of the Comanche at the Trading House on the
Brazos

[*Endorsed*] The President
Washington
Jany. 25, 1845
To Pah-Hah-Yuco,
Comanche Chief
pr Sloat

No. 136

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROASTING EAR

Washington January 25. 1845

My Friend and Brother

I have read your Talk with great pleasure and am glad to find you are so strong for peace with the Comanche and all the other Tribes—I wish to see peace with all the Red men and all in my power Shall be done to effect it you will hear from me and my chiefs and captains no lies, we speak truth in presence of the Great Spirit who hears our words and knows our thoughts—I like to see old men take hold of peace experience and wisdom generally accompanies Grey hairs—I have great confidence in you and your people in your words and their words generally, talk to Pahhahyuco and impress upon him the advantages and blessings of peace much trouble has lately been at the Settlement at Corpus Christi, it is supposed by some of the Comanche young men—young men white as well as red will act foolish tell Pahhahyuco of this and he will talk to his young men. tell him that all the Country this side of Rio Grande belongs to Texas—that they are now at peace with Texas—the Great Spirit will not be pleased to see them doing bad—I am satisfied that the Comanche Chiefs are honest men and good men but you know their young men are thoughtless, and your influence can be of much good—I have sent a good talk to Pahhahyuco and the other Comanche chiefs now at the trading house—I trust you will talk to them I have great confidence in you and the Delaware—Jim Shaw has heard our talk of you and can tell you more than I write be firm and industrious and we will have a strong peace with all the wild tribes

of the Prairies Peace be with you may you live long and be happy

Your Brother

To Capt Roasting Ear
Delaware Chief

[T. G. WESTERN]

at the Trading House on the Brazos

[Endorsed] To) Washington
)
) Jany. 25, 1845
) Roasting Ear, Delaware Chief

No. 137

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROASTING EAR

Washington January 26. 1845—

My Brother

Information has just been received here that Some Delaware are within in the Settlements around on Boggy in violation of law and disturbing the peace of the inhabitants—It appears that they find some bad white men to sell them whiskey—they get drunk and alarm the women and children of the citizens—A short time since when a great lady a Daughter of Mr. John Durst was on a visit to a neighbor, those Delaware went to the house where she was and behaved in an outrageous manner—and frightened the women so much that they had to leave the house and run off for safety such conduct can be no longer tolerated—it must be stopped, it is your duty as their captain to prevent it you must take measures to keep your men out of the Settlement they must not return there—you know the law—no Indian is permitted to pass below the line of Trading houses, if you do not keep them out we shall have to do it and keep them in their place there are plenty of hunting grounds above the line and they must hunt there— last year a Delaware named “Black Snake” stole a horse from the whites in Montgomery and it is said another horse was stolen by them, this is calculated to make trouble, which I should regret to see—The Delaware are good people and we are friends and brothers—but when there young men drink whiskey they act foolish—The only [way] to prevent this is not to allow them to come

into the Settlements and by our Treaty you know it is your duty as their captain to keep your men in order and make them observe the law and the treaty which you yourself made with us—The white men who sells the whiskey shall be punished.

I am yr-Brother

[T. G. WESTERN]

[Endorsed] To Supdt
 Washington
 Jany. 26 1845
 Roasting Ear—Delaware Chief

No. 138

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH NATHANIEL NORWOOD

Republic of Texas)
)
 Indian Bureau)

	To N Norwood	Dr
For 3 days Board Mr Sloat		\$2.25
" 3 " Indian		2.25
" 3 Horses at Stable 3 days		6.75
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		\$11.25

Recd an approved a/c of which the above is a copy. in payment. Washington Jany 26" 1845

NATHL. NORWOOD

[Endorsed] N. Norwood 26 Jany. 1845—
 \$11.25—

No. 139

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH LYMAN TARBOX

[January 26, 1845]

Indian Bureau
 To L Tarbox ———— Dr
 1845
 Jan'y 26. To a Bay Horse sold to the Supt. for

public service		\$40.00
" a Grey Poney sold B Sloat on acc't of his		
Salary as Agent		30.00
" Cash advanced to B Sloat on acc't of		
his pay	\$7.50	
" " " " Delaware Jim Shaw		
do. "	7.50	15.00
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		\$85.00

Washington Jany. 30. 1845—

Received an approved account for Eighty five Dollars of which the above is a Copy—

LYMAN. TARBOX

[Endorsed] Encl.

L. Tarbox 30 Jany. 1845
\$85.00

No. 140

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [January 26, 1845]

Maj. T. G. Western
Supdt. Indian Affairs

Sir—

Please pay to the order of L. Tarbox thirty Dollars and charge the amt. to me of my salary—

Washington 26 Jany. 1845

BENJ. SLOAT

[Endorsed] L. Tarbox
\$30.00

B. Sloat.
26 Jany 1845
\$30.00

Received payment of the within —Washington
Jany. 30— 1845.—

L. Tarbox

No. 141

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JAMES ROSS

Washington Jan 27th. 1845

Indian Department		To James Ross		Dr.,
1845				
Dec 16	To 2 pieces Domestic	80 yds	16c	\$12.80
" "	" 1 Tin Cups	_____	—	.12
" "	" 2 lbs Coffee	_____	—	.33
" "	" 4 " Sugar	_____	—	.67
" 24	" 5 " Sperm Candles	@ 6/		3.75
" 31	" 6 " Sugar	_____	—	1.00
Jany 2	" 6 " do	_____	—	1.00
" "	" 11 " Coffee	_____	—	2.00
" "	" 17 " Tobacco	20c		3.40
" "	" 28 " Sugar	_____		4.00
" "	" 25 " Salt	_____		1.00
" "	" 4 pipe Heads	_____		50
" "	" 1 Cotton Hdkf	_____		50
" 3	" 2 lbs Sugar	_____		33
" "	" 2 Tin Cups	_____		25
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				\$31.65

Washington Jany. 27— 1845

Received an approved account of which the above is a Copy.

[Endorsed] Jas Ross 27. Jan. 1845—
\$31.65

No. 142

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JAMES ROSS

Washington Jan 27th. 1845

Indian Department		To James Ross		Dr
1845				
Jan 23	To 31¾ lbs Tobacco	@ 2 pr		\$7.94
" "	" 5 yds Bld. Domestic			1.00
" "	" 7 Red Hdkfs	@ 44c		3.08
" "	" 1 File			75
" "	" 1 Hammer			25
" "	" 2 pr Blankets	at 8 \$		16.00
" "	" Bagging for Tobacco			13
				<hr/>
				\$29.15

Washington Jany 27. 1845

Received an approved account of which the above is a
copy—— JAMES ROSS

[Endorsed] Jas Ross 27 Jany. 1845—
\$29.15—

No. 143

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH NATHANIEL NORWOOD

Washington 28 Jany 1845

Indian Depat.		Dr.
	To N. Norwood	
1844		
Sept 28th	To Hog furnishd for use of Indian Ben-Ash	\$2.00
	Recd and approved a/c of which the above is a copy—in payment.	
	NATHL. NORWOOD	

[Endorsed] N. Norwood 29 Jan 1845
\$2.00

No. 144

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH F. DIETERICH
[January 28, 1845]

Duplicate		Washington	
Indian Dept		Janr. 28th 1845	
Republic of Texas		To F. Dieterich	
1845			Dr.
Janr. 2th	To 1 Hat 1.25, 2 shorts 3.00		\$4.25
	" 14 Bars of lead 1/		1.75
	" 26 cotton hdkfs 2/		6.50
	" 2 bshls of corn 1.00		2.00
	" 1 comb 3/, 2 butcher knives 1.00,		
	tincup 2/		1.63
	" 2 pkgs of tobacco 1.00, Needles 2/		1.25
16th	" 1 doz. Shirts		14.00

TEXAS INDIAN PAPERS. 1844-1845		187
	" 1 doz. Butcher Knives	5.00
	" 20 bars of Lead 1	2.50
17th	" 1 bshl of Corn	1.00
18th	" 1 Bridle	2.75
23th	" 1 bshl of Corn	1.00
24th	" 1 pr of Saddlebags	8.00
	" 1 fur cap	6.00
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par funds		\$57.63
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Washington 29 Jan'y 1845

Received an approved account for fifty seven 63 00 dolls of which the above is a Copy —

F. DIETERICH

[Endorsed] F. Dieterich 29 Jan'y 1845
\$57.63

No. 145

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[January 29, 1845]

Indian Bureau	To Torrey & Bro:	Dr.
1845	Fine Mexican Saddle Delivered	
Jan 29	Jim Shaw for services rendered.	\$60.00

Washington Jan 29 1845

Examined and found correct for Sixty Dolls.
Thomas G. Western
Supt Indian Affairs

Approved
ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] Torrey & Bros

No. 146

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH WALTER WINN

Washington, January 29th 1845

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau

Dr

To Walter Winn

To Services as express to Council Ground and back
being six days at \$3.00 per day.

\$18.00

Washington Jany 30th 1845

Received an approved account for the amount of Eighteen
Dollars, of which the above is a copy.

WALTER WINN

[Endorsed] W. Winn 30 Jany. 1845
\$18.00

No. 147

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH F. DIETERICH

Duplicate

Washington Janr. 29th 1845

Indian Dept
Republic of Texas

To F. Dieterich

Dr.

To 1 pr of shoes par funds

\$1.50

Washington Jany. 29, 1845

Received an approved account for one 50/00 Dollars of which
the above is a copy.

F. DIETERICH

[Endorsed] F. Dieterich 29 Jany 1845
\$1.50

No. 148

BILL OF SALE FOR HORSE [January 31, 1845]

Know all men that for and in consideration of Forty Dollars
to me in hand paid by Thomas G Western I have this day bar-
gained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell to the
Said T. G Western a Bay Horse about 12½ hands high, a brand

on the rear shoulder, other marks not now recollected, and for a further identification I declare that it is the same horse which I purchased of Henry F Fisher and delivered to Benjamin Sloat Indian Agent on the 26th inst. and I hereby warrant and will defend the said horse from all claim or claims.

Witness my hand and seal in the Town of Washington this 31st day of January 1845 in the presence of

LYMAN TARBOX

[Endorsed] Bill of Sale for Horse
L. Tarbox \$ 40.00
31st Jany 1845

No. 149

LIST OF GOODS PURCHASED BY INDIAN BUREAU
[January 31, 1845]

Brass wire	
Iron do.	
Paint	} for Painting Robes
Indigo	
Verdigris	
Hair pipes	
Blankets such as sold in Washington at \$3.50 pr pair	
Such a blanket for a robe	

BERNARDO
31 Jany./45

No. 150

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH BENJAMIN ROBERTS
[February 1, 1845]

Indian Bureau		To Ben Roberts	Dr
1844			
Oct 20	To Beef to Delaware	46 lb. 36 lbs—85 lbs	3.28
23	" do " do	141 lb.	5.64
Nov. 29	" do " Tonkawa	35 lbs.	1.37

1845

Jany	2	"	"	"	Caddo	150 lbs	-----	6.00
	4	"	"	"	do	50 lbs	-----	2.00
Feb.	1	"	"	"	Tonkawa	52 lbs dried	-----	4.20

 \$22.49

Received an approved account for Twenty two 49/100 Dollars
of which the above is a Copy

BENJAMIN ROBERTS

[Endorsed] Benj. Roberts 1st Feby. 1845
\$22.49

No. 151

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [February 1, 1845]

Received of T G Western Superdt of Indian Affairs fifty Cents
for painting a flag for the Comanche
Washington Feby 1st 1845

 \$ 00.50

CHAS. A OGSBURY

[Endorsed] C. A. Ogsbury 50/100 (D)

No. 152

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [February 1, 1845]

Mr. L. H. Williams

Dear Sir

Please pay to Jack Harry
Two Dollars for use of my mules 2 days and 2 plugs of Tobacco
that you borrowed of me and by so doing you will oblige

Your Friend

his
Jack X Harry
mark

Examined and found correct
 T G Western
 Supt. Ind. Affs.

Messrs Torrey and Brother, will please pay the above amount to Jack Harry and charge to Indian appropriation the amount of four dollars.

Sam Houston

I hereby assign the within to Torrey & Co or order——

Attest
 S. Z. Hoyle

his
 Jack X Harry
 mark

\$4—

Approved for Two Dollars to be paid out of appropriation for the payment of outstand liabilities of the Govt. for Indians purposes.

Feby. 1st/45

ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] Jack Harry
 \$2 No. 12

No. 153

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO MRS. SIMPSON

Indian Bureau
 Washington Feby. 4th 1845

Mrs. Simpson
 Austin

Madam

I have the pleasure to restore to the bosom of his Mother, your son Thomas, and for that purpose have placed him in charge of Col. Thos. W. Ward, a gentleman who will pay to him the necessary attention on the route and Convey him in Safety to your arms.

In the prompt deliverance of this child from the hands of the Savage you will perceive the beneficial effects of the Peace Policy of this Government and are evidence of the prompt and efficient executions of the Govt. officers charged with our Indian relations, on the fourth day after his abduction information was recd. at this office of the fact — expresses were immediately dispatched to the agents

under my orders at the Post above the Falls of the Brazos with instructions to intercept the Indians with your Children if possible; through the friendly Tribes more Contiguous, the Comanche Chiefs were apprised of the outrage and in the short space of time of only two months and seven days your son was released and again amongst us— It is with unfeigned pain I notice the fate of your little Daughter. She died on the day she left you, as I am informed, in this bereavement you have the Consolation that She Suffered but little, and is now an Angel in Heaven. I must forbear to enter into the details of this mournful Subject—your little Son, can best furnish the particulars.

May Divine Providence in future protect you and yours may He endow you with fortitude to bear with the ills which we as mortals are subject to in this vale of tears and assuage your Sorrows, and that he may here after render you prosperous and happy is the sincere prayer of—Madam—

Your Most obt Svt.

THOMAS G WESTERN

Superintendent of Indian Affairs

[Endorsed] Supdt No. 41
 Washington
 Feb 4, 1845
 To Mrs Nancy Simpson
 pr Col T. W. Ward

No. 154

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH A. BAILLAND
 [February 5, 1845]

Indian Bureau
 1845

	To A. Bailland	Dr.
Feb. 5	To Sundries bread provisions etc. upon Sundry occasions as pr. a/c rendered for furnished Indians pr order of Supt.	\$ 5.30

Washington Received payment of the above of T G Western
 Supt Indian Affairs

A. BAILLAND

[Endorsed] A Bailland a/c (E)

No. 155

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH NATHANIEL NORWOOD

Republic of Texas	Washington 5th Feby 1845	
Indian Bureau	To N. Norwood	Dr.
For Board, Indian Prisoner		
Wm. Simpson		
2 Weeks	@ 6\$.	\$12.00
Washington Feby 5, 1845		
Received an approved amt for twelve dollars of which the above is a copy—	NATHL NORWOOD	
[Endorsed] N. Norwood 5, Feby 1845		
\$12.00		

No. 156

TALK OF RED BEAR AND VICENTE

Trading House	Tehuacana Creek
	Feby 6 1845.

Talk of Red Bear

My Brothers.

The Spaniard who has told these things to the white men has told lies. I talk with him myself and he told me he wished to come up to the Trading House with me as he understood that the white and Indians were going to War with the Waco, and he wished to be present and see them killed. He told me, that a long time since, the Waco had killed his brother, and the reason he wished to go up with us was that he wished to *see* them killed. When we came on up the Brazos The Spaniard wished me to loan him a horse to ride on ahead, and kill game, but I told him to stay with us and my men would kill plenty for us all to eat. He tried the Second day to borrow a horse from me and I told him that perhaps he was a bad man, and had killed somebody or stolen something and had ran away and that I was afraid if he went to our village he might do some harm. I told him that he did not know how to kill Deer nor game, and I

did not wish him to go on with us. He told me before this that the Mexicans on the other side of the Rio Grande were all bad men. He left my camp very mad because I would not let him have a horse and because I talked so hard to him. He did not buy any horse from me nor any of my people.

Directly after we left Washington we lost a horse and near Independence we lost another, and at the San Antonio Crossing we lost two horses, and as we were coming along a white man shot the best dog we had, but "Bedie" [Bead Eye] and myself told our men that we must not do any harm to the whites but when we got to the Trading House we would tell the Agents and they would send down, and try and get our horses back.

The night after we left the Spaniard we lost two horses at the San Antonio Crossing.

What I have told you is all the talk I had with the Spaniard,
And what he has told are all lies

This is all I know concerning him
My talk is Done.

"Vicente's Talk"

The Spaniard told me that the white people had stolen all of his horses and that they were bad people and after we had come on a little way a white man killed one of our dogs, and he then said to me now don't you see that the white people are bad?

The then told me to wait until we got up to the village and he would write a letter to the Mexican Govt, and he asked me what was the reason the Indians up in the country did not join the Spaniards and come and kill the white people. He told me at the time the dog was killed, we ought to come up and raise the Indians and that he would assist us, as he was a sort of Captain among a good many of them and make war on the whites I replied to him that we were all now friends with the whites and I did not wish to hear him talk in that way. The Spaniard told me that he had just got a letter from the Mexicans and that they were close by, and the whites were nearly frightened to death on account of it and that he was in a great hurry to get up among the Indians so as to get them all ready to assist the Mexicans in killing the whites. He did not tell this to Red Bear but told it to me because I could talk in his own tongue and understand him.

This is all I know of the Matter.

[Endorsed] Talk of "Red Bear" and Vicente

No. 157

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT
AND L. H. WILLIAMSIndian Bureau
Washington Feb 8th 1845

Messrs. Sloat and Williams

Gent.

Yours of the 31st ult. came to hand yesterday, contents noted— I am glad to find that the Comanche are in good spirits and that they are so well satisfied. I hope they may be inspired with confidence in us, and that our friendly feelings may increase by further acquaintance and intercourse. The favorable reports they will make will have a good effect on the Kiowa, Wichita, and other Wild Tribes and induce them to treat with us— The Council next September will doubtless be held at the place you mention Red River— Col. T. I. Smith has been Commissioned to Command the Compy of rangers on your frontier, this will afford some protection to the Settlers you speak of on the upper Trinity— Mr. Menefee who hands you this is bearer of dispatches to Col. enclosing his Commission etc.

The man Moses Campbell shall be attended to as the law can reach him and Mr. Sharp also. Col Williams will proceed to the neighborhoods where they horde and acquire all the information and evidence he can in relation to the unlawful doings of these men and report to you so that you (Mr. Sloat) can send it to me. I regret to learn the fate of the old Chief Roasting Ear, it should serve as an awful lesson to his tribe on the dire effects of Whiskey. The Govt. will not object to bear a reasonable portion of expense digging a well say \$25 or \$30.00— I am pleased to find that Harry and Shaw discharged their duties like men, I have every confidence in them—

I am aware of the necessity of a Blacksmith—write or send to Parson Byars to know whether he accept the office, and if he will, tell him to come here to me that the required arrangements may be made—Mr Menefee applied to me for pay as Express— I cannot conceive why you should put the Govt. to this unnecessary expense when you have Jack Harry on Salary for that

purpose and public animals also. I hope that in future you will use the strictest economy in all cases where the Govt is concerned

Your Mos obt st.
 THOMAS G WESTERN
 Supt. of Indian Affrs.

Should nothing intervene to prevent, I shall probably make you a visit shortly say in 3 or 4 weeks or about the beginning of next month.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. No. 42
 Washington Feb. 8th 1845
 To Sloat and Williams agts

No. 158

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
 [January 15-February 10, 1845]

Republic of Texas)		
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Indian Dep)		
1846	To L Moore	
Feby 15th	For 1 Water Bucket	\$.75
	" 1 Wash Bowl	.50
Feby 10	" Tobacco	1.25
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		\$2.50

I certify that the above were for Indian purposes
 T. G Western Supt. Ind. Affrs.

Recd. paymt.
 L MOORE

[*Endorsed*] Indian Dept
 ac/t
 \$2.50

No. 159

OATH OF OFFICE AS INDIAN AGENT OF ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS
 [February 12, 1845]

Republic of Texas

County of Washington

This day personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for said County, Robert S. Neighbors who solemnly swears that as agent of the Lipan and Tonkawa Tribes of Indians, he will well and truly and to the best of his ability discharge his duties according to law and the instructions of the Government.

R. S. NEIGHBORS

Sworn to and subscribed
before me the 12th day
of February 1845.

Joseph Daniels
Not. Pub.

[Endorsed] Oath of
R. S. Neighbors, agent
12th Feby, 1845

No. 160

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS

Superintendency of Indian Affairs
Washington 12th Feby. 1845

To Capt R. S. Neighbors
Present

Sir

Herewith, I have the pleasure to present to you, your Commission as Indian Agent to the Lipan and Tonkawa Tribes.

You will proceed hence direct to Bastrop on the Colorado, ascertain the whereabouts of the last Mentioned Tribe, and assemble them to hear the "Talk" you will make to them. It is absolutely necessary that these Indians Should be removed out of the settlements, as fast as practicable, to this end you will select a Suitable place for third Camps on the St. Marks [San Marcos] Either above or below the San Antonio Road, as your Judgements may dictate according to Circumstances. In this Selection, you will bear in Mind that the Tonkawa are not parties to the treaty with the Comanche, Waco and other of the wild Tribe—the old feud probably still exists

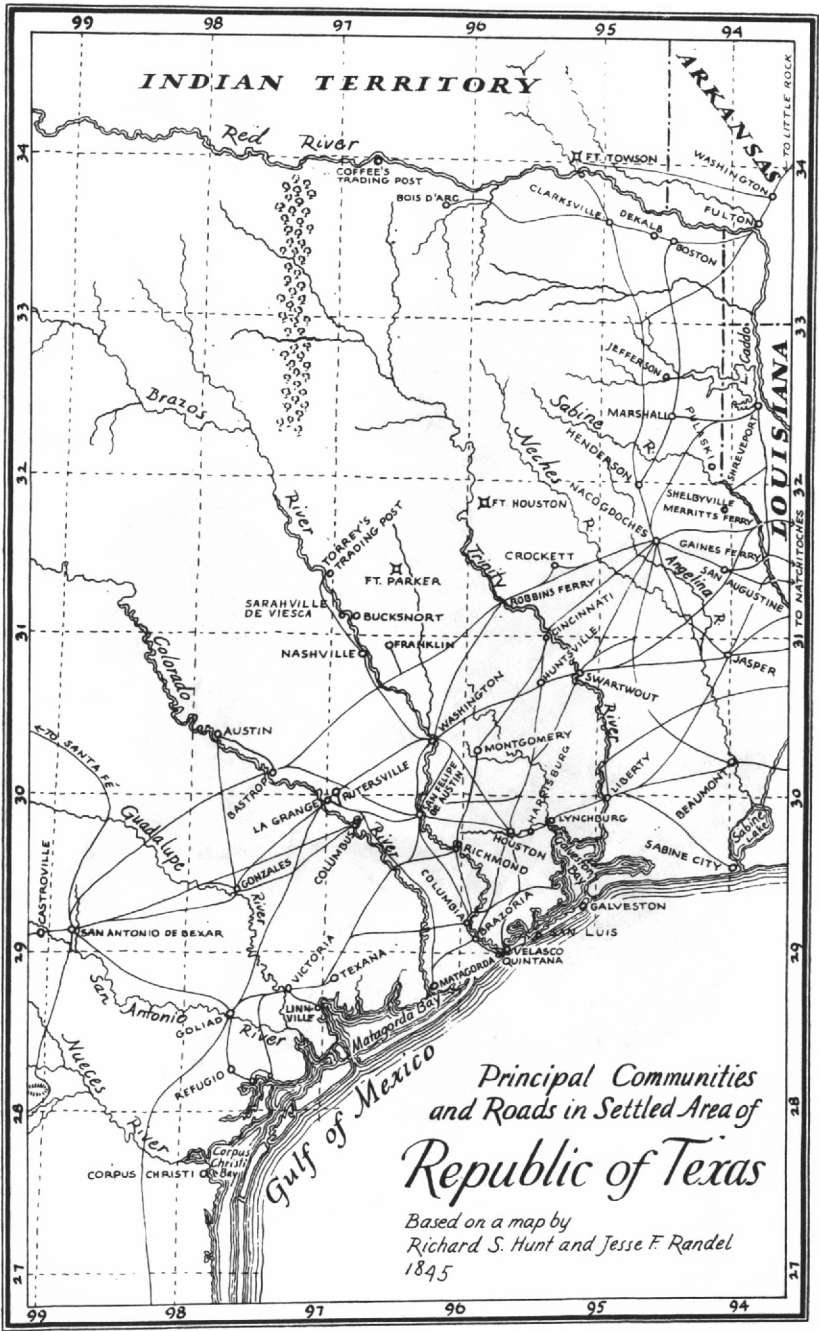
between them, therefore, while you take them sufficiently remote from the settlements, you will not place them so high up as to expose them to Collision with those Tribes with whom they are not at peace, but, pursue a course to prevent the parties from coming in contact. No blood must be shed by them. The Path is now white and must be Kept unsulied, Keep things quiet on your sections of our frontier,—In September next a Big Council will be held with all the Tribes, and these Poor People will then be made friends with them all. Since the death of the principal Chiefs of this Tribe, they seem to have no head, upon Enquiry I find they name several Captains, but no one of them seems to have the Supremacy, this is not well, Some one of them should rule their internal affairs, and be held responsible to you and the Government for these acts of his men, they must appoint a Chief, and acknowledge and obey him as such. You will impress on their minds the importance of applying themselves to hunting pursuits that all the Tribes that do so are becoming rich by selling their Peltries at the Trading House and say that whenever they Collect a Sufficient quantity to make it an object you will accompany them Thither and see that Justice is done them in their Trade

The Lipan, or a part of them, are, I understand, now on the Bosque, a proper place for them, they will not be permitted to come down into the Settlements without a pass from you, this also applies to the Tonkawa. You will not allow any of them to come into the Settlements, you will notify them all of this Law, The Lipan has signed a Treaty with This Stipulation, you can remind them of it—You will report to me Soon after you reach the Colorado, and Continue to keep me advised of your movements once a month upon an average, and as much more frequently as occasions may require—Herewith I hand you Copies of the Laws relating to Indian Affairs for your Government, a pipe of peace to Smoke at your Counsels or Talks, and Tobacco for that Purpose.

Your obt. Servt.

THOS G. WESTERN
Superintendent of Indian
Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. No. 43
12 Feby. 1845
To R. S. Neighbors—Agent



INDIAN TERRITORY

ARKANSAS

LOUISIANA

Principal Communities
and Roads in Settled Area of
Republic of Texas

Based on a map by
Richard S. Hunt and Jesse F. Randel
1845



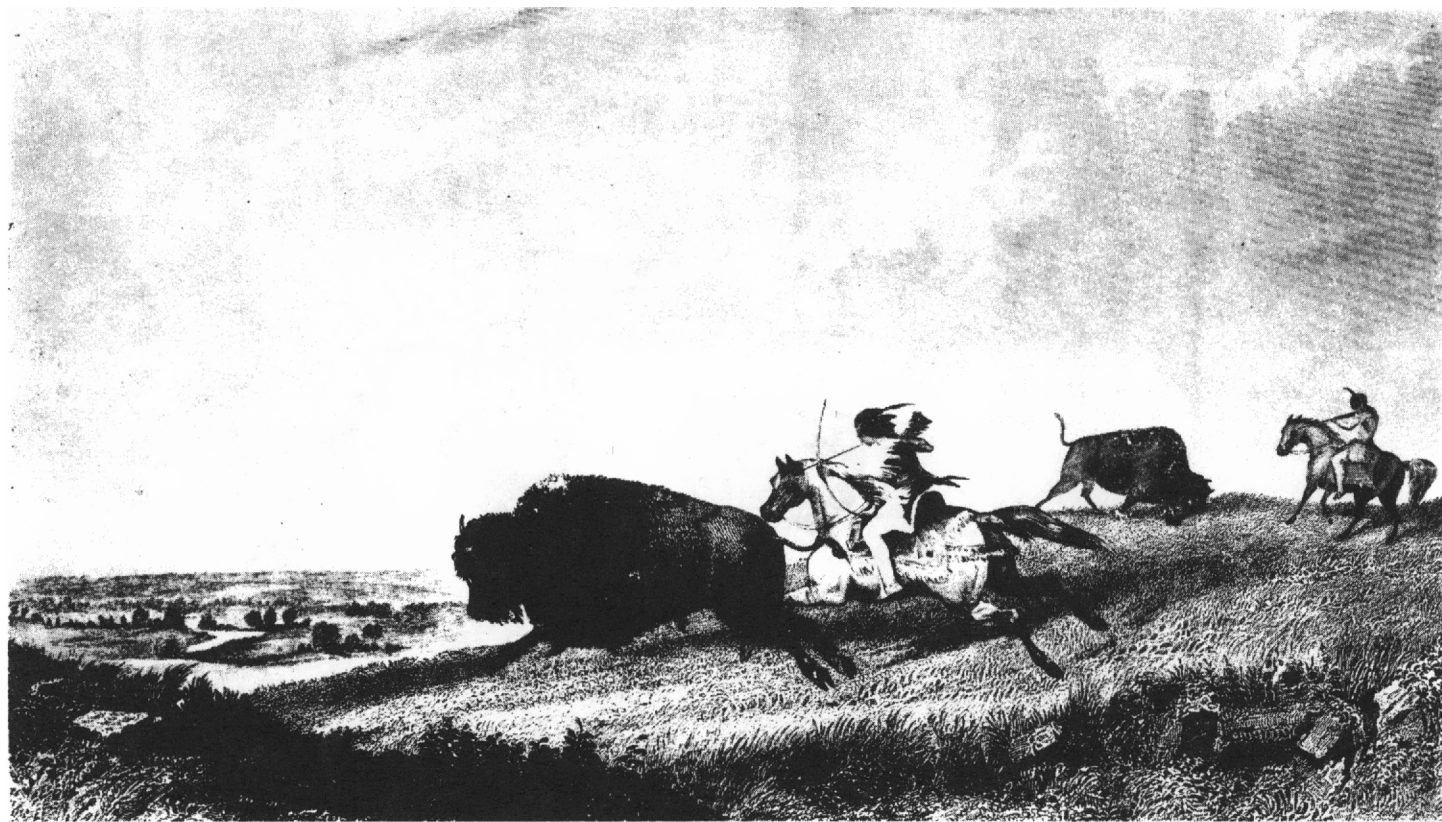
COMANCHE WARRIOR.

From Homer S. Thrall, "A Pictorial History of Texas" (1879)



Drawn by Captain Seth Eastman, USA

Indians Traveling



Drawn by Captain Seth Eastman, USA

Buffalo Chase

No. 161

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH S. R. ROBERTS
[February 12, 1845]

Indian Dept

	To S. R. Roberts	Dr.
To Boarding Mexican	2 days	\$2.00
" Keepg. Mule	2 days	1.50
" 2 days Menefee — Express		2.00
" Keepg. horse — do do—		2.00
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		7.50

Washington Feby 12 1845

Received an approved account for seven 50/100 Dollars. of which the above is a copy.

S. R. ROBERTS

[Endorsed] S. R. Roberts 12 Feby 1845
\$7.50

No. 162

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT
AND L. H. WILLIAMS

Messr. Sloat and Williams
Agents—Council Ground
Gent.

Superintendency of Indian Affs
Washington 12 Feby. 1845

Yours of the 6th inst. came to hand last evening. The affair of Red Bear and the Mexican turned out just as I expected, the Bear is a good old Indian and the Mexican a Scoundrel. It would have been gratifying to have handed the fellow over to you for correction but your information was too late, he was liberated and has vanished, but, you may be on the alert, he got off so easy this time that he may be caught prowling about again, and in case he should, I now recommend him and all others of his kin to your very particular attention, you will know how to treat him.

Mr. Noah F. Byars who hands you this has been appointed and is now Gun Smith at your post for the Indians, he has no tools, and as it is reported to me that the Trading House has a Sett of tools, he visits your place to ascertain the fact, you will give him such information as you may have on the Subject and also communicate with the matter, if there should be none with you, perhaps you recommend him where he can find some in your immediate neighborhood, and assist him to purchase them for account of the Govt. and report to me, it is important that he should go to work without loss of time.

Enclosed I hand you the *New law* amendatory to that of 1843, for your government, in it you will find all the instructions necessary to deal with the interlopers who pretend to trade unlawfully and entice Indians into the settlements. I recommend it to your special personal and strict observance, you will in all cases cause the provisions of this act to be rigidly enforced.

Keep me advised of every occurrence there and etc.

Yr. obt St.

THOMAS G. WESTERN

Supdt. Ind. Affs.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. No. 44 12 Feby 1845 Messr. Sloat and Williams

No. 163

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT

Washington Feby 15. 1845

Recd from Major Thomas G. Western, Superintendant of Indian Affairs a Treasury Warrant for Seventy dollars, to be expended by me for Stationary etc.

DAN J. TOLER

[*Endorsed*] Rec't of D. J. Toler for Warrant \$ 70.00 15 Feby 1845.
V. No. 2.—

No. 164

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH LAMAR MOORE
[February 15, 1845]

Indian Bureau

		To Lamar Moore	Dr
1845			
Feb. 15.	To Ink Stand and Sand Stand for office		\$ 4.00
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Washington Feb. 15, —1845—			
	Recd paymt. of T G Western Supt. of Indian Affairs	L MOORE	
	[Endorsed] L. Moore a/c	(F)	

No. 165

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN
[February 15, 1845]

Indian Bureau		To T. G. Western	Dr.
1844			
Nov. 11.	To J. S. Richardson for bringing a public mule from Houston County See Re'ct (A)		3.00
12	" J Heard for 2 loads fire wood See rect. (B)		2.25
	" A. Jones for meal had in May See rect (C)		2.25
22	" paid a Negro for catching a mule, (no voucher he being a negro)		1.00
1845			
Jany. 3	" paid Cash to express to purchase provisions pay ferriages etc. (no voucher he being an Indian)		1.75
24	" A. Jones, hire of a mule for Express 6 days \$ 1.25 pr. day See voucher (C)		7.50
Feb. 1	" C. Ogsbury for paintg a Comanche flag. voucher (D)		.50
5	" A Bailland Sundries see voucher (E)		5.38
	" " Corn Meal, Sundry. times (Jones) see voucher (C)		3.00
15	" Ink and Sand Stands see voucher (F)		4.00

 30.63

I certify that the above account is correct and the Sums as above stated were paid by me for Indian purposes

T G WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affs

[*Endorsed*] Voucher No. 3
Flag for Comanche Chge twice

No. 166

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Indian Bureau
Washington 28, Feby, 1845

To
Capt B. Sloat Agent
Council Gd. Tehuacana Ck.

Sir

Your Communication of 22nd ult. is received—I hope Mr. Byars will have his things sufficiently prepared to fix the farming implements of the Indians in due Season that they may make Corn—It affords me much pleasure to learn that they are inclined to pay attention to this important object.

For your information I have to say that Capt R. S. Neighbors is appointed agent to the Lipan and Tonkawa, he is now on the Colorado collecting together the Scattered members of the last mentioned Tribe which will be placed for the present on the St. Marks [San Marcos] where they will hunt and make peltries for trade at the Trading house on the Brazos, until Some one nearer to them may be established. When they visit you treat them kindly—Give them as much of the *public powder* as will answer their purpose for hunting for a short time, and be particularly careful that their trade is upon just and equitable terms, not only as an act of justice but because a show of liberality on the part of the Traders at the onset will operate as an incentive to their energies to hunt and become industrious they have been so long loitering in idleness thru the settlements that

they require something to Stimulate them to activity and frame their minds to habits of Industry—these Indians are old friends and allies of ours, they are now poor and needy, deal with them accordingly, and as they are not parties to the Treaty made with the Comanche, and it is probable no friendly feeling exists between them care should be had that they do not come in Contact until they can be brought together in Council and made friends—the same instructions are given to Capt. Neighbors no blood must be shed.

I am informed that a Mr. Pennington about a month since went down into the Settlements on the Colorado with a party of Delaware representing himself as their Agent and Sold at Bas-trop some \$500 of peltries, Steps will be taken to arrest him—The Delaware are in your charge as their immediate agent and they must be made to understand that neither the Govt or its agents are not to be trifled with in this manner, all the head men of these little parties such as Jim Ned, Dela. Bob, Buffalo Wilson etc know the law as well as we do and they must obey it. St. Louis and the other Chiefs seem to have forgotten that by the 15th article of the Treaty they signed in 1843 they are bound as Chiefs to keep their men out of the Settlements, and not permit them to trade with a white man unless authorized by some one of the Agents. You will take such measures to bring their refractory spirits to order, as existing arrangements may permit, you can send over there Jim Shaw or Jack Harry or both with a “Strong Talk” to them or Col. Williams with either of them when he returns from the East, and Shall have handed in his report to you directed to me which you will forward.

In reply to your invitation I will say that I have no particular object in meeting the Comanche as traders, if any of their Chiefs or the Wichita Captains are to come in advise me of it, and I will certainly be present. It is probable I may make you a visit in all next month (March) under all circumstances.

Herewith I hand you other Copies of the act amendatory to the [illegible] law in addition to those already sent you I shall send you the Volume of the laws of last Congress so soon as out of the Press.

Yr. obt st

T G WESTERN Sup. Ind Affrs.

No. 169

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS

Indian Bureau—Washington 2d March 1845

To Capt R. S Neighbors Indian Agent

Sir

Your Communication dated 19th ult. is received—contents noted—am happy to find you had made progress in your Mission, and that there will be no obstacle to Carrying out your instructions as regards the Tonkawa—Their Selection of a Chief is approved and he shall have a “paper” upon evidence of his aptmt to the Station, and your further recommendation of his Worthiness—It was right and proper to give them a Beef at the “Talk”—The greatest economy must be used, no expense must be incurred beyond that which absolute necessity demands—The present appropriation will barely Suffice to meet the Current expense of the year and those incurred to the General Council Contemplated for September next—Powder Soley for hunting purposes they can have out of the public Store at the Trading House on the Brazos, where their Guns also will be repaired for the Same purpose, by the armorer there free of charge.

Should you find that their women and children require it at the Commencement at their new Camping Ground you can purchase for them one hundred (100) bushels of Corn provided it can be delivered to them at 25 Cents pr bushel—This is an act of humanity extended to them in view of your representation of their extreme destitution, and to relieve their present necessities until the Hunters can supply their families with food. Encourage the women to plant Corn and if you find them so inclined furnish them with *Hoes*, say not over two dozen which you can purchase at some place on the Colorado, the accounts for the above articles will be paid upon presentation at this office duly attested by you as Agent.—

Under the provisions of the amendatory act of 3rd Feb. 1845 of which you have a Copy, you will arrest the Mr. Pennington you mentioned and make him give Bond to the Competent Indivial authority for his appearance at Court for Trial, the same Rule applies to all other persons found trading with Indians

without Licence—The Delaware who, you state are with him, you will order to take their peltries to the Trading Establishment on the Brazos—The office commanding the troops on your frontier, will aid you if necessary to enforce the law—I have applied to the Secretary of War (acting) for orders to him to this effect, but it is considered that the instructions already given are ample.

I have instructed Mr. Agent Sloat to send for the party of Delaware you complain of, and call them to order, this of course will be done, but, in the meantime you will not permit them to trade with in the district in your charge, nor to go down into the Settlements—they well know the Law, and cannot plead ignorance, they will be made to obey it—then refractory Spirits must be subdued, and the sooner you begin the less trouble you will have with them, while you treat them with kindness be firm, you have the Strong arm of the Law to sustain you with the Military to support it if necessary.

As to the horses you say were stolen from the Tonkawa by the Waco, you can State to them that these have repeatedly promised to restore the horses they have stolen from the white, and with Some exceptions have as often failed to fulfil their engagements—they must have patience for a while—The white man will punish them. The Tonkawa must not seek war with the Waco—the white path must not be Soiled with blood.

It appears that the information had that the Lipan were on the Bosque was erroneous; Ramon Castro one of their Captains and another individual of are now here, they say their Camp is on the Cibolo—San Baitolo—near the Crossing of the La Bahía Road. They have permission to remain there for the present, until further orders—You will be duly advised of the disposition to be made of them here after when you visit this tribe which will probably be made as soon as you have made necessary arrangements with the others you can hold a “Talk” with all their Captains and let them Select a place for their camp somewhere above the Settlements—There will be a Trading House on the Colorado or its waters shortly, I am induced to believe—These Indians will not be permitted to trade at San Antonio or elsewhere without a permit in writing from you as their agent.

Yr. obt. Sert

T G WESTERN

Supdt. Indian Affrs

[*Endorsed*] Superintendent
 Washington March 2nd 1845
 To
 Agent R. S. Neighbors pr mail

No. 170

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO JOHN MARLIN

Washington 7 March 1845

John Marlin Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3d. Inst. is received together with enclosures—the amount for \$14. will be paid by virtue of your power atty. So soon as there shall be money in the Treasury and then be remitted to you. The other amt. for transportation of corn and the piece of ordinance, will be laid before the President for his approval, but it is doubtful whether it can be paid at present as he will not probably be willing to pay it out of this years appropriation—it should have been presented before the retirement of President Houston in order that it might have been included in the schedule for the apptn. for outstanding liabilities for the past year—I will however do all I can equitably to see you paid the amt. of this account—

Regards to your lady and family

Yr obt. st.

TGW [ESTERN]
 Supd. Indn. Affs.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt. No. 4
 To Washington 7 Mar. 1845
 Jno. Marlin
 Fort Milam

pr. Lutrose

No. 171

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH ANSON JONES
 [March 10, 1845]

Indian Bureau

	To A Jones Esq.	Dr.
1844		
May 30	To 3 Bushels Corn meal @ 6/—	2.25
1845		
Jany 24	To, hire of mule for Express, from 17th inst. to date 6 day, @ 10/— pr. day	7.50
Feb "	To. Corn and Meal at Sundry times	3.00
		<hr/>
		\$ 12.75

Washington 10 March 1845

Recd payment, of T G Western Superintendent
ANSON JONES

[*Endorsed*] \$12.75 Enclosed to be filed with voucher of muslin for
\$30. 63/100 Audited (C)

No. 172

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO JOHN F. TORREY

Indian Bureau
Washington 14 March/45

J. F. Torrey Esq:

Dear Sir

Can you furnish this office for account of the govt.—a box sperm candles, of the best quality and *short* size, if so, please send by next stage—

Nothing new from above. Sloat informs me that a large Trading party of Comanche will be at your Trading Establishment this full moon—I shall probably be there in time to meet them, though, it will depend upon circumstances, as other business may delay me here—I shall certainly go if possible.

Your mo. obt. st.
THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affs.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt No 49
To Mar. 14—1845—
J. F. Torrey . . . Houston

No. 173

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN CAMPBELL
[March 16, 1845]

Indian Bureau	To John Campbell	Dr.
To one large brown mule		40.00
" one small do. mule		30.00
" one large dun mule		60.00
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		\$110.00
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Washington 16 March 1845

Received an approved account for one hundred and ten Dollars, of which the above is a copy.

JOHN CAMPBELL

[Endorsed] John Campbell 16 May/45
\$110.00

No. 174

ACCOUNTS OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[March 17, 1845]

Indian Bureau	To Torrey and Brother	Dr.
1845		
March 17	For 1 Bridle Bitt @ 12/	1.50
" "	5 lb Sperm candles @ 5/	3.12
" "	1 box ditto 35¼ @ 55	19.39
		<hr/>
		\$24.01

Houston May 3d 1845

Recd payment pr warrant Torrey & Bros

Washington June 3d 1845

Examined and found

correct twenty four

01/100 Dollars

Approved

ANSON JONES

T. G. Western
Supt Indian Affs.

No. 175

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Indian Bureau
Washington 22 March 1845

Mess. Torrey & Bro:
Gent.

Yours, together with the candles and bridle bitt are recd. The candles will do until a box can be had and the Bitt altho' not precisely the article required may answer for the present—please charge to Indian a/c—

We have dates here from the Falls to the 14th Inst.—The Comanche traders had not then arrived there, but were expected hourly.

Respty yr. obt. st.
THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supt Ind Affs.

[Endorsed] Supdt.
To Washington
22 March /45
Torrey & Bros.

No. 176

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH WILLIAM J. JACKSON
[April 2, 1845]

Indian Bureau

	To William J. Jackson	Dr.
To 6 chairs	@ \$1.25	\$7.50
Washington 2d April 1845		
Received an approved a/c for seven dolls fifty cents of which the above is a copy.		

WILLIAM J. JACKSON

[Endorsed] W. J. Jackson 2 Apl/45
\$7.50

No. 177

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Capt. Benj Sloat Indian Bureau
Agent Tehuacana Ck. Washington 2d Apl 1845.

Sir—Yours of 14th ult. is before me. There must be some mistake in regard to the killing of the Delaware John Ketcham, it cannot have been done by the Tonkawa the whole of that tribe have been under the eye of their agent Capt. Neighbors ever since the middle of February, I have dates from him up to the 22nd of last month 8 days later than the date of your letter, and no such occurrence is mentioned they were then still below the St. Marks, [San Marcos] their place of destination which they had not yet reached. Give me all the particulars of the Case the Section of the Country where it occurred etc and the matter shall be investigated to the Satisfaction of our friends the Delaware.

The Tonkawa are now entirely under our Control, and with all the Circumstances before me, I may be unable to find out the perpetrators of the Deed if among them, and in that case consign punishment shall surely follow.

Col Williams has orders to repair to the South Fork of the Trinity, and to take his Station, as Agent, at the New Trading house now establishing by Mr Travis at that place.

You will send, or go yourself if you prefer, to the sheriff of Milam County who will deliver to you on your order *Two Horses*, stolen from Red Bears party in January last these two are in possession of Mr. Flanagan the said sherriff and he thinks there is still a third, also stolen, in some part of the same County, but, does not know where. You will use due diligence to recover these animals and return them to their proper owners

The notorious "*Pennington*" as I am informed by Agent Neighbors is no more. he *Died* on the Guadalupe, as he says. The Delaware who were with him, took the peltries of their last hunt to Bastrop, but, were not permitted to trade a single article, they worked their way Eastward it is supposed for the Trading House at your Post, if there give the leaders of that party a severe lecture on their obstreperous conduct, they will know that they are not permitted, any more than other Indian,

to come into the settlements or to trade with any other than a licensed trader, this is the law, and they must obey it, there is no two ways, and the sooner they begin to be obedient to the law, the better it will be for them. They must listen to good Council to the orders and officers of the Govt. and to you in particular as their Agent.

Tell them I esteem the Delaware as a good, brave, noble people, they are our friends, we love them as our brothers, but, their foolish young men must not give us so much trouble to run all over the Country and watch them, to keep them out of the Settlements, they must obey the law as we white folks do.

The before mentioned Sheriff informed me that one Samuel C. Crookes was apprehended and lodged in jail for the theft of the Caddo Horses, but, broke and has absconded, it is thought he is lurking about in your frontier this I mention for your government.

I shall write to you here of the Post office at Dr Sealys [?] headwaters of Little Brazos, send there for your letters, or name to me some other Post office more convient to you, so that direct communication may be had.

Keep me informed of every omen transpiring on your frontier. Yr.

[T. G. WESTERN]

[Endorsed] Supdt. To: Washington 2d Apl 1845. B. Sloat Agent—No. 53

No. 178

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Col L H Williams
Indian Agent

Indian Bureau
Washington April 2d 1845

Sir—You will upon the receipt of this, proceed to the South Fork of the Trinity and take your station at the Trading House about to be established there by M. Travis to whom license has been granted by the Govt. for the same—I expect to hear from you at least one a month pr mail, and oftener should circumstances require. You will consider yourself permanently stationed at that post which I place under your supervision as agent until further orders. I depend much upon your vigilance,

sagacity, and your knowledge of the Tribes of our Northern Texas, to ascertain who those Indians were that have regularly committed depredations in that quarter and that I shall not be disappointed.

Your letter dated Houston County 25th ult. has this moment come to hand, the report you make is not as full as required. Send me before you leave the Bureau ample Report exhibiting the names of delinquents, witnesses, and particulars attendant on the circumstances. Hereafter you will be governed by the law in such cases, a copy of which herein and which you will cause to be rigidly enforced without respect to persons—Write me as soon as you arrive at your Post

Yr mo obt sr
 TGW [ESTERN]
 Supd.

[Endorsed] Supdt. No. 52
 Washington 2 Apl, 1845
 To L H Williams Agent

No. 179

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO S. W. KELLOGG

Indian Bureau
 Washington 3rd, April 1845

S. W. Kellogg Esq

Houston Sir— Your Communications of 31st ult. concerning that of Col. Travis are both recd and I hand you herewith the Certificate you solicit—There can be no objection on the part of the Govt. to the employment by Mr. Travis of such persons as he may require to put in successful operation his Trading House and carry on the business to the satisfaction of the Govt. and to that of the Indians he and his Sureties are of course responsible for the Conduct of the persons he approving as his assistants or his agents under him.

The Govt. agent L H Williams is appointed to that Post for duty and will render you every service in his power in the line of his duty—he is well acquainted with the Indians in that quarter, and with the Trade and is altogether an efficient man.

Respectf. Yr. obt St.
 TGW[ESTERN]
 Supdt etc

Copy

This is to certify that on the 6th day of March ult license was granted by His Exy the President of the Republic according to law, to Mathias Travis to establish a Trading House on the South Fork of the Trinity, there to trade with the Indians in all articles of Commerce not prohibited by law, and that he has given bond and security with the oath required for the due payment of his duties as Trader

Given at the Indian Bureau at Washington
 the 3rd day of April 1845

T G WESTERN
 Supdt Indian Affrs

[Endorsed] Supdt.
 Washington
 3rd Apl 1845
 To S W Kellogg

No. 180

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
 [April 8, 1845]

Republic of Texas	To Torrey & Co.	Dr.
Indian Bureau		
For the following articles delivered to the Comanche Chiefs Pah hah yuco Mo pe chu co pe and Tuna-woora-quashi pr Benj. Sloat Agent. Viz.		
8 lbs Lead 100 paint 4/. Meat 8/. Sugar 10/.		\$3.75
3 plugs Tobacco 2.25 Corn 1.50 Meat 1.50		5.25
9 Papers Paint @ 4/. 4.50 6 Large Kettles @ 14/ 10.50		15.00
25 yds Blue Drill @ 3/. 9.38 10 Bunches Beads @ 3/. 3.75		13.13
5 Papers Hooks and Eyes @ 4/. 2.50 5 Papers Paint @ 4/. 2.50		5.00
5 Hakfs @ 3/ 188c Awls 81/ Needles 6/ Thread 8/. Butcher Knives 1.50		3.63 2.50

TEXAS INDIAN PAPERS, 1844-1845	215
5 Looking Glasses @ 3/. 187 4 Bu Corn \$6.00	7.87
Salt 4/. Paint 4/. 1 pr. Fine Stirrup	
Irons 2.00	3.00
6 Hoes @ 5/.	3.75
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	\$62.88

Trading House 8 Apl 1845

Washington 2d April 1845

Received an approved account of which the above is a copy for
Sixty Two 88/100 Dolls

TORREY & CO.

[Endorsed] Torrey & Co. 27 Apl/45
\$62.88

No. 181

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[April 9, 1845]

Indian Bureau

	To Torrey & Bro.	Dr.
To 1½ Yds. Strouding at \$3.00—		\$4.50

Washington 9. April 1845

Examined and found correct

T G Western

Supdt. Indian Affairs

Approved

ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] \$ 75.74

Torrey & Brother Pr. Atty S. Z. Hoyle. Audited for Seventy
five dollar and 74/100—

Merchandise furnished Executive Department and Indian Bureau—
Thos C Woodlief Actg Auditor

Approved

April 9th 1845

James B. Shaw

Compt

Recd Warrant

S. Z. Hoyle

Attorney

No. 182

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS

Indian Bureau
Washington 9 Apl. 1845

To
Capt. R S Neighbors
Indian Agent—St. Marks [San Marcos]

Sir

Yours of 22 ult it recd. I am gratified to find that you have Succeeded in collecting the Tonkawa all together and will soon reach your camping ground

For your information and government I must inform you that a slight misunderstanding at present exists between the Delaware and the Comanche— It appears that some three months ago, a small hunting party of Delaware met 3 Comanche at the Head of the St Marks, [San Marcos] and killed them—The Comanche have just found it out and their young men swear revenge, not upon us but upon our friendly Indians “Pah hah yuco” has notified us that no white man or Delaware would be safe in their Country at present—that no white man shall be molested, but that Some indians would soon be killed, that his young men are much exasperated and he cannot Control or restrain them—So you had better keep a bright lookout keep your straglers in and do not go too high up on your stream for the present I think they will seek their revenge on the Brazos, but it is well enough to be on your guard—Arrangements are on hand to pacify the Comanche—the excitement will soon subside.

Let me hear from you often pr mail put my letters under envelop to “Sec War and Marine” to save postage

Yr Mos ob Ser

TGW[ESTERN]

Supd. etc

[Endorsed] Supdt.
Washington
9 Apl. 1845
To
R S. Neighbors Agent
pr mail

No. 183

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT AND
L. H. WILLIAMSIndian Bureau
Washington 9 April 1845

To
Messrs Sloat and Williams
Indian Agents—Tehuacana Ck:
Gent.

Your communication dated 3rd inst. is recd. I regret to find that difficulties are likely to arise between the Delaware and the Comanche. We must exert our best efforts to prevent the Catastrophe. The Delaware are, as it were, the connecting link between us and the Comanche and it is important at this juncture that the best understanding should exist between them.

In the name of the Govt. you can say, or send word to Pah hah yuco or any or all of the Chiefs of the Comanche and their Tribe, that the Delaware who killed the men on the St. Marks [San Marcos] have been demanded of the Govt. of the U. States to which they appertain, and that they will, no doubt, be given up.

My last communication dated 2nd inst. was sent pr. a Mr. B. M. Carr, you have no doubt recd. it. You will therein perceive that the Sherriff of Milam County has some horses, which were Stolen from the Caddo in January last.

By the same conveyance orders were sent to Col. Williams to repair to the Trading House on the Trinity, nevertheless, should his services be deemed necessary with you on the Brazos to aid you in reconciling the Delaware and Comanche, he may remain there to effect that important object, until further orders.

It would be deemed improper for Capt. Sloat to leave his Post under present circumstances, it is in fact considered important that both of you should be on the spot until there difficulties are adjusted or until they so far subside that the Comanche may be induced to come in and trade, and even that it will be

proper and requisite that you should be there to meet them and inspire them with confidence.

Your mo. obt Sert
T. G. WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affrs.

It seems that the Report of the killing of John Ketchum by Tawakoni is altogether unfounded

When you write pr mail envelop your letters to address of Hon. Sec. War and Marine, to save postage

Where is Jim Shaw?

Pr Jack Harry the bearer of this I send copies of the acts of the 7th and 9th Congress Contg all the laws relating to our "friendly intercourse with the Indians." to Mr. Agent Sloat and the same of Mr. Agent Williams the provisions of which you will see rigidly enforced.

W.

[Endorsed] Supdt.
Washington
9 April 1845
To Sloat and Williams
pr Jack Harry
Express 11th

No. 184

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Trading House. April 14th 1845.

\$45. At Sight please pay to Messrs Torrey & Co or order the sum of Forty Five Dollars and charge the same to a/c of

To

Maj Thos G. Western)

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Genl Supt of Indian Aff))

)

Washington Texas.)

)

L. H. Williams

Agent

his
Yours etc Jack X Harry
mark

Recd. the above amount

T G. Western Superintendent
of Indian Affairs. forty five dollars

TORREY & Co.

[*Endorsed*] Jack Harry
 Draft paid. Torrey & Co.
 \$45.00
 Paid to L. H. Williams in Specie.— Washington
 3 June 1845—
 T. G. Western
 Supdt. Ind. Aff.

No. 185

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH PAUL RICHARDSON
 [April 14, 1845—February 16, 1846]

Republic of Texas
 Indian Bureau

1846 To Paul Richardson Dr
 For Salary as Indian Agent
 Feby 16th from 13th Jany to date 1 mo and 3 days @ \$500
 pr annum \$45.78
 Recd of T. G. Western supdt Indian Affairs Forty five 78/100
 Dollars in full of the above acct.

PAUL RICHARDSON

[*Endorsed*] Paul Richardson
 Recpt
 \$45.78
 No 15

No. 186

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH BOWNE AND COMPANY
 [April 21, 1845]

Govt of Texas—Indian Bureau—

Bought of Bowne & Co.

1	6 grs. qto Medium Records Book	
	ft. only $\frac{3}{4}$ Bd. Rusa. Cambric sides	5.00
1	3 grs. qto Medium Register of Accts"	" "
	dbl. date single \$ and cts. $\frac{3}{4}$ bd Rusa.	3.00
1	4 gr. Qto. Medium Diary ft. only	" "
	$\frac{3}{4}$ bd Rusa. Cambric sides	3.50
1	Rm Hubbards Eret Supe Pocket Post ruler	6.50

1	"	Bowne and Cos. Cap—rule—		5.00
1/2	"	Supr. Post Office Envelope Paper	450	2.25
1/2	doz	Qts. M. and Ns. Writing Ink	450	2.25
500		No. 80 Quills—opaque and clear	350	17.50
1		1 lb English Wafers 10/. lb Eng. Wax	12/.	2.75
1		doz No 21. Tape 6/.		.75
1		Angeles Patent File Press—med.	18/.	2.25
1		Rodgers Supe Congress Knife—Pearl	18/.	2.25
21	pr.	French Silk Taste—asesro.	21 1/2	4.52
		2 boxes @ 5/ and 2/.		.88
				\$58.40

Recd Paym't April 21st 1845 Bown[e] and Co

[Endorsed] Indian Bureau \$ 58.40

No. 187

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAH WITH R. S. NEIGHBORS
[April 21, 1845]

Indian Bureau		To R. S. Neighbors	Dr.
1845			
Febry. 19th.	To.	1 Plug Tobacco 4/—1 Quire Paper 3/.	\$.88
	"	1 Bot Ink 2/. 1 Beef of \$8.00	8.25
	"	4 lbs. Powder @ 6/.	3.00
	"	2 lbs Lead @ 1/2	1.00
	"	1 piece Cloth for flag. 6/. 3 Knives 9/.	1.87
April 18th.	"	6 lbs Leaf Tobacco. 12/—1 plug. Do 3/.	1.88
	"	2 lbs Powder @ 8/—6 lb Lead 1/6.	3.12
	"	1 Knife 3/. 2 yards Cloth 3/.	.75
	"	Amt Paid Mexicans for Interpreting	1.00
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April 21st.		2 Plugs Tobacco for Tonkawa	1.00
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Washington 17th. May 1845			\$22.75
Received an approved account for Twenty Two 75/100 Dollars —of which the above is a Copy.			

R. S. NEIGHBORS
Indian Agent

[Endorsed] R. S. Neighbors 17 May
\$22.75

No. 188

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH BENJAMIN SLOAT
[April 22, 1845]

Republic of Texas		
Indian Bureau	To Benjamin Sloat	Dr
To am't due me for services as Indian agent at Post No 2 from December 9th 1844 to April 9th 1845 in a period of Four months at \$500 pr annum		
		\$166.66
Cr By cash paid Fisher	\$7.50	
" " " " Tarbox	30.00	\$37.50
		<hr/>
		129.16

Indian Bureau Washington April 22nd 1845
Received an approved account of which the foregoing is a copy.
BENJAMIN SLOAT
pr Attorney Joseph Daniels
[Endorsed] Benj. Sloat 22 Ap/45
\$129.16

No. 189

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[April 24, 1845]

Republic of Texas)		
)		
Indian Bureau)	To Torrey and Bro	Dr
For 27 Hoop Iron @ 10c 270c 1 pr Bellows 28 in \$21		
" 1 Anvil 112 lbs @ 17c 19.08c 1 vice 28 lbs @ 20c 5.60		\$23.70
" 14 lb Hammers @ 1/6 2.62 1 1/12 lbs Cast Steel		
@ 20c 1.70c		4.32
" 28 lbs Hoop Iron @ 10c 280c 3 Chissels @ 3/ 113c		3.93
" 1 Chissel ea 2 in 1 3/4 in 1 1/4 in 5 in @ 1/		.62
" 1 Screw plate 3.50c 9 main Springs @ 2/ 2.25c		5.75
" 6 Gun Screws @ 1/ 6/ 1 Pr. Compasses 4/		1.25
" 1 Files ea 6/ 8/ 3/ 6/		3.25

" 1 Gro Gun Tubes 6.50	1 Pr Pincers ea 4/8/	8.00
" 1 Bar Iron 38 @ 7c	2.88c 7 in Steel @ 30c	210c 4.76
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		80.26
Comissions for purchase and advance 7½%		6.00
		<hr/>
		\$86.26

Torrey and Co		
For 15 lb Steel	@ 30c	4.50
" 4 lb Sheet Brass	@ 8/	4.00
" 1 Hand Saw		2.50
" 1 Axe		2.25
" 1 Rasp		1.00
" Binding Wire		.50
" Paid expence of Hauling from Houston		6.00
" " " " sending order to Houston		5.00
		<hr/>
		\$112.00
		62.88

EE Houston Apl 24, 1845 \$174.88

Washington 27 April 1845

Examined and found Correct for one hundred and twelve Dollars

Thomas G. Western

Supdt Indian Affrs

Approved

ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] Torrey and Brother
Admitted April 28th
1845 for one hundred and twelve dollars

No. 190

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Washington 28 Apl 1845

Estimate of funds required to pay John Conner a Delaware Indian for services rendered.

Amount required \$100.00

The Comptroller will issue a warrant in favor of TGW[estern]

Supdt. of Indian affairs for the amount of the above estimate
to be charged to appropriations for Indian purpose.

Washington 28 Apl/45

ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] Recd. T.G.W. for J. Conner
28 Apl. 1845
\$100

No. 191

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [April 28, 1845]

\$ 100 At sight please pay to Messr. Torrey and Co or
order, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and this shall be your
receipt in full for services rendered by me in bringing in the
Comanche to the Council in Sept 1844.

To/

Maj Thos. G. Western

Genl Supt of Indian Affs

Washington, Texas

his

John X Conner

mark

Torreys Trading House Robertson County April 6th 1845.

Witness

D. G. Watson

Sam Houston (Pr)

Benj Sloat

Trading House Apr 6th 1845

Maj T. G. Western

Dear Sir.

The above Draft is given for the present, that was promised
him by the Govt for services rend Govt in assisting in treating
with the Comanche.

Yours

Indian Agent

Indian Agent

[Endorsed] Washington

April 28, 1845.

Recd of Thomas G. Western Superintendent of Indian affairs, a draft
on the Treasurer for One hundred dollars, drawn out this day on
requisition for the payment of the within specified account.

TORREY AND BROTHER

Voucher No. 4

No. 192

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO A. COLEMAN

Indian Bureau
 Washington 29 Apl. 1845

To
 A Coleman Esq.
 Lieut. Comg rangers, Travis Co

Dr Sir

I have the honor to reply to your polite note of the 20th. inst. informing of the arrival at Austin of a small party of Comanche, that you had received them as friends, and furnished them with provisions, all of which is highly satisfactory and entitled you to many acknowledgements for your kind offices particularly when they evince some shyness on account of some slight misunderstanding between them and the Delaware who are our friends and to a certain extent identified with the whites, with a view to conciliate matters between the parties, Mr. Sloat who is agent to both tribes will shortly make a tour in the Comanche range, west as far as the Colorado and perhaps farther, he will leave the post on the Brazos in about 10 days and will be accompanied by some 50 or 60 Delaware, Caddo and other friendly Indians as it were on a hunting excursion their object is peaceful and conciliatory, per your government.

The accounts for the Beef and corn purchased by you for the Comanche at Austin, will be paid upon presentation at this office duly attested by yourself.

Yr obt Sert TGW[ESTERN] Supdt In Affrs

[Endorsed] Supdt Washington 29 Apl 1845
 To Lieut. A. Coleman
 pr Mr Cheralie

No. 193

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Bureau

Washington 29 Apl/45

L. H. Williams Esq
Indian Agent Post No 2
Torreys Trading House on the Brazos

Sir

Yours of the 14th

pr Capt. Sloat is received.

It has ultimately been concluded upon to send out Capt. Sloat with a party of friendly Indians to see the Comanche and to bring about a reconciliation between them and the Delaware, he will start in a few days after you receive this—As the Trading House on the Trinity has not yet commenced operations your presence will not be needed there immediately. You will therefore remain in Charge of Post No 2 until the return of Capt. Sloat, as a very important part of your duty you will be very particular to see that the Trade with the Indians is carried on fairly justly and with Satisfaction to the Indians at the Trading House of Messr Torrey's which is at your immediate Post. I know that the Messrs. T.'s are just and honorable Gentlemen but we also know that great Complaints were made by the Indians of high prices etc last winter, and it had to be rectified by the Govt agents and it was done and the Indians were all satisfied, I do not anticipate a recurrence of any thing of the kind, but I call your attention to the fact to point out to you the absolute necessity of your presence and strict personal attention at the Trading House, for this reason and for the further reason that Capt. Sloat May induce some of the Comanche to come in to trade as well as for many others good and cogent reasons you will upon no consideration what ever absent yourself for a single day from your post, which is Post No. 2 at Torreys Trading House, to which Post you are now detailed as Govt Indian Agent until further orders—

You will report to me in writing upon the receipt of this and monthly or oftener should occasion may require. You will incur no expense or account on account of the Govt. without the orders or the sanction of the head of this Bureau, this is with a view the most rigid economy.

You will as soon as practible send some person over to Milam to bring up the horses which were stolen from the Caddo, and deliver them to their rightful owners, they are in possession of the Sheriff of Milam County, Mr. Flanagan, enclosed you will find one order for this.

A General Council of all the Tribes of Indians will be held at Tehuacana Creek—Post and Trading House No 2 on the full of the moon of the 15th of September next of which you will take due notice and apprise all parties concerned, arrangements have been made to make suitable presents to the Chiefs and others who may attend the council.

Respectfully yr mo obt Sert.

TGW[ESTERN]

Supdt. Ind Aff

[Endorsed] Supentdt. Washington 29 Apl. 1845
to L. H. Williams Agt

No. 194

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH A. COLEMAN [April, 1845]

Indian Bureau
Republic of Texas

	To A. Coleman	Dr.
1845		
April To 2 Beeves	@ /8	16.
" 1 do	12.	12.
" 14 Bush. corn	@ 4/—	7.
		<hr/> \$35.—

I certify upon honour that the above amt. of provisions were furnished the Comanche Indians at the city of Austin as specified above.

A. Coleman
Leut. Comdg
Travis Rangers

Washington May 31st 1845

Recd an approved a/c for Thirty five dolls. of which the above is a copy.

A. COLEMAN

No. 195

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS

Indian Bureau
Washington 2 May 1845To
Capt R. S. Neighbors
Indian Agent

Sir

Yours of the 9th ult is at hand, severe indisposition has prevented me from using my pen for the last 2 weeks. I am happy to find that the Tonkawa Indians are all collected together on the hunting grounds designated for their use that they are doing well and are contented and that game is in abundance. Strict order and subordination to their Chiefs could scarcely be expected at once—time and patience attention and perseverance will do much—you have done as well as could have been expected for the time thus far, keep them out of the settlements and out of mischief, these are the most important points to be attended to at present.

I hope you have regulated affairs with the Lipan, I have nothing to add to my instructions of 2nd March as regards them.

The want of horses will doubtless prevent the Tonkawa from carrying much peltry to the Brazos. There is great probability that a Trading House will Soon be established on the Colorado.

With the view to effect a reconciliation between the Delaware and the Comanche, Captain Sloat who is the Agent to both of these Tribes will in 8 or 10 days start from the Post on the Brazos, on a tour westward through the Comanche range, he will take with him a party of 50 to 60 friendly Indians Delaware Caddo etc and will range to the Colorado and perhaps to the St Marks. [San Marcos]

A General Council will be held with the various tribes of Indians on the full of the Moon the 15th of September next at Tehuacana Creek on the Brazos, of which you will apprise the different tribes, and their head men or chiefs in particular, you will direct the Lipan and Tonkawa to send delegates to the Council.

In reply to your request for leave of absence I have to say, that, if the Situation of affairs is such as your temporary absence will not prove detrimental to the public service, you have permission to attend to your private affairs for a very limited period you will advise me of the day on which you leave your post for my government.

Yr obt Sert
T. G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt.
Washington
2 May 1845
To R. S. Neighbors—Agent
pr mail

No. 196

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH L. MOORE [May 5, 1845]

Republic of Texas)		
)		
Indian Bureau)		
1845	To L Moore	Dr
May 5th For 733 lb Tobacco	at .15	\$109.95

Washington May 8th. 1845—

Received an approved account of which the above is a copy for One hundred and nine 95/100 Dolls.

L. MOORE

[*Endorsed*] L. Moore. 8 May/45
\$.109.95—

No. 197

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO RICHARD FITZPATRICK

Indian Bureau
Washington 5 May 1845

To
Richard Fitzpatrick Esq.
Victoria

Sir

Agreeably to your request and the Solicitations of your friends and at their recommendations, confident of your integrity of purpose and ability to effect the objects of the Government in accordance with law His excellency the President of the Republic has thought proper to grant you the License you apply for to establish a Trading House on the river Colorado then to trade with such Indians as may resort thereto, the oath and Bond will be forwarded to you at Houston as you desire meanwhile you may make your arrangements with the Knowledge the Document that is Licensed is in my possession duly executed and that it will be handed over or transmitted to you upon executive of the Bond—as required by law.

I sincerely wish you every success in your undertaking. it is an Enterprise offering the greatest advantages upon a moderate amount of capital necessary to be invested especially to one who like yourself has control having proper persons acquainted with the trade and the Indian character, to superintend the business, in its details the Govt. is desirous to see your establishment prosper and open new avenues to our friendly intercourses with the Comanche and other wild Tribes of the prairies—ample and legitimate motives to induce the Govt. to offer you every possible facility.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Mo. obt Sert
THOMAS. G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affairs

[Endorsed] Supdt.
To) Washington
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)
Richard Fitzpatrick

No. 198

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[May 5, 1845]

Republic of Texas)

Indian Bureau)	To Torrey & C	Dr
)		
1845 May 5. For	4	Plugs Tobacco 2. 1 Beef. \$10	\$12.
"	58 lb	Rice 1/ 7 25/100 30 Cups Salt 2.50	9.75
"	36 yards	Domestic 18c 6.48 1 doz	
		Hdks 3.50	10.
"	12	Plugs Tobacco 6. 12 papers paint 5	11.
"	10 Doz	Looking Glasses	4.50
"	Buffalo	Humps Presents	5.
"	Mopechucope	"	5.
"	Tu na	quash "	5.
"	Stroud	to war chief	2.25
The above was given previous to Express being sent down			
May 20	1	Yoke Steers	25.
	20 Yds	Bed Ticking 31—	6.20
			<hr/>
			\$95.70

Washington June 5 1845

The amount Torrey & Bro a/c for I. B. 24

\$119.70

Rec an approved account for One hundred and ninteen 70/100 Dollars of which the above is a copy TORREY & Co

[Endorsed] Torrey & Co. June 3d 1845
\$95.70

No. 199

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH J. F. BROWN
[March 20-May 7, 1845]

Maj. T. G. Western Superintendent Ind. Affs.

1945	Indian Bureau	To J. F. Brown	
March 20	To freight package		\$0.75
30	" " Box candles		1.00
May 7th	" " 2 kettles		.75
			<hr/>
			\$2.50

Received of T. G. Western Supdt. of Indian Affairs two 50/100

Dollars amt of the above of freight of articles brought from Messrs. Torrey's at Houston for the Indian Bureau at this place—

Washington 30 May 1845

J. F. BROWN

No. 200

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO E. L. R. WHEELOCK

To

Indian Bureau

E L R Wheelock Esq.

Washington 8 May 1845

Sir

Your communication of the 2d. inst. is received announcing that you are prepared to start on your tour to the territory assigned to the Indians above the line of Trading Houses for which you state you have a "general passport" obtained of the President last fall, but of which document I find no record in this office. As I find no Record of that Document in this office I am unable to judge whether it comprises all the individuals members of yr. company, and in order that you may act in accordance with the law in every particular I would call your attention to the 15th Section of the Act passed by the 7th Congress and appd. 14 Jany. 1843. In the line of my duty I have to apprise you that a slight misunderstanding exists between the Comanche and Delaware. and that the Comanche Chief Pah-hah-yuco has notified this Govt that no white man or Delaware would be safe in that country until this difficulty should satisfactorily be arranged, The[y] express themselves in the most friendly terms and decidedly inclined to peace but say they cannot control their men as foolish young men in their rage are determined to avenge the death of their companion, who were murdered by some bad Delaware from the U. States I regret that it is out of my power to grant your request as regards an interpreter the Govt. has but two in service, Jim Shaw and Jack Harry, the former is with Capt. Sloat on a tour to the Comanche to endeavour to effect a reconciliation, the latter is stationed at Post No. 2 to aid Agent Williams should the Comanche come in. There are three excellent and competent men Conner Chisholm and Watson who were to last accounts

on Red River Should they return, the Govt. will not object to any arrangement you might make with either of them to accompany you as Interpreter—

I enjoin you strictly as for your own weal and the public good to be especially careful how you proceed at this juncture of affairs thus far as the chiefs "Mopechucope" and "Pah-hah-yuco" express themselves the difficulty has been and is between the Red men—and not with the whites.

Resptfully Yr. Obt. Servt

T G W[ESTERN]

Sup. Ind. Aff.

they will not seek to molest our people, but Should a small party of our men throw themselves in the path of those enraged despoilers they the Chiefs will not they say be answerable for consequences.

I would not create alarm in your breast I would merely discharge my duty as a fellow citizen and as a public officer, by affording you the best information in my possession, and at your own sound judgment dictate your cause touching your own welfare and that of your companions.

[Endorsed] Supdt.

To (Washington
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(
(8 May 1845
E. L. R. Wheelock
pr. mail.

No. 201

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH F. DIETERICH

DUPLICATE

Washington May 9th. 1845

Indian Affairs)
)

Republic of Texas)

To F. Dieterich

Dr.

1845

Febr. 3. To 4 Shirts 1.25.

\$ 5.—

" 4 Butcher Knives 4/

" 2.

" 4 Hand Kfs 3/

" 1.50

	"	10 plgs of Tobacco	2/	"	2.50
	"	7 "	30 lbs. dried Beef	8.c	" 2.40
	"	8 "	1 Blanket		" 3.50
		"	8 Shirt Paterns	7/	" 7.00
		"	5 Butcher Knives	4/	" 2.50.
		"	3 ditto	6/	" 2.25.
		"	8 plgs of Tobacco	2/	" 2.00
		"	10 yds Calico		" 2.82
	"	12 "	Sundries by Neighbors		" 2.88.
	"	20 "	1 Candlestick		\$—.63.
March	2 "	1 pr of	Blankets		" 7.—
	"	3 "	1 " " dtto		" 7.—
		"	4 Butcher Knives	6/	" 3.—.
		"	4 plgs of Tobacco	4/	" 2.00
		"	1 " ditto		" 1.—.
		"	Powder	2/, Lead 2/	" 50.
		"	2 Tin Cups	3/, 1 Boys Cap	5/ \$ 1.—.
April	9 "	1 frying pan	1.00, Coffe	16c	" 1.16.
					\$59.64c

Washington 12 May 1845

Received of the Supt. of Indian Affairs an approved account for fifty nine 64/100 Dollars of which the above is a copy—

F DIETERICH

[Endorsed] F. Dieterich 12 May 1845
\$59. 64c

No. 202

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Bureau

Washington 10 May 1845

To

L. H. Williams Esq

Indian Agent, Tehuacana Creek

Sir

My last respects were dated 29th ult pr hands Capt Sloat. I trust you pay particular attention

to the instructions therein contained they are intended for your strict and most rigid observance, and it is expected you will execute them to the letter;— In addition thereto, I have now to say that, the Delaware *Jack Harry* employed by the Govt. as *Interpreter*, will remain permanently with you, at Torreys Trading House Post No. 2 on the Brazos—It is not improbable that some of my Comanche may be induced by Capt. Sloat to come in and to trade during his absence, and it is important and indeed absolutely necessary that you should be at your Post and have an interpreter with you to meet and receive them.

Col. Wheelock with some other citizens are about to visit the country above the trading Houses, he has applied to me for a Delaware to accompany them and interpret for them, on the tone, I have replied, that those in the Service are on duty and cannot be spared. Jack Harry must remain with you, and Jim Shaw with Capt Sloat,; but that Conner or Chisholm or any other of them might go with them.

You will continue to report to me every occurrence of interest as they transpire, at your post, or on your section of the Frontier. Send yr. communications to *Alta Springs* head of Little Brazos, and mail them at the post office there enveloped to Sec War, and I will communicate with you by the same route, on any case of emergency you will of course dispatch an express to me. I am anxious to hear from you and very anxious to see the difficulty [illeg.] between the Delaware and the Com[anche] your [illeg.] your greatest and undeviated efforts to effect this grand object. If you should see any of our friends the Comanche or have an oppty. to communicate with them, you can say that the men who killed their 3 men have been demanded by this Govt. of that of the U States and will no doubt be delivered up to us.

Yr. Mos Obt Sert

T.G.W[ESTERN]

Sup. Ind. Aff.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
 Washington
 10 May 1845
 To L. H. Williams Agent

No. 203

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH R. S. NEIGHBORS
[May 11, 1845]

Republic of Texas)		
)		
Indian Bureau)		
1845	To R. S. Neighbors	Dr
May 11th.	To amt. due me for Services as Indian Agent to the Lipan and Tonkawa, etc. from 11th of Feby. to 11th. May a period of 3 months at. \$500.00 pr annum.	\$125.00
Cr.	By Mdse. pr Dieterich a/c	2.88
		<hr/>
		\$122.12

Washington 17th May 1845

Received an approved account for one hundred and Twenty
two Dollars 12/100 for which the above is a copy.

R. S. NEIGHBORS
Indian Agent

[*Endorsed*] R. S. Neighbors 17 May 1845
\$.122.12

No. 204

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS

Indian Bureau
Washington 11 May 1845

Capt. R. S Neighbors
Indian Agent—

Sir

Information has just been recd at this
office of the arrival at the trading House on the Brazos of a
party of Comanche, and that the main body of them Consisting

of about 1000. Lodges are encamped on Little River, they are bound Westward to redress their wrongs beyond the Rio Grande—they ask permission of the Govt. to pass near to Austin and San Antonio, they are decidedly peaceable and will harm no Texan, if they come in your way or you can find them furnish them with provisions and treat them as friends—the difficulty between them and the Delaware is settled and we are all friends treat them as such, if you have not left San Antonio do not leave until they pass by, the people need not be alarmed at their approach they will harm no one in Texas, you will permit no person to molest them, if possible to prevent it—

Yr obt St.
 TGW [ESTERN]
 Sup. Ind Aff.

[Endorsed] Supdt
 To) Washington
)
) 11 May 1845
 Capt. R. S. Neighbors
 pr Capt Sutton

No. 205

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO A. COLEMAN

Indian Bureau
 Washington 11, May 1845

To
 Lieut A. Coleman
 Comg. Rangers—Travis Co

Sir, Information has just been received at this office that a party of Comanche have arrived at the Trading House on the Brazos and that the main body of them comprising about 1000, Lodges of them are encamped on Little River. they intend to proceed Westward and War Expedition, on the other side of Rio Grande—the difficulty lately existing between them and the Delaware is arranged and they are reconciled to each other they are at peace with Texas and declare their intention of remaining at peace with us—

The object of this is to request of you the favor in the absence of an agent, to *furnish* them with *provisions* should they

call at Austin on their way out, and to treat them as friends, they have made an unfortunate Expedition to Mexico and are returning there in force to take revenge, their propositions to us are decidedly of the most friendly character, the accounts for provisions will be paid upon presentation at this office as stated by you

Yr. Obt. Servt.
 THOMAS G. WESTERN
 Secretary Indian Affairs

[Endorsed] To) Supdt.
) Washington
) 21 May 1845
 Lieut A. Coleman

No. 206

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

To
 L H Williams Esqr.
 Indian Agent

Indian Bureau
 Washington 12 May 1845
 Indian B.

Sir Yours of 7th Inst. pr. Jack Harry Express came to hand yesterday I rejoice to find that the Comanche have come in to trade, that they are reconciled with the Delaware and that they continue to walk in the White Path—You acted very properly in furnishing with provisions the party that visited the Trading House, passports will be furnished to the Chiefs you mention, they will be permitted to pass by, but not through San Antonio in company with their agent Cap. Sloat. You will remain at the Trading House on the Brazos until further orders—Treat the Comanche kindly whenever they come, and See that they have good trade—Jack Harry will remain with you as interpreter, and to bring in an Express when required, you will keep me informed of all that transpires with you.

Tell the Lipan that his people are on the Cibolo above the "La Bahía" crossing he will know where the spot is if he is really a Lipan

You were right to send in Jack Harry Express, it was important.

The posts out west are apprised of the approach of the Comanche, they will not be molested. Send down an Express whenever you deem it necessary—I want the best and earliest information from your post—particularly as regards our friends the Comanche, when Jack Harry comes down again Send some one with him to Show him the path from the Tdary. Ho; [Trading House] to “Alta Springs”—Dr. Sealy’s place head of Little-Brazos, and thence to Franklin, it is nearer. and as I am told the more direct road.—

Yr. Mo. ob etc.

T G W[ESTERN]

S. I. A.

[Endorsed] To) Supdt.
) Washington
) 17 May 1845
 L. H. Williams
 Agt.
 pr Jack Harry—
 started 13th.—

No. 207

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Indian Bureau

Washington 12 May 1845

To

Capt. Benj. Sloat

Sir

I regret to learn that you had been detained on your way up by sickness—I hope by remaining in the upper country, you will recover your wanted health and retain it uninterruptedly.

You perceive that the Comanche have come in sooner than we expected the misfortune of Pochanaquarhip by the treacherous Conduct of Mexicans will tend to cement our friendship, with the Comanche and we should use the circumstances to our advantage. Some of the Comanche Chiefs have applied for passports through Agent Williams, you can arrange this matter with them according to your judgment.

and circumstances. a passport from you as their agent will answer every purpose should it be considered necessary—they want to go through San Antonio and its neighborhood this request cannot be granted; they will be permitted to pass above that place but not to approach it nearer than five leagues— You as their agent will accompany them on their route westward taking with you Jim Shaw as Interpreter and as many others friendly Indians as you please, to the river Medina or thereabouts which is about 25 miles west of San Antonio— You will explain to them that this precaution is taken to prevent the possibility of Collision with our troops, and alarm to the women and children of our Citizens, and not because we suspect their fidelity neither the Chiefs or others will be permitted to trade there and therefore can have no business there—You will furnish them with beef and corn if to be had on equitable terms and they should need it—

You will report your progress by writing to me from Austin, San Antonio or elsewhere, and inform me where you will be on a *certain day*. If you have anything to communicate of an important character in relation to this horde of Indians, their views, objects, intentions etc. you can send Jack Harry back express before you start give me a statement of the number of Warriors etc. as near as you can. Inform the Chiefs that the Commanders of troops on the Western frontier are already notified of their approach, and that So long as they do not permit their people to go into the settlements to scare the women nor trouble our Citizens, they will not be molested, They need be under no apprehension from our Troops while they behave themselves peaceably—“Mopechucope” wants some Ticking or other Suitable cloth for a tent—you can supply him with it from the Trading House on account of the Govt.

Herewith I hand you a “Talk” from the “Mopechucope” and the other chiefs, have it read and well interpreted to them, and hand it over to them or him.

Their promise to respect the White folks is very well I trust they will do so, but they must also bear in mind that many of the inhabitants of San Antonio though of Mexican origin are Citizens of Texas and must be respected as such, in a word all the people on this side of Rio Grande are in Texas and must not be harmed except they are known to be Mexican troops or other armed force coming to make war.—

“Buffalo Hump” wants a Rifle—A Suitable gun cannot be

had here—Jack Harry informs me that Jim Shaw has one for Sale—purchase it from him if it Suits or if Torrey's new Guns are up purchase one of them and present it to the "Hump" in the name of the President.

Inspect your powder before you start and report its condition, that part of it which may be condemned by yourself and Williams may be distributed among the friendly tribes, but only in quantities purely for hunting purposes write me and send down Jack Harry when you start

Yr. Mo. obt St.
T G W[ESTERN]
S. I. A.

I have obtained from the Sec. War and hand you herewith a letter to Capt. Hays at San Antonio he is well acquainted at that place and can assist in the purchase of provisions for the Comanche should it be necessary.

We[stern]

[Endorsed] To) Supdt.
)
) 17 May 1845
 B. Sloat—Agent—
 pr. Jack Harry—Express
 4 p.m. 13th.

No. 208

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH N. T. BYARS [May 13, 1845]

Indian Bureau

To

1845	N. T. Byars	Dr.
May 13. By	Amt due for Services at Blacksmith and armourer to the Indians at Post No. 2. from 13th. Feby. to 13 May inst. at \$500 per ann.	\$125.00

Washington May 27—1845

Received an approved account for one hundred twenty five Dollars—of which the above is a Copy.—

N. T. BYARS

No. 211

LIST OF INVOICES OF GOODS SENT TO TRADING HOUSE ON TEHUACANA CREEK
 [February 23-December 25, 1844: January 29-May 16, 1845]

GENERAL AGGREGATE OF ALL INVOICES OF GOODS, WARES

Date	Yds brown 4/4 Domestic	Yds brown drilling	Yds bleached Shirting	Yds Ticking	Yds Blue Drilling	Yds Calico	Yds Cottonades and Pants Stuffs	Yds Broad Cloth	Yds Strouing	Pairs Blankets	Doz Hdkfs and Shawls	lbs Sugar
1844												
February 23	130½			95¼	31	315¼			3	3		208
to												
April 8	645			487		837½	121½			38	1	439½
to "	61¼				251			61¾	155¼	6	3	
to												
May 18				415	335¾	316¾			123¾	16	8 3/12	
June 15						317¼					1	446
July 17	352¾					810¾	17		111¼		6	
Aug 9	153¾											
Sept 25	565¼			209¾	508	1,450¾	302		270	2	20 2/12	491
Oct 26										86		
Nov 2												
Dec 25				401½		246½						
1845												
January 29	226			244½		863½	56¼			8	9 10/12	
February 27	1,565	155	52	1,097¼	844¾	2,273½		69	320	22	23	1,118
March 17	665	301½	104½	1201½		396¼		24	130			442
April 21	127		137¾		37	131¾					10 10/12	476
May 16	63					393			39	14	1 11/12	
	4,554¾	185½	294¼	2,709¾	1,808	8,352¾	496¾	154¾	1,053¼	195	85	3,620½

AND MERCHANDISE, SENT TO THE TRADING HOUSE

[February 23—December 25, 1844: January 29—May 16, 1845]

Date	lbs coffee	lbs tobacco	bbls Flour	Sacks Salt	Kegs Powder	Quarter Kegs Powder	lbs lead	lbs Rice	Boxes Soap	lbs Beads	lbs Brass Wire	lbs Brass Kettles	lbs Vermillion	Gro Binding	Ps Ribbons
1844															
February 23	387	175	1	2		21	360	100	1	32 ³ / ₄	21 ¹ / ₂	33			
to															
April 8	149	408		9			484		2	50	107 ¹ / ₂		27	5 ¹ / ₂	24
to " 25			1	4						95		129			14
to										5					
May 18	759		2	10	14	40	230		2	14		106 ¹ / ₂			
June 15		71								100	71				9
July 17															
Aug 9	577 ¹ / ₂														
Sept 25		739			4		500		1		34 ¹ / ₂	28	40 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	52
Oct 26							403								
Nov 2															
Dec 25		33								10					
1845															
January 29	142	69	4		7		357			22	100				
February 27	330	273	3		8		298	326	1	36 ¹ / ₂				ps 68	27
March 17	1,302	425	3		8		967	274							9
April 21	650	160	2	8	8		211		4		150	103	23 ¹ / ₂		51
May 16		15	7	12				430					10		
	4,296 ¹ / ₂	2,368	23	45	49	61	3,921	1,120	11	415 ¹ / ₄	484 ¹ / ₂	399 ¹ / ₂	101		186

on Tehuacana Creek,

Robertson County

Date	Sundry Ornaments	Doz Indian Bells	Doz Spool Thread	Gross Buttons	lbs and Balls Flax and Other Thread	M Percussion Caps	M Brass Nails	Doz combs	Doz. Saddles Shoemakers and Squaw Awls	Doz Files	Doz Pocket Knives	Doz Butcher Knives
1844 February 23	doz 3	3 8/12	5.	5	6.	5.	3.	22.	15.	3 1/2	1.	14.
to April 8	Assorted	doz	7.		8.	5.	10.	27.	12.	3		17.
to " 25									60.			
to May 18											2 7/12	
June 15			12.	5		10.						
July 17												
Aug 9	value											
Sept 25	67.25				3 1/2		8				2.	19.
Oct 26												
Nov 2												
Dec 25	2.00		4 1/2		2.	3.	1/2	3/12				2 10/12
1845 January 29		value	3.		4 1/2	3.	3	1.		2.		19 7/12
February 27	6.00	1.25	10.		7.			1 1/2	24.	1.	2 2/12	2.
March 17												
April 21	18.00			9 5/12	2.	5.	19	1.		6		12.
May 16							4	21.				22.
	93.25		41 1/2	19 5/12	33.	31.	47 1/2	73 9/12	111.	15 1/2	7 9/12	108 5/12

from the first day of February 1844

to the first day of July 1845

Date	Pipes	Doz Shaving Boxes	Doz. Coffee Mills	Value Tin Ware	Doz Assorted Axes	Feet Pat Leather	Doz Assorted Saddlery	Doz Jews Harps	Doz Gun Tubes	M Needles	C Fish Hooks	Doz Steels	Doz. Skillets and Pans	
1844 February	23	5.	1/6	1/12	5.75	3/12	10	2 1/4	12	2	2	3	6	2/12
to April	8		4 1/2	1	13.50	12.						7	8	3
to " to	25									2.				
May	18					8.								
June	15													
July	17				10.50									
Aug	9				39.00			Value						
Sept	25	20.			20.93	9 9/12		87.62		5			4 1/3	
Oct	26					8.								
Nov	2													
Dec	25							17.41						
1845 January	29							2.00						
February	27	50.						9.00		4				
March	17													
April	21				8.00	37 1/2		51.37						
May	16	16.	3.											
		91.	7 8/12	1 1/12	97.68	31.	47 1/2	167.40	12	2	13.	10	18 1/3	3 2/12

both inclusive

Date	Packs Pins	Kegs Nails	Doz Hoes	M Flints	Looking Glasses	Pair Boots and Shoes	Reams Wrappg and Writing Paper	Value Drugs and Medicines	Doz hair pipes	Doz Hats and Bonnets	Value Crockery Ware
1844											
February 23	(6 doz	4 boxes	dominoes								
to	pr scissors)										
April 8	2	2	4	1.	118						
to "						60		14.25			
to											
May 18					30						
June 15							2	4.75	5½	2¼	
July 17				½				24.99			2.13
Aug 9								6.88			
Sept 25				⅓	6			2.00		1	
Oct 26			12								
Nov 2						4		3.50			33.38
Dec 25											
1845						12					
January 29				1½				4.67			
February 27					120						
March 17					12						
April 21						65		15.75		1	
May 16		2						13.75			
	2	4	16	3⅓	286	141	2	90.54	5½	4¼	35.51

Date	Rifle and Other Guns	Value Stationary	Value Clothing	Value Iron and Tools Gunsmith	Value Hard-Ware	Packing Boxes
1844						
February	23					
to						
April	8					
to "	25					
to						
May	18					
June	15					2
July	17					2
Aug	9	37				1
Sept	25	1	5.65	24.00		7
Oct	26					
Nov	2					
Dec	25			2.00		
1845						
January	29					4
February	27		2.00		88.76	3
March	17				4.50	1
April	21	4	2.50	7.96	3.63	11.00
May	16				6.30	1
		42	10.15	33.96	103.19	11.00
						21

SUNDRY ARTICLES

	Amt. pd. for trans- porta- tion.	Gross amt. of mchdse sent to trading house
1 Claw Hammer ($\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Slaters Ballances) (26 quarters Auger) (1 fish line)	57.37 150.38	503.84 1515.73
83 lb (ash boxes) 1 yd white cord, 1 yd mosquito bar, 1 cannister powder	16.87 76.39	731.71 1225.07
1 Fine Saddle, 3 doz. Percussion Tubes, 6 pr. Shears, 1 pr. Steel Yards, 13 Setts Conch Shells, 6 Mosquito Bars	169.78	512.22
2 prs Osneburgs [?] 62 yds. 1 Scale Beam		249.50
6 Assorted Swords, $6\frac{1}{2}$ pr. Epauettes, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Bullet Moulds	13.63	179.86
1 Box Pipes, 3 Sabres, on Transportation \$3—Ferriage \$7		1714.97
1 pr Sad Irons, 131 lb Lead Pipe	54.97	912.43
3 Handsaws, Spectacles 1 pr., Beaver Bait, 1 Fine Saddle	176.09	685.89
Mchdse bot of Rice and Nichols \$89.38, Boots and Shoes, $\frac{1}{2}$ Doz Razors, 1 Doz. Gun Locks, 2 Bottles Ink, $\frac{1}{2}$ Doz Spoons	171.73	406.68
2 Pack Saddles, 6 doz. Scissors, Ball Wicking, 12 papers Garden Seeds, 1 Spade	20.91	672.86
2 Barrels Pilot Bread, 1 Bbl Pelonsies [?]	40.14	2099.31
2 Coils Rope 32 lb		773.45
132 lb Log Chains, 4 pr. Trace Chains, 1 doz. Painted Pails, 35 Gals. Molasses	376.28	1451.87
2 Table Cloths. 1 Box Wine	99.46	664.74
	<u>\$1424.00</u>	<u>\$14300.13</u>

Republic of Texas
County of Harris

Before me A. P. Thompson, Chief Justice of the County Court of said county, came John F. Torrey, a partner in the firm of Torrey and brother, Indian traders, and made oath, that the foregoing is a full and accurate invoice of all the goods, wares, and merchandize of every description whatever, taken to their trading-house—from the 1st day of February 1844 to the 1st of July 1845, inclusive.

Subscribed and sworn to
before me, this 26th day
of July A.D. 1845

JOHN F. TORREY

A. P. Thompson
C. Justice H. C.

[Seal]

[Endorsed] Recd 30 July Genl. Invoice of Goods furnished Indians

No. 212

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO E. MABRY

Indian Bureau
Washington 19 May 1845

Sir— Your communication dated Bastrop 14th Inst. requesting for yourself and in behalf of the Neighborhood, of Cedar Creek—Bastrop County, “permission for the Indian known as “Delaware Bob to remain in the Settlements”; has been received and referred to this office.—Disposed as I feel to meet the wishes of my fellow Citizens in general and especially one who I so highly esteem as yourself, I regret to be constrained to say that your request could not possibly be granted without violating the laws, Treaty, and the established rules of the regulation of Indian affairs.

You will perceive upon reference to the enactments, See Act of 7th. Congress to “regulate friendly intercourse with the Indians” approved 14 Jany. 1843. The Act amendatory this to 9th Congress approved Feb. 3. 1845. Where your talents adorned our legislative halls.—also the Treaty with the Delaware 29 Sept. 1843 wherein it is made the duty of

their Chiefs and by law that of all Indian agents or other Government officers connected with Indian affairs "to prevent the Indians from coming within the Settlements" these are words not to be misunderstood or misconstrued and then are the words of the law.

With these facts before you I have nothing further to add, your own good Sane and better judgment the course to be pursued, and I feel well assured that a law abiding people have only to know a law to obey it, and that no obstacle will be approved to the removal of those refractory Indians, I might say perverse as regards Bob. for he well knows the law—and that he is wrong—and I further hope that Maj Neighbors or any other authorized agent of the Govt—will not be obstructed in the performance of his or their duty and the most rigid execution of the laws of the land

With assurances of my highest respect and esteem

I subscribe Yr. Mo. obt. St.

T G W[ESTERN]

Supdt Ind Aff

To the Hon.

E. Mabry

himself and for the Neighborhood
of Cedar [Creek]

Bastrop

[Endorsed] Supdt

)
To) 19 May 1845.

)
Hon E Mabry etc
pr. hands Lieut Coleman

No. 213

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[May 20, 1845]

Republic of Texas)

)

Indian Bureau)

1845

To Torrey & Co.

Dr.

May 5th For	4 plugs Tobacco \$2.—1 Beef \$10.—	\$12.00
"	50 lbs Rice @ 1/- \$ 25/100. 30 Cups Salt. 2 50/100	9.75
"	36 yds Domestic @ 18c \$6 48/100 1 Doz Hdkfs \$3 30/100	10.00
"	12 Plugs Tobacco \$6. 12 papers paint \$5.—	11.00
"	1 Doz Looking Glasses Tin Cases—	4.50
"	Buffalo Hump present	5.00
"	Mopechucope do	5.00
"	Tu na quash do	5.00
"	Stroud to war chief	2.25

The above was given previous to Express being sent down.

May 20 " "	1 Yoke Steers killed for Beef—	25.00
"	20 yds Bed Ticking to Mopechucope @ 31c	6.20
		\$95.70

Trading House

May 20th 1845

To

Maj Thos G. Western

Dear Sir.

Above you have Messrs Torrey & Co a/c of articles which we have been compelled to give the Comanche, and which the Govt must pay. Messrs T & Co have also given about the same amount of their own pockets. Had it been in our power we should have given them about \$500. worth of Presents at this time and had them deducted from the amt of Sept presents. with which they would have been perfectly satisfied— Yours etc.

Benj Sloat
L. H. Williams
Indian Agents—

Washington June 3d. 1845

Recd. and approved for ninety five 70/100 Dollars of which the other side is a copy—

Washington June 3 1845

TORREY & Co.

[Endorsed] Torrey & Co. 20 May/45
\$95.70.—

No. 214

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS

To Indian Bureau
Maj. R. S Neighbors Washington 20 May/45.

Sir— With the least possible delay you will proceed to your Station in the West and Continue to exercise your functions as Indian Agent, as regards the Lipan and Tonkawa you will follow the course pointed out to you in my former instructions to which I refer you with this addition, that should Maj. Hays comg. Rangers on the South Western frontier require the services of any part of the warriors of either or both of there tribes as guides scouts etc. you will facilitate the number he may require upon his requisition provided the Indians are willing. reporting to me accordingly—

The Hon. E. Mabry for himself and others has applied to the Govt for permission for a party of Delaware Indians some ten in number to remain on Cedar Creek Bastrop Co. where they have [illeg.] themselves contrary to law I inclose you a duplicate of my reply to those gentlemen where by you will perceive that their request cannot be granted inasmuch as the introductions of Indians in to the settlements is prohibited by law—by treaty stipulations and by the rules established for the regulation of Indian matters and would be productive of much evil— You will as soon as practicable see these Indians and cause them to leave the Settlements forthwith and to report in person to the Agent at the Station on the Brazos, orders as to his ulterior destination, I do not apprehend you will find any difficulty in executing this order, but should these Indians prove refractory and you should deem it necessary you can call upon Lieut Coleman comg. Rangers in Travis County for such aid as you may require he has orders from the Sec War to that effect. Delaware Bob is personally and well known to me he is intelligent and knowes the law and will obey I have no doubt

The Comanche. some 1000. Lodges of them were pr. last advices encamped on Little River, and are by this time wandering their way Westward towards Rio Grande they are friendly and will molest no Texan they have a Treaty with us and say they will Sustain it and remain at peace with us so long as they

remain a nation, they have permission to pass near the Settlements but not through them and not to approach San Antonio nearer than five leagues A Govt agent Capt Sloat will accompany them as far as the river Medina, you will probably meet them before they pass San Antonio and if so you can accompany Capt Sloat with them as far as he may go which will be until they are clear of the Settlements—Capt. Sloat is instructed to supply them with provisions should they need and as you are well acquainted at San Antonio you will assist him in that duty using the greatest economy, and making your contracts at the lowest rates possible—take duplicate vouchers of the accounts duly attested by either or both of you and forward to this office, you will report progress in writing from time to time pr mail or otherwise—Enclosed you will find an open letter to Capt Sloat—

Yr. obt. Set—
[THOMAS G. WESTERN]

[Endorsed] Supdt
)
 To) 20th May 1845
)
 R. S. Neighbors
 Ind. Agent

No. 215

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
 [May 22, 1845]

Republic of Texas Indian Bureau	To Torrey & Co.	Dr.
For 13 yds. blue strouding @ \$2.75		\$35.75
" 6 pieces blue drill 185 ³ / ₄ yds @ 31 ¹ / ₄		58.05
" 72 lbs Lead @ 1/-		9.00
" 21 lbs Brass wire @ 8/-		21.00
" 4 Doz bu knives @ \$4.		16.00
" 5 lbs Vermillion @ \$4.		20.00
" 4 2/12 doz. looking glasses tin case @ 3.50		14.60
" 62 lbs Tobacco @ 3/-		23.25
" 4 M Brass nails @ 1.50		6.00
" 2 Doz Hunts Squaw Axes @ \$25.		\$50.00

"	2 Prs Blankts	@ 7.00	14.00
"	4 papers Vermillion	@ 4/-	2.00
"	4 Bu Knives	@ 3/-	1.50
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			\$271.15

Trading House May 22 1845

I certify that the above goods were delivered to the Agent Capt. Sloat to be presented to the Comanche on meeting them with the understanding of returned Torrey & Co. an to receive them.

L. H. WILLIAMS

[Endorsed] Indian Bureaus
a/c

No. 216

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS

Indian Bureau
Washington 22. May 1845

To

R. S. Neighbors Esq
Indian Agent

Sir

Information has been received at this office through the War Dept. that on the night of the 2d. Inst. Several horses were stolen from the Citizens on the West Side of the Guadalupe near Victoria by Indians, the trail could not be ascertained Satisfactorily, but, It went towards the Lipan Camps on the Cibolo, and it is the impression of Capt. Price Comg. the Rangers in that Section that the depredation was committed by the Lipan or some other Indians encamped probably with them—You will upon the receipt of this direct your immediate attention to this matter—Visit the Camp of the Indians and take the necessary steps to ascertain the facts and have the horses returned to their owners, if to be found

Yr. Mo. obt. St.

T G WESTERN
Supt Ind Affa

[Endorsed] To Washington
)
) 22. May 1845.
 R. S. Neighbors agt.
 pr. mail.—

No. 217

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Bureau
 Washington 27 May 1845

L H Williams Esq; Indian agt
 Tehuacana Ck—Brazos

Sir

Mr. Byars the Armorer at your post reached here yesterday and departs on his return to-day I am somewhat surprised to find that he brings not a line from you

It is expected and injoned that you report by every available means, It is important that the Superintendent of Indian Affairs should be in possession of the latest and best information and it is the duty of the agents to communicate it to him without the least delay—If you have not yet reported since his departure, you will please take no time in doing so, giving in detail a circumstantial account of all that transpired since the date of your last.

Capt Sloat is of course absent with the Comanche, give me any particulars in regard to him. The trade the Comanche made—whether they were satisfied etc.

I beg you will refer Mr. Barnard as the agent or partner of Mess. Torrey etc. to Sec. 10. of the act of Congress of 14 Jany. 1843. and urge a compliance with the law— I trust this will be attended to shortly it has been to long delayed. The Invoices as required by law should be transmitted to this office at an early period

Do not delay to make out your report from the 7th. Inst. to the latest date and forward it pr. Express pr. Jack Harry or other person free of expense to the Govt.

Yr Mo. obt st.

T G W[ESTERN]

S I Affs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
) Washington
 To)
) 27 May 1845.
 L. H. Williams—Agt
 pr N. T. Byars

No. 218

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Trading House May 28th 1845.

\$50. At Sight please pay to Messrs Torrey & Co the sum of Fifty Dollars out of any money you may draw from Indian Bureau for me for services as Indian Interpreter.

And oblige

Yours etc.

To

L. H. Williams

Indian Agent.

Witness

L H Williams)

)

Geo. Barnard)

his

Jack X Harry

mark

Recd T G Western Supdt of Indian
 Affairs. the above amount

TORREY & Co.

[*Endorsed*] Jack Harry Dft
 \$50—
paid

No. 219

DESCRIPTION OF STOLEN GOODS

San Antonio May 30th 1845

the following is a description of the Horses and Mules stolen from the Lipan Indians by James Taylor

1	Large Dun Paint Comanche Horse ears split value	\$150.00
1	Sorrel Paint Horse branded	100.00
1	Dark Dun Horse no mark known	80.00
1	Black Horse Mute Small and Branded	25.00
1	Roan Muss [?]	15.00
1	Pony Build dark Bay Horse Hollow	20.00
1	Sorrel Horse Ears split	100.00

The property of Simon Castro and Stolen by James Taylor on or about 15th March 1845 from the Camp on Cibolo

R. S. NEIGHBORS
Ind Agent

No. 220

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Washington 30 May 1845

Messrs. Torrey & Brother
Houston

Gent.—Yours of the 26th. Inst. is received complaining that persons at Bastrop without license trade with Indians, I am aware that such acts were committed last spring, but, so soon as it was ascertained measures were immediately taken to prevent a recurrence and I do not think anything of the kind has occurred at that place since that time—the peltries you mention are probably the product of that trade—The law was emphatically made known by the Agent to the merchants there and parties of perverse Delaware who afterwards came in with their peltries to trade were forbidden and prevented from trading and were sent off by the agent—An incorrigible subject—“Delaware Bob.” and some 10 others had introduced themselves into the settlements on Cedar Creek near Bastrop and they have been expelled therefrom although the inhabitants petitioned for them to be permitted to remain their request was not granted. Every thing possible has been done to prevent illicit traffick with the Indians, indeed it is part of the machinery for regulation of Indian Affairs and the preservation of peace not to permit an Indian to pass below the line of Trading houses, hence if they are not permitted to come into the settlements of course they cannot trade at Bastrop—It would be the achme of injustice to suppose for a moment that any of the officers of the Government connected with Indian matters, sleep at their post or disregard their duty—

Altho there is no doubt that the merchants of Bastrop have violated the laws by trading with the Indians, it has been thus far been impossible to obtain any evidence of the fact—The evidence reports that as he believes they employed

some irresponsible transient person to effect it for them and thus they evade the law or rather have evaded it so far—The agent there Maj. Neighbors will under his instructions rigidly enforce the law—he is an effective man and will not relax in his duties—The infractors of the laws in this particular will suffer the penalties of them, if to be found of this entertain no doubt.

Yr. Mo. obt sert.

T G WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affs.

[Endorsed] Supdt
) Washington
)
 To) 30 May/45
)
 Torrey & Brother

No. 221

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN
 [March 2-May 30, 1845]

Indian Bureau

	To T. G. Western	Dr.
1845		
March 2	To cash to Lipan Indians Ramon Castro and his companion to purchase bread, meat, etc.	1.00
" "	Claiborne for 4 loads firewood	3.00
May 8	" postage a/c to date	3.50
12	" Jack Harry, express for bread, etc.	.75
30	" J. F. Brown freight from Houston of samples sent by Torrey	2.50
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		\$10.75
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Washington June 9th 1845

I certify that the foregoing account is correct, and that the amount has been expended by me in cash as above stated.

T. G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affs

No. 222

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO JOS. L. ELLIS

Indian Bureau
Washington 31 May 1845Jos L. Ellis Esq.
Grand Cane
Liberty Co.
Sir

Yours of 19th Inst. is before me and contents noted—In reply have to say that I am happy to find the Coushatta chief and his people are satisfied with the presents made them by the Government. I think they have reason to be grateful for the liberality extended to them. To the subsequent portion of your letter I would remark that nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to accede to your wishes and reappoint you to the agency of the Alabama and Coushatta but the fact is that the limits of the appropriations will not warrant it and it is not presumable that you would be willing to dedicate your time and attention without pay. Thus you will perceive that the Govt. will be unable to appoint an agent to those Indians this year purely for the want of finances.

Yr. mo. obt. sert.
T G W [ESTERN]
S. I. A.

[Endorsed] Supdt. 31 May 1845 To Jos. L. Ellis per mail

No. 223

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH L. H. WILLIAMS
[June 3, 1845]

Republic of Texas

To L H Williams

Dr.

Indian Bureau

To amount due me for Services as Indian Agent from
9th. Decr. 1844 to 9th March 1845. a period of three
months at 500 Dolls pr. Annum

 \$125.00

Washington 3 June 1845

Received of T G Western Supd. Indian affairs an approved amount of which the above is a copy.

Witness

L H WILLIAMS

L Moore

[*Endorsed*] L H Williams 3d June \$125.00

No. 224

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH L. H. WILLIAMS

Republic of Texas

To L H Williams

Dr.

Indian Bureau

To this amount paid Hosea Selvenis for conveying Express from this place to Washington and back in Jan 1845

\$25.

Torrey Trading House May 22 1845

We certify that the above account is correct and just that we employed Hosea Selvenis for the purpose of conveying Said Express

L H Williams

B. Sloat

Indian Agent

Recd. and approved account
for twenty five dollars of which
the above is a copy.

L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Agent

Washington 3d June 1845

[*Endorsed*] L. H. Williams 3d. June \$25.00

No. 225

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [June 3, 1845]

\$83. 33/100 At sight please pay to Col L. H. Williams the sum

of Eighty Three 33/100 Dollars and place the same to a/c of yours etc. —

his

Jim X Shaw

mark

To
Maj Thos G Western
Supt Indian Aff —
Washington
Texas.—
Witness
Geo Barnard
Sam Houston

[Endorsed] Recd of T. G. Western fifty five dollars in account of the within being for services of interpreter
Washington L. H. WILLIAMS
3 June 1845 per D K Torrey
\$55.00

No. 226

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO N. T. BYARS

Indian Bureau
Washington June 4—1845

Mr. N. T. Byars

Sir

Your presence is required at this office with the least delay possible to answer to charges preferred against you the nature of which will be made known upon your arrival here.

You will forthwith open the receipt of this deliver to L H Williams Esq. Govt. agent at Post No 2. the workshop lately occupied by you as public blacksmith and Armorer at that place with the key tools and every article pertaining there to, together all public property of whatsoever under your control making up every deficiency therein, should there be—

Yr obt Sert

T G WESTERN

Supdt. Ind. Aff.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
 To 4 June 1845
 N. T. Byars—Armorer
 For Agt. Williams

No. 227

CERTIFICATION OF MATHIAS TRAVIS TO OPERATE A TRADING
HOUSE

Indian Bureau

Washington 4 June 1845

This is to Certify that on the 6 day of March 1845. License was granted by his Excellency Anson Jones President of the Rep. of Texas, through this office. to Mathias Travis according to law to establish a Trading-House on the South or Elm Fork of the Trinity designated by law post No. One—then to trade and traffic in Goods wares and merchandise not prohibited by law, with such Indians as may resort thereto—the said Travis having given bond and security and made the Oath prescribed by law.

Witness my hand and seal
 in Washington on the day
 and Date above written—

T G W[estern]

S. I. Affs.

Indian Bureau

Washington 6th Jun/45

I C Spence Esq.

Sir

Agreeably to yr request as agent for Mr T[ravis] I hand you herewith a certificate to show that Mr T is a licensed trader according to law—at P. No. 1—

You will please to report the progress of your established to this office and transmit Copies through your agent according to law of your invoices

I recommend to your notice, Sec. 10. of Indian laws appd 14 Jan 1843

T G WESTERN

Supdt Indian Affs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
 To 6 June 1845
 I. C. Spence
 pr. hands of Judge Johnson—to Wheelock

No. 228

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Bureau

Washington 4 June 1845

L H Williams Esqr.
Indian Agent

Sir

You are now about to return to your post on the Brazos, upon your arrival there you will deliver to the armorer Byars the accompanying letter—he will deliver over to you the public blacksmithy and Armorers shop, tools, ap-pentenanans [?] and every other article of public property under his control, all of which you will place in proper security, and preserve said property in safety and good order, subject to further orders from this bureau.

I have paid you on account of the order of Jim Shaw in April the sum of Fifty five Dollars—For Jack Harry I have paid his order in favor of Torrey & Co.—to D K Torrey—these amounts are balances of their pay for 1 quarter each Jim Shaw to 1. May and Jack H to 9th. March another quarter will be due the latter on the 9th int. when if money is to be had on the treasury it will be paid.

You will not omit to obtain from Messr Torreys trading house Copies of the invoices according to law—this will admit of no further delay, than will of course render them to you upon application for them, and you will transmit them to me forthwith—

I directed Mr Sloat and yourself sometime ago to inspect the Powder and report its conditions to me, this has not been done—

You will please attend to this and make out your report in detail, comprising all the public property at the Post—the powder included

Yr Mo. obt. Sert
T G WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affr

[Endorsed] Supdt
To 4 June 1845
L H Williams
Agent

No. 229

INDIAN BUREAU APPROPRIATION [June 14, 1845]

MEMO:

Appr for Indian purposes appd. Feby 1/45.	\$10,000.00
Am't drawn to this date	2,205.21
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undrawn	\$ 7,974.79
June 4th 1845	

JB SHAW

No. 230

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR INDIAN PURPOSES
[June 5, 1845]

Statement of The Appropriations For		
Indian Purposes. For The Year		1845
On the 5th June 1845		
By Amt Genl. Appropt. 1845.	\$10,000.00	
" " for Outstanding liabilities	4,042.00	
" " " Redemption Wm. and Jane Simpson	300.00	
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		\$14,342.00
To Amts Expended per statmt.		
of Comptrollr. June 5th 1845.	\$2,974.17.	
	3,143.31	
	192.10.	
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Total Amt Expended	6,309.58.	
To Amt recd. to pay		
Compensation of.		
1 Superintendant	\$750.00	
3 Agents	1500.00.	
3 Interpreters	750.00	

1 Armorer	500.00	
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	3500.00	
From which deduct amts already paid on above and included in Compt. Statement		
To the Superintendent	312.50	
" Agent Sloat	129.16	
" " Neighbors	122.12	
" " Williams	125.00	
" Armorer Byars.	125.00	
" Intrept. Jim Shaw		
Jack Harry	125.00.	.938.78
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		2.561.22.
To Pay of 3 Comps. and a Secretary	600.00	
" Purchase Beef and corn	500.	1.100.00
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Amt Car. forward		\$9.970.80
By Amt. of Appropriation		
Brot forward		\$14,342 00
To Amt. Expended		
Brot forward.	\$9.970.80	
" Amt Paid Torrey and Bro. for goods ordered	3.200.00	13.170 80
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Amount remaining unexpended		
On the 5th June 1845.		\$1.171.20

No. 231

INVOICE OF MERCHANDISE FURNISHED TO INDIAN COUNCIL BY
INDIAN BUREAU [June 9, 1845]

Invoice of Merchandise to be furnished the Indian Bureau subject to the order of Supt Indian Affairs, to be sent to the Indian Council in September next at the Price stipulated below

5 30	100 Yds. Red Strouding	at 225	225 00
5 "	100 " Blue do	" 200	200 00

12 Ps	Red Blanket,		" \$89	108 00
40 "	White do		" 51½	220 00
1 Bale	640 Yds Bedtickg		" 18¾	120 00
2 Cases	1280 " Blue Drills		" 18¾	240.00
20 Ps	700 " Blue Merimack		" 18¾	131 25
10 "	300 " Unbleachd Domestic		" 12½	37 50
1 "	30 " Blue Bedcloth		" \$4½	135 00
2 doz	6/4 Cotton Shawls		" \$12	24 00
6 "	Com Silk Hdkfs		" \$15	90 00
6 "	" Cotton do		" \$5	30 00
1 Box	450 a/Bes. Havana Sugar		" 9c	40 50
3 Sacks	Coffee	450	" 12½	56 25
5 "	Salt		" \$3½	17 50
24	Pipe Hatchets		" \$4	96 00
2 doz.	Best Butcher Knives		" \$6	12 00
36 "	English do 6 in Blade		" 2.25	81.00
200 lbs	Brass Wire		" 75	150 00
25 M	Brass Tacks		" 1c	25 00
12 doz	Hand Saw Files		" 150	18 00
3 Geo	"Squaws" Awls		" \$9	27 00
5 M	Flints		" \$4	20 00
6 doz	Steels		" 150	9 00
12 "	Half axes		" \$15	180 00
1000 lbs	Lead		" 7½	75 00
10 Geo	Arrow Points		" 150	15 00
25 doz	Pint Tin Cups		" 96c	24 00
20	2 qt Pans		" 2.16	43 20
10 "	2 qt Tin Pails		" 3.96	39 60
30 "	Fine Combs		" 200	60 00
30 "	Coarse "		" 150	45 00
2 do	Patent Leather Belts		" 900	18 00
50 lbs	Vermillion Paint		" 325	162 50
4 "	Indigo		" 400	16 00
4 "	Verdigris		" 100	4 00
10 "	White Linen Thread		" 150	15 00
5 M	Needles		" 250	12 50
10 doz	German Look Glasses		" \$1	10 00
2 "	Buttania [?]		" \$5	6 00
	Hair Pipe Beads 15c in			50 00
	Blue and White Beads per sample			50 00
100	Brass Kettles			250 00

No. 234

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH MOSES JOHNSON
[June 11-14, 1845]

Republic of Texas	To Moses Johnson	Dr
Indian Bureau		
For Medical Services and Medicines rendered to Indian prisoner Bob.		
1845		
June 11	To 2 visits and medicine	3.00
12	" 3 visits	4.00
13	" Cupping	1.00
13	" 2 visits	3.00
14	" 2 visits	3.00
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		\$.14.00
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Washington Aug. 4—1845—

Received and approved account for fourteen Dollars, of which the above is a copy—

MOSES JOHNSON

[Endorsed] Moses Johnson Aug. 4/45
\$.14.00

No. 235

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Houston 14 June 1845.

Dr. Sr

I am under the necessity of proceeding to Galveston on private business, and therefore cannot be in Washington on the 15th (tomorrow) as I intended. Should you arrive previous to my return to that place you will not delay an hour, but proceed to the West again immediately and meet me at San Antonio on the 25th. take with you Jim Shaw as Interpreter— The Comanche Chief known by the Sobriquet Santa Anna, has promised Capt. Hays to meet *us* there about that time to enter into

a treaty. Do not fail to be there with Jim and I should like to have likewise Jack Harry and as many more of our Confidential Delaware friends as you can bring to attend the Council which we intend to hold with the Comanche

Yr. Mo. obt. St
 T G WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affairs.

Benj. Sloat—Esq.
 Indian Agent —

[*Endorsed*] To Houston
 14 June, 1845
 B Sloat Ind Agent

No. 236

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH F. DIETERICH

Washington June 21st. 1845.

Republic of Texas

To F. Dieterich Dr.

Indian Affairs

1845

Febr. 17.	To 5 lbs. of Sperm Candles	\$ 3.75
May 13.	" 2 pr " Saddlebags 8.00	" 16.00
" 19.	" Manilla Rope	" .50
June 12.	" 1 pr of saddlebags	" 8.00
" 21.	" 1 " " dtto.	" 5.00
		\$33.25
		\$33.25

Received an approved amount, of which the foregoing is a Copy, thirty three 25/100 Dollars

Washington June 22th 1845
 F DIETERICH

[*Endorsed*] F Dieterich June 22/45
 \$33.25

No. 237

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Washington

June 22. 1845

Benj. Sloat Esqr.
Indian Agent

Sir

As we are about to hold a talk with the Comanche Chief "Mopechucope" at Austin, and also with the Chief "Santa Anna" at San Antonio the presence of good Interpreters is indispensable you will therefore proceed forthwith to the Post on the Brazos, procure the Govt. Interpreters Delaware Jim Shaw and Jack Harry, with these proceed to the Comanche Village on the waters of Little River and having amicably arranged with Mopechucope. with him proceed to the City of Austin where I will await you in order to hold our "Talk" on the subject a recent depredation committed near that place—I trust you will permit no delay on your route. I shall expect to see you in Austin in 8 days from this date

Yr mo. obt st

T G WESTERN

Supdt Ind. Affs

[Endorsed] To Supdt
Washington
22 June 1845
Benj. Sloat Ind. Agent

No. 238

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House

Robertson County June 23rd 1845

To
Maj Thos. G. Western
Gen Supt of Indian Affs

Dear Sir.

Yesterday evening

an Express arrived here from Mopechucopé who is now encamped on the Colorado above Austin. This express was sent here. on account of one of Mopechucopé's wives having ran away from him and left the village. and he does not know which direction she has taken. but thinks she must have gone to Austin. and he wishes you to send word to Austin, and the other frontier Towns. to the Effect that if she is there. word may be sent to Jim Shaw. at this place. and he will start after her wherever he can hear of her. and Take her to Mopechucopé—The Express also brings word that Pah-hah yuco is on the head waters of the Brazos but that he will be down and join Mopechucopé. in a short time, as they are in want of meat, and are out of the Buffalo Range where they are. he also says. that there are a large party of Comanche in the Neighborhood of San Antonio. and that some of them have been in there, and were well treated. the same as they had been here. He says further that Mopechucopé will remain on the Colorado until the Council in Sept. when he will come to this place. José María—Ioni Capt. wishes to send word to the president. that he does not think it advisable for the whites to go against the Waco at present but to wait until after the Council. as many of his men are now out in different directions. and would not know anything about it. and he thinks it would be better to wait till that time so that all might be informed of what was to be done. and act in concert. Jim Shaw arrived here several days since from Austin with the intelligence that the Waco have been committing depredations in that vicinity, and that two white men had been killed by them about 10 miles below Austin and that the Rangers, and the Citizens were about to start in pursuit of them. (All of which I suppose you have been informed of before this by Sloat) and it is on account of this report that José sends the word to you that he does.

Sloat is expected here every day. and Mr. Williams will be here tomorrow. Shaw says that the Comanche are satisfied and strong friends of the whites. We have no other late news of importance. Trade at this place is quite dull.

Yours Respectfully

L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Agent

pr Levi Burten

P.S. Mopechucopé sends particular word. that no man must

have any *illegal intercourse* with his wife. as he loves her. and will know when he sees her wheather any thing has happened to her. and wishes you to send word to this effect to the different places to which you may write.

[*Endorsed*] L H Williams
Agent.

Tradg House
June 23 1845
recd July 23—
and July 24

pr. Jack Harry
To/
Maj Thos G. Western
Genl Supt of Indian Affrs
Washington Texas

No. 239

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH DANIEL J. TOLER

Washington June 25, 1845

Indian Bureau

	To Dan J. Toler	Dr.
For Bill of Stationary purchased in New York		58.40
Insurance on \$ 64 25/100		1.29
Policy and Cartage		.50
Freight from N. Y. to Galveston		1.67
Wharfage at Galveston and Houston		.18
Freight to Houston		1.11
Waggon to Washington		.97
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		\$ 64.12
		8.02
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		\$ 72.14

Cr By Warrant as per rect \$ 70 Cash 2.14
72.14

DAN J TOLER

[*Endorsed*] Rec't D J Toler \$72.14 Voucher No. 2 Two and 14/100 dollars of the Within was passed to the credit of Major Western on the 12th August 1845 by the Auditor

Chas Mason

No. 240

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH F. DIETERICH [June 30, 1845]

Duplicate

Republic of Texas

Indian Bureau

Washington June 30th 1845

To F. Dieterich

Dr.

To Sundries Mdze for Presents

for Bidai Indians \$19.25

Received an aproved account for nineteen 25/100

Dollars, of which the above is a copy.

F. DIETERICH

[Endorsed] F. Dieterich June 30, 1845

\$. 19.25.

No. 241

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO R. S. NEIGHBORS

(COPY)

Austin 8 July 1845

R. S. Neighbors—Indian Agent.

S. Antonio

Sir

I have been at this place some 10 days or more without an opportunity of communicating with you until the present occasion.

It seems that the Comanche have recently committed depredations on your Section of the frontier and that after killing an Individual in Gonzales County, held their war dance over his scalp in the Camp of the Tonkawa— Complaints are also made to me that the Lipan destroy the cattle of the Citizens in Bexar County as well as Victoria—I wish you to investigate these matters and be prepared to report thereon at an early day—I shall leave here in a day or two for the prairies and the Trading House on the Brazos I am desirous to see the Comanche and require them to keep their young men out of the Settlements—If nothing occurs to prevent, I shall return to this

place in about 15 days—you can write to me at this place and at Washington—

The Hon Sec. War Col Wm G Cooke will hand you this, I intended to have accompanied him to S. Antonio, to hold a talk with the Comanche Chief Yetcpt Santa Anna, but, as we have no news of his having arrived there—I shall go north, as the more important point to be attended to. You will communicate with me both at Washington and this place until further order. Yr. obt. Sert—T G WESTERN Supdt. Indian Affairs—

[Endorsed] Supdt
To Austin
8 July 1845
R. S. Neighbors—Indian Agent

No. 242

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH BENJAMIN SLOAT
[July 9, 1845]

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau

To Benj. Sloat

Dr.

1845

July 9. To Salary as Indian Agent from 9th. April last to date being three months at \$.500.	
pr. annum	\$125.00

Examined and found Correct, for one hundred and Twenty five Dollars—Washington 19 July 1845.—

T G Western
Supdt. Ind. Affrs appd A J[ones]

Recd on appd. a/c for \$125.00 of which the above is a copy—

TGW[ESTERN]
att

[Endorsed] B Sloat July 19/45
\$125.00

No. 243

TRADING HOUSE NO. 1 INVOICE OF GOODS INTRODUCED BY
MATHIAS TRAVIS THROUGH ISAAC C. SPENCE [July 10, 1845]

Trading House No 1 Invoice
of Goods introduced by Mathias Travis through his Agent Isaac
C Spence for the Indian trade up to this date 10th July 1845.

5 Pair white Blankets at	4.50	22.50
3 Red do	4.00	12.00
8 Pieces Indian head Dom.	253 ³ / ₄ yds.	104	25.37
7 " Merrimacs	200 ¹ / ₄ "	141 ¹ / ₂ c	29.09
3 " Blea. long Cloths	77 ³ / ₄ "	13	10.00
1 " Brown drillings	28 "	11	3.08
9 Black Silk Cravats	" " "	90	8.10
1 Pce Blue drilling	30 " "	13	3.90
19 Yards Cottonade		28	5.32
1 Pce Blue Strouding	20 ¹ / ₂ "	1.30	26.65
1 " Red do	20 " "	"	26.00
3 " Linen fold Shing.	53 " "	14 ¹ / ₄	7.55 ¹ / ₄
1 " G. W. Ticking	41 ¹ / ₄ "	15 ¹ / ₂	6.39
2 " Amuskeag "	79 ¹ / ₄ "	18 "	14.26
12 " Ribbon		50 "	6.00
2 " "	1.25. \$200		3.25
300 Needles			50
1 Gross Pant Buttons			1.13
1 Box Hooks and Eyes			1.00
500 Needles			1.50
			\$213.59 ¹ / ₄
	Amount Brot. over		213.59 ¹ / ₄
50 Sp. needles			1.00
100 Glov. "			.50
11 doz. Spool Cotton			.62
1 " Ivory Coombs			1.50
1 " " "			1.36
1 " " "			81
8 Pocket Knives	@ 41 ¹ / ₂		3.32
1 H Patent thread			1.75

1 doz. 8 in Dressing Coombs		1.00
1 " 6 " " "		.75
1 " Ivory " "		1.36
1 " Black " "		.36
29 Bunches Cut Beads	@ 2/.	7.25
82 " Plain "	@ 20c	16.40
1 Gross Squaw Awls		.75
3 doz. Shoemakers "	@ 31.	1.12
1/2 ream letter		1.58
1 Pack Amer: Pins		1.00
2 " Ger: "	4/.	1.00
1 Box fancy soap		1.25
1/2 doz. looking glasses		.73
8 Shaving Boxes	@ 15c	1.20
2 lbs shoe Thread	" 72"	1.44
4 M Percussion Caps	" 8/	4.00
4 " Gun Locks	" 9/.	4.50
2 Flint do	" 8/.	2.00
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		\$272.14 ¹ / ₄
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	Amt. Brot. over.	272.14 ¹ / ₄
1/2 Doz. Bridle Bitts	@ 42c.	2.52
6 " 5 in Butcher Knives	" 160	9.60
2 " 6 " " "	" 3.85	7.70
1 " 7 " " "		4.55
3/12" 6 " " "	" 3.85	2.88
1 " Pit Saw files		1.68
1 " Hand saw "	" 118c.	2.36
3 M Brass Tacks	" 84	2.52
9 Papers 6 oz. "	" 6 ¹ / ₂	58
2 " 14 " "	9c	18
3 " 10 " "	7"	21
3 " 12 " "	8 ¹ / ₂ "	25
3 " 8 " "	7 ¹ / ₂ "	23
4 " 4 " "	5 ³ / ₄	23
2 doz. Fire Steels	170	3.40
10 lbs Vermilion	208	20.80
1 Millsaw file		37
10 Cotton Hdfs	14c	1.40
1 Piece Blue Cloth 20 ¹ / ₂ yds	" 144	29.52
2 doz. Pair shoes	" 14.50	29.00

4 frying Pans	35	1.40
1/2 doz. Worsted Sircingles		4.50
1 " Cotton "		6.00
6 Sets Bridle fillings	1.19	7.14
9 Tin Boilers	4/.	4.50
14 " 2b. Cups	15c	2.10
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		\$417.76 1/4
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	Amt. brought over	417.76 1/4
2 doz: Pint Cups	@ 71.	1.75
1/2 " 1/2 "	" 4/.	25
1 Sack coffee	163 lb at 10c	16.30
1 Box Sugar	319" " 7 1/2	29.23
4 Kegs Powder	" 6.16	24.64
2 " Lead	420" " 6 1/4	26.25
1 Box Tobacco	160" " 15	24.00
1 " "	125" " 22	27.50
1/2 M Gun flints	" 2.85 pm.	1.42
3 Sacks Salt	2.50	7.50
2 Kegs Nails	" 8.00	16.00
1 " Pepper	25 lbs. " 17	3.25
26 lbs. Brass Wire	" 53	13.78
2 doz. Tin Plates	"200	4.00
1 Brl. Flour		7.75
48 lbs Soap	Box 4/ " 7c.	3.86
6 Balls Twine	" 1/.	.75
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		\$625.99 1/4
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Republic of Texas
 County of Robertson

Personally Appeared before me. E. L. R. Wheelock Indian Agent duly commissioned and sworn Isaac C Spence Esqr the legitimate partner and agent of Mathias Travis the Commissioned Indian Trader of Post No. 1 on the Trinity who being duly sworn by me as aforesaid declares upon his Oath that the foregoing four pages contains a just, correct, and true, Invoice, for the goods introduced for the purposes of Indian Trade by the said Mathias Travis through his Agent Isaac C. Spence the same being a return in conformity with the 10th Section of an

act passed the 14 January 1843. being made in duplicated, one copy of which is retained by said agent as is contemplated by law.

Sworn before me this I C SPENCE
10th day of July 1845 Agent in fact for
E.L.R. Wheelock Mathias Travis
Indian Agent

[*Endorsed*] Invoice of I C Spence
 Tradg. Ho. No. 1.
 Recd. 11 Aug 1845

No. 244

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH MOORE AND BLESSING
[July 10, 1845]

Republic of Texas

		to Moore and Blessing	
25	lb suger	@ 17	\$4.25
20	do coffey	@ 20	4.00
40	do flour	@ 8½ pr	3.40
½	Bushel Meale	@ \$1.00	.50
½	lb selleruter [?]	@ 4 pr	.25
1¼	Yds of onsburgs [?]		.37
15	lb Bacon	@ 1 pr	1.87
6	plugs tobacco		4.00
1	ounce Callemal		.50
1	Bar soap		.50

\$19.65

Austin July 10th 1845

Examined and found correct for Nineteen 65/100 Dollars

T G Western

Suptd Indian Affs

Received payment of the above of T. G. Western Superintendent
of Indian Affairs. Austin 11th July 1845

MOORE AND BLESSING

[*Endorsed*] Moore and Blessing
 a/c
 19.65

No. 245

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [July 10, 1845]

Recd Austin July 10th 1845 of T. G. Western Supdt of Indian affairs Five 25/100 Dollars in full for shoeing the Horses of Sloat and Shaw Indian Agents and Interpreter

J. M. HARRELL

\$5.25

[Endorsed] Harrell a/c
Blksmith \$5.25

No. 246

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO BENJAMIN SLOAT

Austin July 10, 1845

Benj Sloat Esqr
Indian Agent—Present
Sir

With Jim Shaw the Interpreter and the individual employed to accompany you both of whom are placed under you command and control you will proceed direct to the Villages of the Comanche. You will assure the Chiefs of the circumstances of the depredations recently committed on this frontier—to wit the killing of the two Citizens on this river some 8 miles below this Town—the attacks upon the Rancho near the Town of Seguin on the river Guadalupe and the murder of a Citizen there a Mexican by origin—and also of the stealing of some 15 or more horses from travellers and citizens at the near by Settled Town of Germans at the “Comal” at the San Antonio crossing of the Guadalupe.

You will express to the Chiefs Mopechucope and Pah-hah-yuco and to “Buffalo Hump” and impress upon the minds the sincere regrets of the President as well as myself upon the occasion of these doleful occurrences, we lament them—we had hoped that no more blood would be spilled in the white path between the Red and the white man—we have made treaties with good words and sincere hearts with our Red brethren we

have not spoken with a forked tongue and we had hoped, the treaty would not be broken, but blood has been shed, horses have been stolen, and now we wish to know some things about this, make this talk to them and say to them these are the words of the Great White Chief and of his Captains and furthermore say to the three chiefs of the Comanche that we are not prepared to say that it is their people who kill our people and steal our horses what we want first is to hear their words, we wish to know who the thieves and murderers are many of our people believe that it is the Comanche who do these bad acts, but we are not willing to believe it yet—we cannot believe the Comanche lie—may be the Waco the Wichita—the Keechi or the Tawakoni do bad, if so the Comanche Head men who are great chiefs can have them caught and brought in to the council at Tehuacana Creek in September next—two moons hence this it is to be hoped they will do, it will be the means of freeing them from all imputation, and of bringing the bad men to condign punishment—Having made them this Talk from the Govt. of Texas and having proceeded to visit their various villages, you will take up the line of march with them slowly across the upper country to the Keechi Villages on the Brazos, the Comanche Chiefs will then cause to be collected together the Waco, Tawakoni and Keechi and you will bring them in to the Council in September, The young man Parker a captive with the Keechi you will also bring in to the Council, that he may be restored to his friends—Should any thing be yet demanded on account of his ransom it will be paid—

The day fixed for holding the Council is the 15 of September next, you will please notify the Indians all of them of this point and you will apprise me of your approach to the Council Ground as shall be then as early as the 12 perhaps on the 18th—

With best wishes I remain Yr. obt. St

T G W[ESTERN]
S. I. Af

[Endorsed] Supdt

To Austin

July 10, 1845—

Benj. Sloat—Ind Agt.

No. 247

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [July 11, 1845]

Recd of T. G. Western Supdt Indian Affairs
 One Dollar and Fifty cents for Shoeing a public mule for Indian
 purposes. Austin July 11, 1845
 \$1.50

J. M. HARRELL

[Endorsed] Harrell
 a/c
 \$1.50

No. 248

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH GEORGE J. DURHAM

Indian Bureau	}		
Republic of Texas			Austin July 11, 1845
		To George J. Durham	Dr
To 13 days Board of Mjr Thos G. Western Genl Supd Indian Affairs from 28th June to 11th July 1845 at \$1.00 pr day			13.00
To 5 days board of B. Sloat Indian Agent. from 4th July to 11th 2 days exclusive at same rates			5.00
To 7 days board of Delaware Indian "Jim Shaw" Interpreter at 6/- pr day			5.25
To Washing 9 pieces at 1/2 pr piece			1.12 1/2
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Austin 11 July 1845			\$24.37 1/2
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Examined and found Correct for Twenty four 37/100 Dollars
 T. G. Western
 Supdt Ind Affs. Austin July 11, 1845
 Received of Mjr Thos G. Western Supdt Indian Affairs Twenty
 four 37/100 Dollars the amount of the above a/c in full
 \$24.37 1/2 GEORGE J. DURHAM

[Endorsed] Durham
 \$24.37 1/2

No. 249

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOSHUA HOLDEN

Austin July 11, 1845

Indian Bureau

	To J. Holden	Dr
To keepg 2 Horses Maj Western 14)	
days each. @ 5/ ea pr day)	17.50
" keepg 2 Horses, Delaware Jim Shaw)	
the Interpreter 10 days ea 6/)	15.00
" Keepg horses B. Sloat Ind Agent		
2 days		1.50
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		\$34.00

Austin July 11, 1845

Examined and found correct for Thirty four Dollars.

T G Western

Supdt Indian Affairs

Received payment of the above of Maj. T. G. Western Supdt. of
Indian Affairs Austin 11 July 1845

JOSHUA HOLDEN

[Endorsed] J. Holden
a/c \$ 34.00

No. 250

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

July 11. 1845

L. H. Williams Esqr Indian Agent

Tehuacana Creek—

Sir

The public service requires that the Delaware Indian known as Jack "Harry", and employed by the Govt. as Interpreter, should be dispatched immediately to Warrens Trading House on Red River—you will therefore dispatch without delay to inform the Delaware Captains "*St. Louis*"—"*McCulloch*" and "*White Hair*" that, the annual Indian Council in Texas

to be held on the 15th, of September next will be had at the Council Ground Tehuacana Creek and invite them to attend—at that plain in due season.

I trust that no obstacle present to the execution of this order, and that Jack Harry will not be so foolish as to listen a second time to bad council Jack Harry is an excellent man but I fear he has lent his ear to unwholesome advise It seems that he objected to obey my orders that one of the Govt. Agents Sloat which I regret very much to hear and I yet hope that I have been misinformed on the subject for it is difficult to arrive at the conclusion that any Gentleman, or indeed any white man would be capable of tampering with an Indian under order of the Govt.—Jack has no cause to complain, his salary is paid up to the 1st of last month—and it is expected he will do his duty if he remains in the Service—Should he however decline to remain or be unable to serve—you can employ on this duty the Delaware known as “*Tall Man*,” the Partner of Jim Shaw, and he shall be remunerated for the service to his satisfaction—

I need not say to you that you will permit no private individual to intermeddle with your official matters, excute your orders from the proper Govt offices with impartiality—let neither favor nor fear swerve you in the line of your duty—

I have just learned that the Delaware Jim Ned has with his party gone down into the settlements on the Navasota—You will ascertain whether such is the case and report—the fact—

Yr. obt. Sert
T G W[ESTERN]
Sup. Ind. Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Superdt No. 83
To Austin
July 11-1845
L H Williams Indian Agent

No. 251

REPORT OF BENJAMIN SLOAT

July the 12—1845

Report of tew [two] month with the Comanche this Day i left

Austin to find the Comanche and other Tribes of Indians to take them to the Council to be held on the 15 tenth of September next at the Trading House on the Brazos i had with me James Shaw and tew white men by the name of Richardson and Foster the fifth Day after levin Austin i found them incamped on the San Saba this was Mopechucope Band he received us verry friendly after giving us some refreshment thay called a council thay wanted to know what we wanted i toled them our Bissness which thay appeared much pleased then they talked in thir turn the first thing thay toled us abought was the Disurbance amongst themselves which was the killing of the young man and his father thair reasons for Duing this was on the account of the murder Committed at Austin last winter and i supposed for the late murder that was also committed last June Below Austin the Circumstances was as follows a chief by the name of Cut Arm found that the young rogue was tring to get a party of waryers to join him to goe Down to Austin agane to murder he Cut Arm went to him and informed the villin that he must not goe no more to war against the whites which the out law shot him Dead on the spot then the fray comenced which thay killed the yong Brave and his father and wonded one more man

the second night we was with the village Shaw horse got away from us which thay hunted three or four Days for him and could not find him i thought that the horse might return back to Austin which i sent Shaw to the trading House to inform the Indian Department of the same thinking that a report might get out that we was all killed

Shaw started the 24 of July taking with him six or seven Comanche the Indians came back on the tenth Day Shaw did not return with them and i could not find out enything about him i then told the chief that i should start home the next morning this was the first time that thay treated us in a hostile manner that Night thay put a gard over us for to prevent our escape we layed Down with our guns By our sids with the Determination if thay made an atempted to kill us we would save one of them

the next mornin the Chief said we must remane with them four Nights more and if Shaw Did not return it was good for us to start home the Third Day after this Shaw returned to the vilage this was on the 6 of August he Brought with him his Brother thay had goods with them the same Day Buffalo Hump arived with his Band and joined Mopechucope vilage

then another Council was held which the Difaculty between them and the Delaware was Counciled over thir the hed men toled us that the relations of the three Comanche that the Delaware had killed last winter was hear and if we Did not make them some presents they might kill us all that thay would crawl on us in the night and kill us Before thay would know about it myself and Shaw Consulted each other about the matter some time before we gave them eny satisfaction about the truble which thay got very imptient when we agreed to make the[m] some presents if that would setle it for ever which thay agreed it would the next mornin the men was sent for thay come thir being four in number it was planed to them that thay should never say eny morè abought it and we gave the presents which this is a list of same

6½ yards of Strewding—4 Bucher knives 4 papers of paint 4 looking glasses—8 plugs of Tobaco 4 pound of powder 8 Bars of Lead 4 coton Handkerchieff

these goods was got from Shaws Brother which i promised should be replced to him again out of presents that the Comanche will receve at the Council

then we thought our troubles was all over

Now another Council was cawled amongst war Cheefs thay toled us that thay was going to war against the mexicans on the Rio Grande thay told us that Cap Hays had sent for them to Come by San Antonio that he would goe with them to war against the mexicans with his company and Lipan i informed them that it was not the case that Hays would not goe i tride my best to stop them By telling them the Danger in passing by San Antonio that the whits would not know what a war party was Duing thare they said it was not a Lie that Hays would goe with them

and that thay was Determin pass that way and see Cap Hays I apposed in going thir all that i could but i could not stop them i toled them that thir was grate Danger in going By San Antonio

the next Day thay toled me that my self and Shaw should goe with them as far as San Antonio i found they had us in thir power i toled them that we could not goe thay sad we [s]hould goe i saw the Danger we was in and we toled them that we had not time to goe thir and goe to see Pahhahyuco then thay toled us that if we went thir that thay would kill us that Jack Harry had been thir teling them that we was telling lies on purpos to

get them Down to the Council on purpos to kill them and thir wooman and children all off thay stated that mr Luey Did join the Keechi and Waco to Dance the skelps that thay took on the Colorado Last june for thay saw him Dance

i then saw thir Determination in forsing us to goe with them to San Antonio and we gave our consent to goe i then toled Mopechucope that i should send the tew men home with Shaws Brother which he said thay should not goe i made him promis that treat them well which was to the reverse we returned to the vilage on the 28 august

thir i found that it was the Yellow Wolf that had killed the mex-ican at San Antonio he got Back five Dayes befoe we did

BENJ SLOAT
Indian agent

[Endorsed] Report of B. Sloat
July 12h. 1845

No. 252

LETTER FROM ED RIPLEY WHEELOCK TO E. ALLEN

Washington (Texas) July 13th—1845

To the Honble
E Allen
Secy of State

Sir

The Ideas which you had the goodness to advance in our casual conversation of yesterday in relation to the true policy of government with the Red men; that of paralyzing their natural propensities for war, by adopting system of benevolence and Phelanthropy in the Extension of the usefull arts and the distribution of moral and Religious instruction to the defferent bands have struck me so forceably for the last twenty years that I am induced to believe it to be the only true course of an Enlightened government when the Savages are not the aggressors

Fully impressed with the fact I take the liberty of suggesting to the Honble Mr. Allen the propriety of immedeably of carryng into Effect an object so desireable to the Christian World

serviceable in giving security to our border as is contemplated by the 15th or 16th Article of the Indian Treaty of 1844

A Consumation of an object so wisely conceived and provided for would in its results be attended with great pecuniary advantage to the government by affording faculties [facilities] not otherwise easely acquired of enabling her more specifically to determine the value of her Domain mineral wealth and undiscovered, undefined natural advantages perhaps important to a pending condition of the country while in Effect it will redound to the lasting Glory of the administration under whose auspices an institution of humanity has been reared—

The undersigned has no doubt but the savages may be induced by a proper request of this government to set apart a proper Position Either upon Red River or the head waters of the Rio Brazos for this specific purpose and that of Legetimate Trade—

If the government should conceive that the object within intimated should be worthy of Consideration It will afford me great pleasure to facilitate their wishes without any remuneration further than such facilities which can be afforded in the Indian Trade with proper Checks and securities

With highest sentiment of
Respect

I have the honor
to be Your
obt Humble
Servant

ED RIPLEY WHEELOCK

[*Endorsed*] Col. E. L. R. Wheelock to July 13 1845 Secretary of State
To the honbl E. Allen Secty of State Washington Texas

No. 253

APPOINTMENT OF E. L. RIPLEY WHEELOCK AS INDIAN
COMMISSIONER BY ANSON JONES [July 14, 1845]

In the name and by the authority of the
Republic of Texas.

To all to whom these presents shall come—Greeting
Know ye, That I, Anson Jones, President of said Re-

public of Texas, reposing special trust and full confidence in the honor and patriotism, fidelity and capacity of Col. E. L. Ripley Wheelock, have constituted and appointed, and do by these presents constitute and appoint him the said Col. E. L. Ripley Wheelock to the Office of Indian Commissioner for the purpose of cultivating friendly intercourse with all the various tribes of Indians residing within the limits of said Republic, and to induce them to encourage the extension of the useful arts, as well as the cultivation of moral and religious principles and to make a treaty with them for that purpose. The said Wheelock is also empowered to make the proper locations that are contemplated by the 15th and 16th articles of an Indian Treaty signed at Tehuacana Creek Oct. 9th 1844, for the furtherance of his objects and for his own benefit, which is considered the only compensation the said Wheelock has a right to require for his services in the premises.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the Republic, to be hereunto affixed.

Done at Washington this 14th day
of July, in the year of our
Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and forty five, and
of the Independence of the
Republic the tenth

ANSON JONES

(Seal)

By the President
Ebenr Allen
Secy of State

[Endorsed] Commission in the name of E. L. R. Wheelock as Indian
Commissioner

July 14, 1845

No. 254

TALK OF ANSON JONES TO ACAQUASH

Washington July 14th 1845

Talk of the President to
A-ca-quash
My Brother,

I have heard your talk with Col. Wheelock in Council at

Tehuacana Hills. It has pleased me much to hear your words, they are good. They speak of peace and friendship between the red and white men. I know you tell me the truth and I have confidence in your words. [I am glad that all the Indians are friendly and disposed to walk in the path of peace. I hope they will remain so. I will do all in my power to satisfy them all, and will be just and good to them. I wish to live in peace with all my red brethren. I am very happy to hear that Pah-hah-yuco will assist and do all in his power to establish a lasting peace. He is wise. I hope. all the Indians will listen to him when he gives them the counsels of peace.

Col Wheelock will take this talk to you, and he will tell you all I wish you to do. He is a good man and my friend, and the friend of the Indians I want you and all the Indians to listen to his words.] He will go with his Son to see Pah-hah-yuco. If convenient I wish you to go with him. I hear there will be a great Council in the Choctaw Nation next month I wish you to attend it and to tell the Chiefs who will be there that the red and white men on this side of Red River as far as the Rio Grande are at peace that they must restrain their men from coming over and doing my people any injury. So the path between my people and the Indians will be kept white.

[In September I will send my chiefs to the Council ground at Tehuacana Creek to meet the Chiefs of the various tribes of Indians who will be there. I wish you to come (back in time) to attend that council, I wish as many chiefs to come as can attend. I wish all difficulties to be settled and the chain of friendship kept bright and shining. All who deserve them shall have presents] What I now say you will consider as to your Brother who came with you, as if said to himself

No. 255

TALK OF ANSON JONES TO PAH-HAH-YUCO

Washington July 14th 1845

Talk of the President to Pah-hah-yu-co Chief of the Comanche
My Brother,

I have heard the talk of A-ca-quash with Col Wheelock in Council at Tehuacana Hills last month. It has pleased me very

much to hear from A-ca-quash that you would do all in your power to assist him in establishing a lasting peace between the Indians and the whites. that you had told the Indians they must be friendly with the whites and make the path between them plain and white and to be at peace with all the whites on this side the Rio Grande, and that you had brought in the Wichita to make peace. I have confidence in your friendship and in your words. I was sick when you came down to the trading house on the Brazos, and did not know in time of your coming to send you the presents I wished you to have. I then sent Col. Wheelock but he got up too late, you had gone.

N.B. here copy from talk to Acaquash the part in brackets?*

[Endorsed] For Superintendent of Indians Affairs for record.

*Reference is made here to Document No. 254.

No. 256

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Torreys Trading House
July 16th 1845

To

Maj Thos G. Western

Genl Supt Indian Affairs

Dear Sir Enclosed I send you a letter written some time since which has not been forwarded, until the present time, as it was supposed you was absent from Washington

I have just returned from José Mariás village to which place I was obliged to go to correct some stories which were gaining credit among the Indians concerning the intentions of the Whites towards them, which was that the whites intended to fall upon them and Burn their villages and kill them all without distinction. I have not been able to ascertain the source of this report but suppose it must have arrisen from the contemplated pursuit of the Waco. I have however succeeded in Satisfying José on the subject and put a stop to the report.

In Council with José I learned that the Comanche Chief Pah-hah-yu-co on his return from this place called at the Keechi village and at all the villages on his way. And told the Indians

that he had made peace with the whites and that he intended to stick to it. And told them all that they *must* do the same. And that he was going to see all the different tribes and tell them the same thing. José also informed me that Mopechucopé's wife about whom enquiries are made in the enclosed letter, was killed by the Waco. and that they danced over her scalp together with the two white scalps taken below Austin—at the Keechi village. and that some of his (José's) men were present, and saw the scalps.— José María again requests me to say to you that he would advise his white Brothers by all means not to go against the Waco, until after the Council. and the fact of their having killed Mopechucopes. wife he urges as one reason and his people being so much scatered at the present time as another. and says that at the council, all will be present, and that measures can then be taken for punishing the Waco severely, and that all will understand it and act accordingly. And I would reccommend this plan as the surest and best to be adopted.

A report has reached me that an Indian has been killed on the Trinity below Dallas, by the whites recently. and that he is supposed to be one of Jim Neds party. who recently went down in to that county to hunt. notwithstanding Col Smiths Express orders to the contrary. These Indians were induced to go there by some white men (whose names I have been unable to ascertain) who trade to them wagon loads of Whiskey etc.—I understand that these men get their supplies from Fort Houston and that they have now gone to that place for a new supply, and that the Indians are to hunt in the neighborhood until they return.

I wish you to send me particular instructions what to do in this case, as there is no telling what will be the consequence if this evil is not remedied. I wish you also to inform me what is to be done about the Expedition against the Waco. as I promised José I would send him word. He wishes his young men to go out and hunt. but is afraid until the knows what is to be done.

The Caddo and Ioni have about 150 acres of the finest corn I have ever seen in Texas and water melons, Pumpkins Beans and Peas innumerable. José says he has followed the directions of Sam Houston, and he finds that his advice was good. and that they were all satisfied now, and in the midst of plenty. Keys party of Cherokee about 30 in number, have just returned

from Mexico, and the women and children are perfectly naked, and all came in on foot they are very distitute and I think it would be advisable to give them some little articles of clothing, immediatly, and give them less at the council. please inform me by return whether I shall do so or not, and what articles to give. The mails are so slow, that I have thot that it advisable to send this letter Express, and Jack Harry will start with it tomorrow morning. Please send by him full replies and instructions.

The Indians are well pleased with Trade and everything goes on smoothly with them I have heard nothing from Sloat and Shaw since they left. I will also add that it is absolutely necessary to have a Black Smith at this post as the Indians have a great many guns to be repaired and are detained from hunting on account of it.

I remain
Very Respectfully
Yours etc. L. H. WILLIAMS
Indian Agent Post No. 2

P.S. Red Bear wishes to know whether he shall come down after his horses or whether you will send them to this place, and if you wish him to come down to send him word to that effect.

[*Endorsed*] L H WILLIAMS

Agent

July 16 1845
recd. July 23 1845
ansd. " 24 "
per Jack Harry
Express
To/
Maj Thos G. Western
Genl Supt of Indian Affairs
Washington. Texas

No. 257

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO R. S. NEIGHBORS

Indian B. Washington. 18 July 1845

R. S. Neighbors Esq—In. Agt.

Sir—Your communication of the 9th.

P.S. 12th is recd contents noted—You state that the Comanche are in the Settlements and that they have a passpt. from Messrs Coleman Sloat etc. giving them permission to do so. In this I think there must be some mistake, information of a similar character came to me while at Austin, and upon enquiry of those Gentlemen it appeared that the paper given to the Indians was intended merely to present to Capt. Hays in case they should meet him on their way out, to show that they were friendly, so they stated to me and I have no reason to doubt it—You will please order off the Comanche who have introduced themselves in to the settled parts of the country, they know or if not they must be given to understand that by the Treaty they have made with us, they are not permitted to come below the line of Trading houses—The Lipan and Tonkawa you will also please keep out of the Settlements Anto Navarro and others complain grievously that these Indians are consuming their Cattle etc. Mr. N.s overseer has been killed he supposes by Lipan or Comanche he says that they danced the Scalp of this victim in the Camps of the Tonkawa, but this I take for what it may be worth—

I passed through Bastrop on Sunday last, heard nothing of the Indian news you mention, was at Sloats Camp near Walnut Creek the day previous, no Indian Sign—Cap. Sloat started with his party up that stream on Saturday last on his route to the Comanche villages

The council you will recollect will be on the 15th of next September at Tehuacana Creek—Shall expect to see you there with the principal men of your tribes do not bring too many adherents or retainers—and before I close this let me again call your attention to the importance of keeping all Indians without the settlement; so far as practible, and allow no one of them to enter unless accompanied by an agent

Yr. mo. obt etc

T G W [ESTERN]

S Ind Affs

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
To Washington
18 July 1845
R S Neighbors
Ind. Agt.

No. 258

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH LOCKMORE AND JONES
[July 18, 1845]

Col. W. G. Cooke—

To

	Lockmore and Jones	Dr
To Board for self and horse from the 10th to the 18th of July 1845—at \$1.50 pr day		\$12.00
San Antonio	Received Payment	
28th July 1845	LOCKMORE AND JONES	

No. 259

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN C. HAYS

San Antonio 19th July 1845

Republic of Texas

To John C. Hays

Dr.

For the following articles furnished the Comanche
indians by orders of Hon. Secy of War and Marine
1845.,

June 11. to Beef	— 50
" Bread	— 75
" 1/2 powder	— 38
" 2 lb Lead	— 39
" 1 looking glass	— 25
" 3 # Tobacco	1.25
" 4 peloncillos	— 50
" horse Keeping at livery stable	3.50
" hire of interpreter	1.50
" 5 papers of Vermillion @ 50c	2.40
" 7 handkerchiefs	2.60
" 3 Butcher knives @ 50c ea.	1.50
" 12 peloncillos	1.50
" Hoop iron	1.00
July 10. " 3 hoes 3 1/2. 6 peloncillos and 24 salt	4.55
" 65 # Beef @ 2 1/2c. Bread 50c	1.93

"	Interpreter two days	4.00
" 19	" 19 yards Red Flannel at 50c	9.50
"	" 13 looking glasses at 25c	4.25
"	" 1 Box rouge 1.50 1 pipe 50c	2.00
"	" 4 # powder 75c. per #. 1 Sword 2.00	5.00
"	" 1 fine Sword present to chief Santa Anna	8.00
"	" 10 # Tobacco 2.50 1 handkerchief \$2	4.50
"	" 3 yards blue jeans 37½c	1.12½
"	" 71 peloncillos @ 12½c	8.87½
"	" 4 # lead @ 18¾c	— 75
"	" Bread	1.31¼
"	" Amt. paid interpreter	5.00
" "	" paid the same for provisions for Comanche Meat grease and bread	6.00
		<hr/>
		\$84.81¼

Received and approved a/c of 84 81¼ dollars of
which the foregoing is a copy—

WM G COOKE
Secy of War & Marine

[Endorsed] J. Hays pr W. G. Cooke Aug. 3/45. \$. 84. 81¼

No. 260

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Indian Bureau
Washington 22 July 1845

Messrs' Torrey & Co.—
Gent.

It becomes my duty again to notify you that no invoice of Goods taken to the trading House has been rendered to this office through the Indian Agent as required by law for which I refer you to Sec. 10. of Act approved 14 Jan. 1843.—I have further to say to you that measures will be taken without delay to enforce this law, provided it is not strictly complied with forthwith—

Respectfully Yr. obt St.
T G WESTERN
Supdt of Ind. Aff.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt.
 To Washington
 22 July 1845.
 Torrey & Co—

No. 261

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Bureau
 Washington 24 July 1845

L. H. Williams Esq
 Indian Agent

Sir

Yours pr. Jack Harry are at hand and contents duly noted. Our friend Captain José María and our friends all the friendly Indians, that they may rest in peace and their women and children shall sleep in quiet—white men will not harm them nor shall the war cry alarm them their young men may hunt as before, there is no war and our path is Broad and white—about two moons past some bad Indians killed white men on the Colorado, they believed it was the Comanche and wanted to get the men who did the murder, but I went to our people with the words of the President and told them not to fight the Comanche perhaps they were innocent May be Waco did the mischief and we would know all about it at the Council in September—and they were quiet and no more talk of war—My friend José María and the rest must not believe lies. we will not make war on the Waco—We will first talk with him and the other Captains in Council and when they think it will be good to punish the Waco, we will talk to all Chiefs about it—the White man will not shed the Red mans blood if he can avoid it, it is not good to kill even the Waco who are very bad men.—This is a good talk I said to my friend José María embrace him for me he is my brother I will see him in 5 or 6 weeks in less than 2 moons

From what you say it seems that Jim Ned and his party have become little better than a band of Out laws, and by what I preceive, some of the whites pay as little attention or respect, to the laws as he does— Have you exacted from Torrey and Co. the Invoices I instructed you to obtain from them; if they

have been rendered to you please transmit them to this office according to law, and if not, you will report to me the cause of so much delay, and whether the Traders T and Co. intend to render them to you as the Indian Agent and proper office according to law or receive them, in order to check these irregularities and illegal proceedings—as to yourself you have no more to do than to execute the law as it is, without favor or partiality and this it is expected you will do as a public officer, and as such you will bear in mind that the Trading house of Torrey and Bro. is not legally constituted until they have conformed with all the requirements of the law in the case, for by the same rule if they can evade or set at defiance one Section of the law Say the 10. they can Set at naught any other and thereby assume that to Trade requires neither license or Bond. In a word I wish it to be distinctly mentioned that the Govt. is not to be trifled with—and that it is expected that you will do your duty in all Cases—

No one more than myself can deplore the destitute condition of his fellow beings, and no one laments the total absence of both Goods and funds in the present instance to remedy their wants, yet I can devise no means whereby to furnish the Cherokee you mention, until the arrival of the Goods Sent for by the Govt., if then— You are well aware that those goods are intended and set apart for a special purpose, and that there are no funds to appropriate for [illegible]

You will dispatch Jack Harry immediately to Warrens on Red River to inform the Delaware in that region that the Council to meet on the 15th. of September next will be held at Tehuacana Creek. he has with him a Talk for the Hd. men.

Enclosed I hand you an order to the Sherriff of Milam County for the Horses of Red Bear and others, you will im-prone [?] the earliest opportunity to send for them and have them brought to you, they must be at the Council in September next—without fail. —

I have before me a letter from Mr. Byars he must labor under mistake or some moral delusion, or how could a man be to simple to suppose for a moment that a re-instatement could take place without a hearing, after charges of so grave a nature had been made—again Mr Byars sense of delicacy will not permit him to reside at Post No. 2. as I understand he says, and the Govt. has no use for a Blksmith. at Post No. 1. and a competent person already is or is about to be engaged for Post

No. 2, where it is quite essential Mr B. can move where he pleases, I do not consider him under pay from the day he abandoned his post and his duty. and at a moment too when the Comanche were present and when the Service of a Blksmit were most required. The President and the Sec. War were probably not aware of these facts when he Saw them. he deceived them as he did this Superintendent when he came to get his Quarters pay. Such a man must never deceive me but once. You will retain the Shop and Tools, as they are Subject to further orders—I have occupied much more time to this Subject than I think it entitléd to—it is to be regretted that everyone does not perform his duty, it would seem much trouble Scribbling and stuff this not only applies to Byars but to Torrey or their agent I hope it will never apply to yourself

You will perceive that I am scarcly able to write. The force of the sun on my late journey has particaly used me up. I hope you are well. When did you return? Let me hear from you often and do not delay Jack Harry —

Yr Obt Sert
T G W[ESTERN]
S I A

[Endorsed] Supdt
To Washington
24 July 1845
L. H. Williams
Agent

No. 262

LETTER FROM BENJAMIN SLOAT TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

San Saba 24 July 1845

T G Western
Sup Ind Affairs

Dear sir wee arived at the Comanche vilage on the 16th thir wee found that thay had kiled that young man and his father that kiled the girl at Austin last winter the same ruskel that we thought helped kil Hornsby this Circomstance wee beleve was for the kiling of the girl at Austin last winter which thay could not dew before oiny to his party bein the strongist until this time he kiled one of our bst friends and wounded one more

i cannot say how this will terminate they are still fusing about it Buffalo Hump and Pah hah yu co vilag are on the Clear Fork of the Brazos which they will remain there until we can get the war party that had the passport from Coleman and myself has returned with a large drove of animals which they got from the Mexicans near Laredo on the Rio Grande they came by San Antonio they brag about the treatment they received at that place i think that will get the Comanche to go with us to the Waco and force them to the Council James Shaw's horse got away from him from this place lashed to a pawnee we think they have gone to Austin if so you will please to ascertain and have him brought to the Council as this is the only way to get the horse i send Shaw to the Trading House for the purpose of telling you know what is going on in this part of the country i think there will be a great number of Comanche at the Council yesterday the Chief Santa Anna arrived here from Buffalo Hump vlad we have got him to consent to go with us to Council

Yours respectfully

BENJ SLOAT
Indian Agent

[Endorsed] B Sloat—Agent
To San Saba
24 July 1845
Supdt

No. 263

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO McCULLOCH AND ST.
LOUIS [July 25, 1845]

To McCulloch and, to St. Louis—Head. men of the Delaware
Indians

My friend and Brothers

I send you Jack Harry to take to you My talk—My words are always white and sweet they are words of Peace and of friendship— The people of Texas love the Delaware, their friendship is strong and cannot be broken like a rope of sand— We are all your friends here, and wish to see you and to eat with you and smoke the Pipe of Peace with you, and all the nations to meet in Council on the first full moon

after the next (in September) at the Council House at Tehuacana Creek near Brazos River.—

Bring with you many of your Captains of your wise men of your nation that we may hear Good Talk—The Comanche will be there— You know they made a Treaty with us last fall, they have Stuck to it and have not broken it—I have sent the Delaware Jim Shaw and the agent—Sloat to see them and to come with them in to the Council—

The President of Texas embraces you as his friends and Brothers—I am your friend and Brother

THOMAS G WESTERN
Superintendent of Ind affs

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington, Texas—July 25, 1845.

[*Endorsed*] Talk—Supdt
To July 25. 1845 McCulloch and St Louis Delaware Headmen

No. 264

ABSTRACT OF INDIAN BUREAU EXPENSES [July 25, 1845]

Republic of Texas

To T G Western Supdt. Indian Affs. Dr.

1844

May 25 To paid Thos. I. Smith hauling
voucher No. 1 27.14

1845

June 25	" "	bill of stationary frt. etc.		
		" "	2	72.14
	" "	a/c Supdt for Sundries		
		" "	3	31.13
	" "	John Conner Delaware his		
		dft on Torrey	" "	4 100.00
July 25	" "	Jack Harry (Delaware)		
		salary	" "	5 125.00
	" "	Jim Shaw (Delaware)		
		Salary		62.50
		Supt. a/c Sundries	10.75	6 73.25
				<hr/>
				\$ 428.66

Cr.

1844						
May	25	By amt. of Requisition				27.14
1845						
Feb.	13	" " " "				70.00
Mar.	7	" " " "				30.63
Apl.	28	" " " "				100.00
May	15	" " " "				125.00
June	10	" " " "				73.25
						426.02
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						\$—2.14

Approved

ANSON JONES

[Endorsed] Abstract

No. 265

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT

\$ 125.00

Washington 25 July 1845.

Received of Thomas G. Western Supdt of Indian Affairs One hundred and Twenty five Dollars in full paymt of my salary as Indian Interpreter for six months to say from 9th Dec. to 9th June last—

Witness
W. D. Miller

his
JACK X HARRY
mark

No. 266

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO T. G. WESTERN

Houston July 26th 1845

Maj T. G. Western
Supdt Indian Affairs

Sir In compliance with the requisitions made in your favor of the 22d inst we forward to your address the accompanying document, which has been made out with great labor and care and will be found to be accurate and entire list of merchandise sent to the Trading House and we hope is

detailed in a manner to meet the approbation of the Department. We have used every exertion to have had this business done before now, having instructed Mr Barnard to that effect, we think in presence of yourself and only feel surprised that it has been neglected thus far—As it is however, we have spared neither time nor pains, since the reception of your letter in making out the required document, and you will perceive from the accuracy with which the great number of articles are enumerated, that it has been a work of no small labor should there be any additional information required by the Department or should this not meet the requirements of the Laws in all essential particulars, we shall feel under obligations to have you write us on the subject and we will cheerfully make the additions or alterations required—— We have Boston dates from D. K. Torrey of the 4th inst. giving news of Shipments of merchandise designed for the Council per Brig Rodney which we expect at Galveston early in August we shall then require abt \$800 in Custom house funds for duties: it is our impression that D. K. Torrey held some conversation with the President, on the subject, and was assured that we could obtain funds for that emergency, but however that may be, we should feel much indebted to you for using your exertions to ascertain if such an arrangement can be made for that amount and for that purpose—It will relieve us much in making arrangements to have everything ready for the Council as at this time our funds are quite low, having sent everything available to the North—Your exertions in this behalf are respectfully solicited and we shall anxiously look to hear from you upon the subject We notice your frank, on advices from the Trading House to 16th July—no news of importance—With many obligations, for the attention bestowed on our affairs

We remain
Truly Yours
TORREY AND BROTHERS
pr W. A. Andross

[*Endorsed*] TORREY & BRO.
To Houston
26 July 1845
Superdt
Recd 30th July 1845
And. 8 Aug. "
MAJ THOS G WESTERN
Supt Indian Affairs Washington

No. 267

LETTER FROM ED WHEELOCK TO T. G. WESTERN

Camp near Tehuacana Hills

July 27th 1845

Maj. T. G. Western

My dear

Friend

I have an opportunity by the return of a neighbour to the settlements to appologize to you for not writing you a long letter when at Washington on the subject of Private affairs etc I was unwell enough to define the neglect

I am now on my way to camp with the object and Effect the wishes of the government in relation to the 15 and 16 articles of Indian Treaty (with my son) and hope I shall be able to write you fully in a short time that I have accomplished the wishes of the President in Treaty making

On my leaving home I saw S. W. Kellogg Esqr P M at Wheelock who wished me to say to you that he would like to have the contract for supplying the Indians with Beeves at the council ground in September provided you could let him live Mr. Kellogg has a great portion necessary on hand at this time and can procure the balance upon the shortest notice I say to you that he is the proper man to make a contract with for any object that requires energy Prudence and confidence—Help him if in your power for Public Inerest He is a N. Yorker and has an interesting family. He will not disappoint you Your attention will be considered a favor in addition to those bestowed heretofore upon your

friend

ED R WHEELOCK

[*Endorsed*] E. L. R. Wheelock
 Tehuacana Hills
 July 27-1845
 Recd 11 Aug. 1845
 Aned 27 " "
 Wheelock
 Aug 10

Maj Thomas G. Western
 Washington
 Texas

No. 268

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House
 Post No 2 August 1st 1845.

Maj Thos G. Western
 Supt of Indian Affrs

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 22nd Ult pr Jack Harry is at hand and contents duly noticed. In reply respecting the Invoices of Messrs Torrey and Co I will say that they are made out to the 1st July 1845. And the balance of them will be made out in a few days when I shall forward them to your office. The order on the Sheriff of Milam County for Red Bears horses is likewise received, and in reply I would say that I cannot leave this Post to go after them at this time without serious neglect to my duty here. as my presence is required here almost every hour. And you have not authorized me to employ any person to go after them. consequently they will have to remain where they are, at the present, until some arrangement can be made to get them to this place. I would however respectfully suggest the propriety of your employing some person to bring them up here as soon as possible, as Red Bear is getting impatient about them.

Jim Shaw arrived here three day since from the Comanche Camp on the Colorado, and brings a letter from Sloat which you will find enclosed. A Report has reached the Comanche that a company of about 60 men are about leaving the settlements on the Colorado, for the purpose of making surveys up in the Indian Country. and they send in word by Jim. that this party must not go out for that purpose. or it will be productive of difficulty and Sloat wishes me to request you by all means to put a stop to it if possible. I shall send your "talk" to José tomorrow. Jim Shaw returned yesterday. No other news of importance

Yours Respectfully

L. H. Williams
 Indian Agent
 Post No. 2.

Jack Harry has not returned to this place but sent the letters on from Franklin by a Delaware. His wife, and Spanish boy are very sick indeed and not able to travel and this is what is detaining him. I expect him here however this evening, and when he arrives I shall despatch him to St. Louis' Camp who is now on Chambers Creek near Smiths. and apprised that the Council is to be held there. Jack will learn of him whether the other Delaware Captains are apprised that the council is to be held here, and at what time. and if not he will proceed to Red River.

The Comanche Chief Santa Anna is now in Camp with Mopechucopé and Sioat, and will be here with the Comanche 5 days before the council, and wishes you to have provisions here for them at that time. The Comanche Doct and three squaws came here with Shaw, and brought Some little trade. They received some presents from the Trading house, and went back well pleased.

In reply to your cautions about partiality. etc I will say, you may rest assured that I shall execute the duties of my office as well as I am able without fear or favor, and whenever the Govt. has reason to *Suspect* my *fidelity*. She has but to inform me of the same, and she can fill my place with some one more *trustworthy* and competent.

My trip home and back occupied 15 days. I left this place the 15th June, and returned 1st July——

Yours Respectfully

L. H. WILLIAMS

[*Endorsed*] L. H. Williams

Agent

To Post No 2

Aug. 1—1845

Supdt

Recd 19—Aug. 1845

And " "

To/

Maj Thos G. Western.

Genl Supt of Indian Affrs

Washington

Texas

No. 269

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Robertson County

August 1 1845.

To

Maj Thos G. Western

Genl Supt of Indian Affairs

Sir

Washington Texas

Your favor of 22n Ult pr Jack Harry is at hand and contents dully noticed. We regret exceedingly that owing to circumstances which we could not control. we have not been able, to forward the Invoices of this Trading House to your Bureau before this. You may rely however on our fulfilling your request as speedily as possible.

We have also to say to you that in the Bill of Goods furnished the Govt. in May for presents to the Comanche Indians the following articles were erroneously charged to the Govt as we have been informed by agent Sloat viz

2 prs Blankets	\$14.00	4 papers vermilion	\$2.00
4 Bu Knives	1.50	4 yds Strouding	8.25c
4 Looking Glasses	1.17	4 Brass Wire	4.00

making the amount of \$30.92/100. Dollars improperly charged. The writer of this made out the Govt bill at the time. and was not aware that any of the articles were given individually by our Mr D. K. Torrey. and on his return from the Comanche he had forgotten to mention the fact to me. and on his leaving this place for Washington I handed him the bill together with other papers and know he never examined it. You will please deduct the amount \$30 92/100 Dollars from the bill. And rest assured in our transactions with the Govt or individuals we correct errors cheerfully.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servants

TORREY AND CO.

[Endorsed] Torrey and Co.

To Trading House

Aug. 1, 1845

Supty

Recd—19. Aug—1845.

To/.

Maj Thos. G. Western
 Genl. Supt of Indian Affairs
 Washington
 Texas.

No. 270

LETTER FROM EDWARD R. WHELOCK TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Post No—one Trinity River
 August 1, 1845

To. Thos G. Western Esqr.
 Supt Indian affairs

Sir

I herewith I transmit to the proper department the Invoice contemplated by the 10— Section of the Indian Law of 1843— I have to report that Every thing is progressing harmoniously and rapidly at this point and great praise and credit is due to Judge Spence for his great Exertions. I start on my mission to Keechi village to day in the mean time I have apt. C. M Winkler Esqr agent Protem by virtue of my authority as Indian Commissioner concerning that the Public peace and serenity required it he will remain at this point until I. return from Peasika [?] whose delegate accompanies me

I am sir

Yours

Very

Respectfully

ED R WHELOCK

[Endorsed] E L R Wheelock
 To Trinity River Aug. 1-1845
 Supdt
 Rec

No. 271

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS
 [August 1, 1845]

Indian Bureau

To Robt. S. Neighbors Dr.

1845	June 3d.	To Amt paid for 1 Beef Bot for Comanche	\$ 5.00
"	"	" Amt paid Interpreter to Comanche and Lipan Indians	2.50
	14	" Paid W Goodman for Repairing Tent	50.
		" 1 pr Cloth for Tonk. Chief	38
		" provisions for same	75
	16	" 1 pr Cloth 4/. Vermillion 4/.	1.00
	24	" 1 Beef Bot for a party of Comanche	4.00
	July 24	" Pelones and Bread Bot. for Comanche of N Lewis	1.50
		" 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds Muslin	69
		" 3 plugs Tobacco	75
		" 1 Cotton Handkf	[torn]
		" 4 lb Salt 50c. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb powder 3/.	[torn]
		" 3 lb Lead	[torn]
			<hr/>
			\$18.88

San Antonio August 1st 1845

Washington 9th. Sept 1845. Recd of. T. G Western an approved account of which the above is a true copy for Eighteen 88/100. dollars.

R. S. NEIGHBORS

By W. W. Massie atty.

[Endorsed] R. S. Neighbors pr W W Massie 9 Sept 1845 \$ 18.88

No. 272

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post No 2

August 2 1845.

To

Maj Thos. G. Western.

Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday giving you all the news with the exception of one item, which is this, and was forgotten to be mentioned Jim Shaw when about 60 miles

from Austin at the Comanche village. turned out the American horse he bought in Austin Necked to a Brown Comanche Pony since which time he has seen neither the horse nor the Poney, but trailed them about 10 miles in the direction of Austin. to which place he thinks he has gone. He wished me to write to you on the subject and said you knew the horse, and the man he purchased him of and he wishes you to write to Austin and have the Horse and Poney taken and brought to this place at the Council if possible.

Jack Harry will start tomorrow to See Capt St Louis. His wife and Spanish boy have been dangerously sick but are recovering

Yours Respectfully

L. H. WILLIAMS
Indian Agent
Post No 2.

[Endorsed] L. H. Williams
To Post No 2
2 Aug. 1845
Superintendent

Recd 11 Aug.—
And 13 " —

Alta Spring
August 8 1845
To/

Paid 10

Maj Thos G Western
Genl Supt of Indian Affairs
Washington
Texas.

No. 273

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH WILLIAM G. COOKE
[August 2, 1845]

The Republic of Texas

To Wm. G Cooke

Dr

For mileage in travelling from Washington to Austin
and from Austin to San Antonio on business con-
nected with the Indian Bureau and to meet the

Comanche Indians of Santa Anna's party at the latter place—under instructions from the President. 210 miles at 10c	21.00
returning same route	21.00
" board and keeping horse in San Antonio and Austin per vouchers annexed	24.00
	\$66.00
By cash recd. of Thomas G. Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs	50.00
	Balance ...16.00

I certify that the above a/c is correct and just and that I performed the services therein stated, under instructions from His Excy the President.

WM G COOKE
Secy of War & Marine

Washington 2nd. Augt. 1845

[Endorsed] NO 1
 Wm G Cooke \$50.00
 Bal in his favor approved by the President and Auditor for \$16.00 to ballance account Aug 11th 1845
 C Mason
 Auditor

Received Washington 22d. June 1845. of Thomas G. Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs Fifty dollars to defray my expenses to Austin and San Antonio on business connected with the Indian Bureau — — —

Wm G Cooke
Secy of War & Marine

[Endorsed] W G Cooke
 \$50.00
 No. 1

No. 274

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN
 [August 4, 1845]

Republic of Texas)		
Indian Bureau)		
	To T. G. Western	Dr

1845

June 22	To	Cash paid Hon W. G. Cooke Sec War	(1)	50.00
July 11	" "	pd Moore and Blessing a/c provisions Austin	(2)	19.65
" "	" "	Durham a/c board for myself, Agent and Interpreter	(3)	24.37½
" "	" "	Holden keepg horses "	(4)	34.00
" "	" "	" and interpreter	(5)	6.75
19	" "	D. J. Toler balance on a/c		
"		For Mileage from Washington to Austin 130 miles and returning 130 miles— 260 miles @ 10	(7)	26.00
				162.92
Cr				
		By Cash pr warrant on His Excy the Presidents Requisition		150.00
		To Balance due T. G. Western		12.92

Washington Aug 4th 1845

I certify that the above account is just and true and that I performed the services above stated under Instructions from the Secretary of War

T G WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affrs
Approved Anson Jones

[Endorsed] Abstract

No. 275

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Indian Bureau
Washington 8 Aug. 1845

Messr' Torrey and Brother
Houston

Gents.

Yours of 26th ult. together with

the Invoice of Goods Sent to your Trading House have been received at this office, and would have been replied to at an earlier date but for the State of my health which has deprived me of the use of my pen for several days past—

According to my understanding of the law, at present, these documents are in conformity with its requirements, and if so are of course satisfactory to me, I have no other end to serve other than a strict performance of my duty, to which I am happy to perceive you are not disposed to offer any obstacle.

As regards the facilities you say you will require at the Custom House at Galveston upon the arrival of the Goods for this Dept.—Govt. account—His Excy. the President has instructed me to say that he promises there will be no objection on the part of the Govt. to meet your wishes in that particular—You can advise me of the amt. and say when it will be required.

You may communicate with me further on this Subject—I may possibly obtain something more definite from His Excellency before his departure for Austin which is named for tomorrow—

Yr. Obt. St.
T G WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affs

[Endorsed] Supdt
To Washington
8 Aug. 1845
Torrey and Brother

No. 276

LETTER FROM S. W. KELLOGG TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Wheelock, Robertson Co.
Aug. 9, 1845.

Thomas G. Western, Esqr.

Dear Sir—

Some time ago I spoke to Col. Wheelock (and as I supposed in time) and requested him to communicate with you, on the subject of the Beef contract for the council in September next. I told him that I would be will-

ing to furnish the Beef at any point where required, not further up the country than Post No. 1. for \$2.50 a hundred, or at Torreys' Trading House for \$2.00.

I believe, however, that my proposition will reach you too late, as Mr. Kattenhorn informed me the other day, that he had obtained the contract and was ready to fill it.

Should the contract not have been let out please write me by next mail or sooner if convenient and let me know if you can give the above prices in cash, at what time, and the number of Beefes wanted. I could supply to the amount of 30. head.

I was at Post No. 1. the other day, and left all going as well.

Yours truly
S. W. KELLOGG
Free
S. W. Kellogg
R. W.

Wheelock
Aug. 10

Thos G. Western Esq
Washington

[*Endorsed*] S. W. Kellogg
To Wheelocks
Aug. 9. 1845
Supdt
recd 11 /45
and 13— "

No. 277

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Houston Aug 9th 1845

Maj T. G. Western
Supdt Indian Affairs

Sir I sent you by mail of 26th July a letter and Invoice of Good[s] sent to Trading Hous I have not Heard from you, an the subject and I fear it is miscarried I directed to Wm. G Cooke Secy War and Marine, Office. with a letter inclosed to yourself. pleas Inform by next mail. I had not time to put it in the mail and Handed it to Driver it was of great trouble to have it in time for the stage, as we worked nights to have it in time to save any trouble. Hereafter in Rushe

M. obty.
 TORREY AND BRO
 per J. F. Torrey

[*Endorsed*] Torrey and Brother

To Houston
 7 Aug. 1845
 Superintendent
 recd 9th. Aug/45
 And 13 " "

To
 Maj T G. Western
 Supt Indian Affairs
 Washington
 Texas

No. 278

LETTER FROM I. C. SPENCE TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Robertson County
 August. 10th 1845

Thos G Western Esqr
 Supd Indian Affs

Sir yours by Jack Harry of 25th July was recd by me a few days ago on my way from the Cross Timbers and your favor of June 6th was recd. while I was at the Post in the Cross Timbers making preparation to open the trade with the Indians, and Govt being within reach of, any mail, I have not before had the opty of replying. the certificate of Mr. Travis as Trader at Post No. 1 was duly recd for which I am under obligation to you, Col. Wheelock arrived at this Trading House about the first Inst. to whome I reported immediately he being the agent aptd for that Post as I understood him. I labour under considerable disadvantage for the want of an Interpreter, and hope it may soon suit your views to appoint one to that Post. I shall endeavour to comply strictly with all laws regulating the intercourse with Indians, Shall be happy at all times to instructions from you and be guarded by them,

Yr very obt Servt

I C Spence

[*Endorsed*] Wheelock
 August 17
 To
 Thos G Western Esqr
 Suptd Indian Affrs
 Washington Texas
 I. C. Spence
 To Robertson Co
 Aug 10-1845
 Supdt
 Recd 19 Aug. 1845
 and " "

No. 279

LETTER FROM S. W. KELLOGG TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Wheelock Aug 10 1845

T. G. Western, Esq

Dear Sir

I wrote to you by last mail concerning the supply of Beef for the approaching Indian Council. Please send me word by My Brother in -law, Mr. Tiebout, whether any will be wanted or not. From what Mr. Kattenhorn told me, however, I infer that the contract has been made with him.

Mr. Isaac Spence arrived yesterday from Post No. 1 and reports all going on well up there. He has traded some with the indians and thinks the prospects are good for a fair trade, with both Indians and whites up there.

I remain
 as ever yours
 S W KELLOGG

[*Endorsed*] T. G. Western, Esq.
 Superintendent Indian Affairs
 Washington

No. 280

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Houston August 11th 1845

Maj. T. G. Western
 Supt Indian Affairs
 Dear Sir

We have your favor of 8th inst and are gratified to learn that the documents mentioned are satisfactory to the Department

We shall require \$800 in Custom House funds for the goods designed for the Council come pachd [packed] with other merchandise and it will require at least that amount in connection with what funds we can command at this time, to enter the requisite kinds and qualities to fill the Government order — We would respectfully suggest that the collector at Galveston be instructed to receive our Note for the amount, which note can be rendered as Cash funds in his quarterly returns and can be charged to us as so much paid on account of goods furnished Indian Bureau—Any other plan however that may be concluded upon by the President and Secretary of Treasury, will of course be satisfactory and we shall anxiously look for a reply to this at your earliest convenience, as our time for preperation is rapidly drawing to a close Hoping to hear of your improved health

We remain Yours TORREY AND BROTHER p Andross

[Endorsed] Maj Thos G. Western
 Superintendent Indian Affairs
 Washington
 Mess: Torrey and Bro:
 To Houston
 11 Aug. /45
 Superintendent
 recd 12-Aug '45
 and 131 " "

No. 281

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS
 [August 11, 1845]

Republic of Texas

1845

To R. S. Neighbors.

Augst 11th, To 3 months Salary due
 me this day as Indian-
 Agent at 500\$ pr annum

\$125.00

Washington 9th Sept 1845.

Recd. of T G. Western Supdt. Indian Affairs, an approved account of which the abov is a true Copy. for the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty five. Dollars—

R. S. NEIGHBORS
By W. W. Massie
Atty in fact

[Endorsed] R. S. Neighbors
Pr W W. Massie
9th Sept 1845
\$125.00

No. 282

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DISBURSEMENTS MADE BY THOMAS
G. WESTERN

\$162.92/100

Treasury Department
Auditors Office Aug 12/45

I Certify that I have examined the returns of Thos G Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs *generally* for disbursements made out of the appropriation at the disposition of the Executive for Indian purposes I find that he is entitled to Credit on the same for *one hundred Sixty two* and 92/100 dollars According to the abstract and vouchers herewith transmitted to the Comptroller for his decision thereon

Pr

CHARLES MASON

Jas B Shaw Esq
Comptroller

Comptrollers Office

I admit and certify the above, August 12th 1845

James B Shaw
Compt.

[Endorsed] Auditors Certificate
Thos G Western
Cr \$162.92/100 dolls
Indian purposes
Appvd 12th August
1845

No. 283

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Washington 13 Aug. 1845

L. H. Williams Esqr
 Indian Agt Post No 2.

Sir

Your communication dated 2d instant is at hand, but, I have not received that of the day previous you mention, and am consequently in the dark as respects the news and the points upon which I had written you, It was probably Enveloped to the War Dept. if so, it has doubtless been forwarded to Austin as that Dept of the Govt. is now established there, You will please hereforth and until further orders place your dispatches to me pr. mail under envelop of the *Department of State* —

It is expected that the invoices Inquired of you in my last are among those documents [*illegible*] but should any legal obstacle have interposed to prevent it you need not send them at present as I have received copies of the Messr. Torreys from Houston.

The case of Jim Shaw is noticed and shall be immediately attended to—

Proposals have been open for some time for the delivery of (300) Three hundred bushels of corn [to] be furnished the Govt. no person as yet has made a bid, the [time] is growing short and this matter must be attended to without [any] further delay, You will therefore [on] the receipt of this proceed to Bucksport or elsewhere where corn may be had, and make the best contract you can for (300) *Three hundred* bushels of corn for Cash upon delivery at the Post No. 2. Council Ground Tehuacana Creek previous to the (15th) fifteenth of September next—

Your will not omit to get the Red-Bears horses from the Sheriff of Milam County, in time to have them at the Council.

It may be well to assure you of the fact that the U. States Govt. has already introduced Troops in to this Country, the 2d. Regt. Dragoons crossed the Brazos at this place on the 8th inst. and proceeded Westward you can inform our Red Brethern of

this in order that they may not be alarmed, you will say to them that those troops have come here to give protection to the frontier against the Mexicans or other bad men and will not harm the friends of Texas, they are friends to the friends of Texas—The aggregate force of the 2d Regt. horse is about 450. there are at Corpus Christi about 1500 Infantry if more have arrived I am not aware of it. So I suppose the U States has about 2000. troops in the Country—this for your private Ear [to] the Indians say two or three hundred—

The Boy Bob is bearer of this—Do not detain him longer than necessary, but send by him the [torn] offers for the Corn with all the news of the day—I hope John Marlin will make an offer to fill the corn contract he is a good man and will fulfil his engagements—Send back this Express as soon as possible

Yr. obt Sert—TG W[ESTERN]

S. I. Affs.

[Endorsed] Supdt
 To Washington
 13 Aug/45
 L. H. Williams

pr. Bob, Express

No. 284

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Indian Bureau
 Washington Aug. 13. 1845

Messr' Torrey and Bro.
 Houston

Gentlemen

Your favor of the 7th and 11th insts. are received the former needs no further reply than my report of the 8th. to which I refer— to the latter I have the pleasure to say in reply that at the Custom House at Galveston you will find the Sum of \$800. placed to your credit for payment of duties on Goods to be imported for account of your House—The Same amount is Charged to you here as Cash advanced on account of the goods to be furnished this Dept. for Indian purposes on a/c of the Govt. —Mr. Shaw the Actg. Sec, Treay.

States that he has given to the Collection the necessary instructions to this effect—

Very Respectfully
Y. Mo. obt. Sert
T G WESTERN
Supdt Indian Affs.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
To Washington
13 Aug—/45
Torrey and Bro

No. 285

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO THOMAS I. SMITH

Indian Bureau
Washington Aug. 14-1845.

Thos I. Smith Esq:

Sir

I am instructed by the President of the Republic to inform you that His Excelency has thought proper to appoint you and you are according by him by appointed one of the Commissioners to treat with the Indians at the Council to assemble on the 15th of September next at the old Council Ground, Torrey's Trading House Tehuacana Creek—Known as Post No 2. Please signify your acceptance of the above named appointment and notify Such Indians as you may meet of the place and of the time of the meeting of the Council—

Yr. Mo. obt Svt
T G W[ESTERN]
S. I. A.

Thos I. Smith Esq
Richland Robertson Co

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
To Washington
Aug. 14, 1845
Thos. I Smith
pr Mail

No. 286

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO WILLIAM G. COOKE

Indian Bureau

Washington 15 Aug. 1845.

Hon W. G. Cooke
Secy War and Marine

Sir

I have the honor to say that nothing of interest relating to Indian Affairs has transpired at this office, a paquet of papers from the Agent at Post No. 2. under envelop to the War Dept., as I learn, passed thro this post office to your place—which of course you will return here

His Excy the Prest. left this place for Austin on Monday last—previous to his departure he spoke of appointing a third Commissioner to the Indian “Talk” you are of course aware that Gen; Morehouse and Col. Neill are already appointed Commissioners and it does occur to my mind that these two in addition to the Sec War who will propably be present and the Superintendent who will certainly be there will be quite sufficient for all necessary purposes of the council, under ordinary circumstances these suggestcions would not have occured for the difference of a few dollars in the amount of expenditures would have been probably not so material at the present—upon reference to the estimate of the amount actually expended on the 5th June and the current expenses of the year, there was at that date but a Small balance, since that time Some \$600. more has been expended, than was included in that Calculation Say \$.300. to Isaac Parker and \$250 to Capt. Hays and to Sec. War and Supdt. Indian aff. and to Austin and San Antonio besides other item say presents to Bidai etc. Contingenies of this nature are liable to arrive at every instant and as His Excy has charged me with the financing of the appropriations for Indian purposes, I feel it to be my duty to lay the State of the funds before you for the consideration of yourself and the Executive with a view to the more rigid economy in this branch of the Department So much exposed to contingencies as regards its expences

Very Respecty

I have the honor to be
Yr obt St
T G W[ESTERN]
S. I. A.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
To Washington
15 Aug. 1845
Sec. War. Austin
pr. mail

No. 287

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post No 2
August 16th 1845.

To Maj Thos G. Western

Dear Sir.

Jack Harry returned to this place last evening. after an ineffectual search after Capt St Louis. Col Smith however informed St Louis that the council would be at this place, and he St Louis promised him he would be here at the Council Col Smith supposes he is making a hunt somewhere and will be here at the time stipulated

Jack Harry saw two or three of Jim Neds party on their return to the Wichita, and they told him that Jim Ned would not allow any of his party to come to the council, and that he was using all his influence to prevent any Delaware coming to the Council.

We have no other news of importance. Mr Barnard took your talk up with José María and he was well pleased with it and perfectly satisfied with the arrangements.

Jack Harrys Family are all quite sick—No late news from Sloat and Jim Shaw

Yours in haste L. H. WILLIAMS
Indian Agent
Post No 2

Aug 20th P.S. In order to prevent any mistake about the Delaware Capts being misinformed about the time and place of the Council I have sent Jack to the Red River, and he has now been

gone three days. he will return here in Fifteen days from the time he started.

LHW[ILLIAMS]

[*Endorsed*] L. H. Williams
 To Agent
 August 16. 1845.
 Supdt
 Recd 23. Aug 45
 pr Bob. Express

No. 288

LETTER FROM N. T. BYARS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Agency No 2. August 17th 1845
 Maj. Western

Sir.

I went to Washington in accordance with your order as quick as my health would permit me to get there I saw the president and Secy of War who informed me that I would be transferd to Post No. 1 and the Honl Secy of War said he would send my instructions to Meltons Po so socn as you returned and the President got able to attend to business Accordingly I returned home and moved my family near that Post and have wated the arrival of the propper instruction which has failed to reach me—so I came over hear yesterday and find my shop still closed and no information for me hear you will therefore please address me as soon as possible at Meltons Po

Yours with great respect

N. T. BYARS

[*Endorsed*] N. T. Byars
 Agency No 2
 August 17, 1845
 received July 23—1845.
 Maj Western
 Jack Harry Superintendent
 Indian Affs
 Washington

No. 289

LETTER FROM JAMES T. D. WILSON TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Houston August 18. 1845.

Valued Friend

Having been absent from town for the last 3 weeks, it was not until my return on Saturday last (16th) that your kind favor was received—believe me, I was truly glad to see the evidences of a really kind and friendly feeling, by which yours is strikingly distinguished from common correspondence—I hope I may sufficiently appreciate your regard, as I shall most certainly endeavor to deserve it.

Touching that part of your letter referring to the “Council”—I would again respectfully state that I cannot be with you. and am sorry too. but owing to other arrangements it is so—I am pleased with the preference shown me. *Time was*, in my somewhat eventful life, that I would not only be at liberty, but be glad to embrace such opportunities, and God knows how soon such may come again. yet with hopes for the best, and with many thanks for your kindness. I must now strive to follow the path into which circumstances have placed me. and which without much present disadvantage I cannot now leave.

We have no late news from U. S. or any other place. The “McKin” is expected in two or three days, but at this season cannot be expected to bring any thing of interest; last dates represent it N. O. as quite healthy—Galveston and this place are also at present remarkably healthy—perhaps the very great dryness of the season, tends much to this. at Galveston water is scarce, *for family use*

My Father’s health is recovered, he is at present absent from town, yet you will please accept his respects—

I will be in Washington on or about 1st September, when and where I will be glad to see you— Remember me to such friends as may enquire etc———— For this several hastily scratches I have no excuse, save the hasty departure of the stage — — — — Accept my best well wishes and the assurance of my continued Esteem and regards

Yours truly.

JAMES T. D. WILSON

Major. Thos. G. Western

[Endorsed] Major. Thomas. G. Western

Washington

Texas.

J. T. D. Wilson

Houston Aug 18—1845

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No. 290

LETTER FROM BENJAMIN SLOAT TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

San Antonio August the 18 1845

T G. Western Supertendant of Indian

Affares

Dear sir sence my leter to you on the 24 forth of July last i have met with a good-eal of truble with the Comanche. on the 6 of this month Buffalo Hump arived to this Mopechucope vilage on the San Saba from Pah hah yuco vilage with his part of the band and joined this vilage he had all the waryers from that band he cold rase hear he made a nother rase of all the men that cold be rased hear i tride to prevent them all that i cold but cold not stop them fom war aginst the Mexicans a crost the Rio Grande i found that thay ware going by San Antonio to see Cap Hays with the expectation of his going with them to war agenst the Mexicans i cold not stop them from pasing that way i told them of the Danger in pasing that way then insisted on my self and Shaw to goe withe them that far and wee cold not get red of doing so thirfore wee gave our consent. when i took all into consideration knowing all the bad men was in the party that blong to this band i thought best to goe with them that far thay numred in all about 100 and 50 wryers wee on 17th Capten Hays 2 Beeves and other provisions Col Heney and Hays heled a talk with them and tride to stop them from going to war but all don no good goe thay was determined on thay left this morning verry well satisfied withe the treatment thay received hear

i shel have to gave up the idear of going by the Waco vilage on account of not being able to get eny of the Comanche chives to goe with me that way. on account of Jack Ivy being with them they say that he has ben teling them that i am coming on pur-

pos to get them all down on purpos to kill them all some of the Comanche saw him dance the whites man scelpe that was takin at Hornsby tay shay that the intend use us as up thirefore the Comanche say wee shall not goe wee leve to morrow for the camp i think of pasing by Austin to get Shaws horse i will bee on the Brazos on the 12 eth of September withe Mo-pe-chu-co-pe vilage i will be tir at the time appointed

I have the honor to be obedient
sevent

BENJ SLOAT
Indian agent

[Undorsed] To B. Sloat—Agent
S. Antonio
18 Aug. 1845.
The Supdt
Recd. 23 Aug/ 45
To
T G Western
Supdt of Ind. affse
Washington Texas

No. 291

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post 2
August 20 1845.

To
Maj Thos G. Western
Genl Supt of Indian Affrs

Dear Sir

Your Express pr Indian

Bob came duly to hand.

I proceeded immediately to Bucksnot, and have made the contract for the corn at one Dollar pr Bushel delivered at this place. and this was the best possible contract that I could make. I went to Mr John Marlin according to your instructions but he would not deliver the corn here for less than one 25/100 Dolls pr Bushel. I have consequently after seeing all the balance of Corn holders in Bucksnot, given the contract as above unto Mr E. S. Wyman who will deliver it here between the 10 and

20th Sept. I have also employed and sent a man after Red Bears horses. and they will be here in time for the council.

I deem it my duty to inform you that reports have been circulated among the whites below and probably among the Indians, by Col Wheelock and also by Mr Spence thro Col W. that the coming council would not be held at this place but at Post No 1 on the Trinity, and I would suggest the propriety of your writing to these Individuals on the subject as if these reports are suffered to be promulgated, they will be productive of serious injury to the council. as it will have a tendency to confuse the Indians.

Mr. Sutton requests me to say to you that if you wish he will commence work at this place for the Indians at \$50 pr month until he sees you when you can then settle upon his salary pr year—

The Indians so far as I know speak highly of Mr Sutton as a workman. and I think he would probably please them "Tall man" Jim Shaws brother arrived at this place yesterday from the Comanche, and states that all the Young Men of Mopechucopes party with Buffalo Hump at their head have gone to make war upon the Mexican towns on the Rio Grande and that Sloat and Jim Shaw have gone with them as far as San Antonio. Buffalo Hump wishes to get the Lipan and Tonkawa, to join him in making this Foray. The village consisting of old men women and children remains on the Colorado Tall man states that the war party intend to be back at this place in time for the council.

Sloat sent no communications for you— There is no other news at this place of any moment. It is reported here however that Col Wheelock has gone up among the Indians, and intends using all his influence to bring the Indians in to the Trinity Post No 1 to Council For The truth, however of these reports I am not able to vouch. but conclude from the "Smoke" that there must be some "Fire."

If any thing of importance transpires between this time and the council I shall inform you pr *Express*

I remain very respectfully

Your Obt Servant
L. H. WILLIAMS
Indian Agent
Post No 2

[*Endorsed*] To/ Express
 Maj Thos. G. Western
 Genl Supt of Indian Affairs
 pr Indian Bob Washington
 Texas
 L H Williams
 Agent
 To Post No. 2
 20 Aug. 1845
 Supdt.
 Recd 23 Aug. 45
 And 3 Sept. "

No. 292

LETTER FBOM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Houston August 21st 1845

Maj. Thos G. Western
 Washington

Dear Sir

We have yours of the 10th inst and send the Ink Stand and Paper folder as requested—the Ink Stand is similar to one ordered for the State Department and cost us \$6.25. and we have only charged the Dep \$5. but should you conclude it to be more expensive than required, please return by first opportunity—

Upon enquiry we hear of no person so well qualified to fill the situation of Gun Smith for Post No 2. as Mr. E. B. Cogswell, and we feel much confidence in reccommending him to the Department for that purpose—he has been several years employed at the same business in the United States and refers additionally to Anson Jones Esq— and should he receive the appointment will be ready by the 1st proximo Any farther communications which you may honor us with upon this, will be promptly attended to

We remain truly Yours
 TORREY AND BROTHER
 pr W. A. Andross

[*Endorsed*] Torrey and Bro.
 To Houston
 21 Aug. 1845
 Supt

Recd Aug. 22-1845
 And " 23 "

No. 293

LETTER FROM JOHN F. TORREY TO THOMAS G. WESTERN
[August 21, 1845]

Dear Maj

Mr Cogswell is an old acquaintance of yourself and mine for some years he is now as has been for several years with McGowin and a member of Holland and a man that has been a friend of Doct Jones and administration man. I presume you may [k]now him as well as I do, but as soon as Mr. Cogswell hear from you on the subject he will make his arrangemet to leave for the place of destination. Yours Respty

JOHN F. TORREY

Aug. 21st 1845

[Endorsed] Maj Thos G. Western
Superintendt Indian Affairs
Washington
J. F. Torrey
Houston
Aug 21—45
recd " 22
and " 23

No. 294

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH BENJAMIN SLOAT
[March 22-August 23, 1845]

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau

	To Benjnm Sloat	
1845	Ind Agt	Dr
March 22nd	To 4 Bushes seed corn given to the Indians to plant @ 12/	\$6.00
May 2nd	To 2 Bushls given Comanche to eat @ 12/	3.00
Augst 1st	To Amt of Sundries from Torrey H.	
viz	10 lb Rice 1.25 10 lb Coffee 2\$	3.25
	20 lb Sugar 3.38 3 yds Bed Ticking 50	3.88

"	15th	Cash for Horse feed at San Antonio When Jim Shaw and myself brought in the Comanche	4.50
		Board Bill Shaw and myself	4.50
		Cash pd reparing Jim Shaws rifle	1.50
	23	ditto paid Board for Jim Shaw and myself at Austin	3.00
		do paid for Horse feed	3.00
		do " " Supplies	8.50
			\$41.13

Recd an approved account for Forty one 13/100 Dollars of which
the above is a Copy

[Endorsed] B. Sloat
41.13

No. 295

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO TORREY AND BROTHERS

Indian Bureau
Washington 23 Aug. 1845

Messr. Torrey and Brother

Gent.

Yours of 21st inst. is recd
together with the articles you sent pr stage—The Ink stand is
not precisely the articles you could have desired, but, in the ab-
sence of any other I will retain—please change these Small
items to this office

Accept my thanks for your kind atten-
tion in seeking a Suitable Gunsmith— Mr. Cogswell is a very
Excellent man, and will receive the appointment, I have com-
municated at length with your Mr. Jno. F Torrey on this subject
—Mr. Cogswell will please report in person at this office on the
1st proximo in readiness to proceed to Post No. 2 When here,
he will receive his appointment instructions etc. and his pay will
commence on that day at the rate of \$500. pr. ann. —of all of
which please assure Mr Cogswell

Comanche who came with Sloat to San Antonio attacked a party of contraband traders coming from the Rio Grande on the Leon They killed one man and took a quantity of baggage mules Horses etc

Yours truly
WM G COOKE

[*Endorsed*] W G Cooke
Austin—25. Aug. 1845.
recd. 4 Sept
and

No. 297

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Houston August 25th 1845

Maj T. G. Western
Supt Indian Affairs

Dear Sir

We have yours of the 23d inst and have the pleasure to say that Mr E. Cogswell will accept the situation of Gun Smith and will report himself at the time specified to the Department

We have the goods ready for the Govt order to send on the 1st September except Handkerchief Blue Broad-cloth—Blue Merrimack, —Beads—Beafs Kettles—and Half axes and we have advices of all these goods being shipped at New York on the 10th July and of course ought to have been here long before We shall keep a team here until the 5th September in hopes they yet may come to hand in time—they are styles of goods not to be found in this market or we would obtain them here— We have just received 10 doz superior pattern Hunts squaw Hatchet made expressly for us—which we can sell at \$18 per doz, in case the half axes do not come in time and which we think wd suit equally well

We have no time by this mail to notice your remarks farther except to express our thanks for your attention and remain

Truly yours TORREY AND BRO.
p Andross

[*Endorsed*] Maj Thos G. Western
 Supt Indian Affairs
 Washington
 Torrey and Bro.
 To Houston
 Aug. 25. /45
 The Supdt
 Recd 27. Aug. 1845
 Ansd 27 " "

No. 298

LETTER FROM JOHN F. TORREY TO THOMAS G. WESTERN
 [August 25, 1845]

Maj Thomas G Western

Dear Sir I had an interview with Mr. Cogswell
 he inform me that he will be ready to report by the 1st to your
 Dept

he asked me in regards of
 Tools etc I told him that I show him a list that I had furnished
 that Post, and he could judge for himself should he think them
 insafishent for immediate use which on examination I think he
 will not knowing that there has been any furnished excep those
 I sent up can he procure what is requisite for the Dept at the
 expense of the same. there is one tool that is Stock and Die
 unless you have sent up which is nessary and Files you pleas
 send me a list of what is their if there is any in action to what
 I have sent up last winter. I will next mail write you more
 fuly on those Indian matter I had an interview with judge Spence
 and he has givene me some information that will be of service
 to your Dept the mail is going in Haste

Aug 25th 1845

Yours Truly JOHN TORREY

[*Endorsed*] J F Torrey
 to Houston recd. and ansd 27 Aug./ 45
 Aug. 25. /45
 The Supdt
 Maj Thomas G Western Superintendent Indian Affrs
 Washington Texas

No. 299

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO HENRY KATTENHORN

Indian Bureau
Washington 26 Aug. 1845

Mr. Henry Kattenhorn

Nashville

Dear Sir— The object of this is to remind you, as you desired, of the approach of the time for the delivery of the Beeves— By the time you receive this in ordinary course, you will scarcely have two weeks time to gather your cattle and drive your Beeves to Tehuacana Creek where the Indian Council will be held at the Old Council Ground on the 15th. of next month September— I have recent advices from the Govt. Agent who is with the Comanche, and he thinks they will be down on the 12th which is 3 days before the time appointed—I wish you would so make your arrangements as to be at the Trading House Tehuacana Ck. between the 10th and 15th of September—as soon after the 10th as possible.

Write me immediately on the receipt of this that I may know what to calculate upon

Yr. Mo. Obt St
T G. W[ESTERN]
S. I. A.

[Endorsed] To Supdt
Washington
26 Aug /45
H. Kattenhorn
pr. mail

No. 300

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL HELD AT TEHUACANA CREEK AND
APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL D. CULP AS SECRETARY

Department of War and Marine
Austin 27th August 1845.

To
Daniel D Culp Esqr.

Sir,

Your are hereby appointed Secretary to the Commissioners authorized by his Excy the President to meet in council with various Indian tribes at Torreys Trading House on Tehuacana Creek on the twelfth of September. You will proceed to that place and report for duty to Messrs E Morehouse J C Neill and Thos I Smith Commissioners.

I have the honor to be
Your obt Svt
Wm G Cooke
Secy of War and Marine
Indian Council Ground,

Friday Sept 12, 1845.

This day Col J C Neill and Gen E Morehouse Commissioners, with their Secy Danl D Culp acting under instructions from the Hon, Wm G Cooke Secy of War of the Republic of Texas, accompanied by L H Williams and Mr. Sloat Indian Agents, and "Jim Shaw" interpreter, left Torreys Trading House, and proceeded to the Brazos River for the purpose of meeting the Comanche Indians, brought in by Mr Sloat, Special Agent for that tribe, for the purpose of attending the Annual Council; and having met them in peace and friendship, proceeded up the River to the Council Ground near Tehuacana Creek, four miles from the Trading House, and encamped. Mo-pe-chu-cope, head chief of the Comanche with eight of his civil and War Chiefs visited the camp of the Coms, and after smoking the pipe of peace the Coms. through their interpreter, informed them as follows: "That they were happy to meet them as friends and as brothers, that their Great Chief, the President, had sent them for the purpose of renewing the friendship which had subsisted, between the Red and white men. That now their red brothers could pass and repass, with their women and children to the Trading House, unmolested by any one, that there they could find such goods as they might wish to buy, and that the white men would be glad to trade with them. That they need not be the least uneasy, for the white people would not harm them, and that if they heard any bad news, to come to the Coms, or Agents, and all would be explained—That one of the Coms, Col Smith, was not present, but that he would be in Council in a few days, and that Majr Thos G Western the Superintendent of Indian Affairs would be in Council also, in a few days, with a

talk from the Great Chief, the President, and that a number of other Indians had promised to attend, and would arrive in a few days. That a number of presents would be distributed by the Coms, as agreed upon at the last Council— That they should be supplied with Beef and corn as long as the Council lasted, and that all that Mr Sloat and Jim Shaw had promised them would be complied with on the part of the white people.”

The Chiefs in reply said they were satisfied that the talk was good, and would meet the White and Red men in Council, in peace, and as brothers. The Council then adjourned.

Sunday Sepr 14, 1845. 3 O clk P M

On account of the uneasiness of the Comanche on last evening, the Coms sent for the chiefs, who visited the camp, and a council was held. Mo-pe-chu-co-pe stated that his young men were alarmed last night on account of the arrival in camp of five or six white men, who brought papers and letters for the Coms, and he wanted to know what it meant. He was informed “that all was peace, that nothing had occurred to break the friendly relations they occupied towards each other, that the papers received were from the Great Chief the Prest, that it was a good talk for his red brothers, and that they must feel perfectly easy, for no one should harm them. That a Council could not be held until all the Indians arrived, and the other Coms, and that they must make their young men easy, for all was peace.” Mo-pe-chu-co-pe expressed himself satisfied with the explanation, and the council adjourned.

Monday Sepr 15 1845.

Col Thomas I Smith, one of the Commissioners arrived at the Council Ground this morning.

Friday Sepr 19. th, 1845.

The Coms having learned that the presents for the Indians had not arrived at the Trading House, deemed it advisable to hold no farther councils until it was known that they were near, and learning that they would arrive about the 21st inst, a council was ordered for this morning at 10 Oclock, when the Several tribes attending were represented by the following Chiefs, and Captains, viz— Comanche. Mope-chu-co-pe, Head chief, Sa-vi-ah or Little Wolf, War Chief, Sa Ko-ya-kah, or cry for water, chief, Qua-hara-poah, or Good road, War Chief, Aka-chua-ta,

or Broken Leg, Captn, and Qua-hano, or after a wife, Captn. Delaware, St Louis, chief, Anadarko, José María. Caddo, Bintah, chief, Ioni, Toweash chief, Beadeye, Captn. Cherokee, Wagon Bowles, Chief Chicken Trotter, Captn. Lipan, Ramon Castro, the general representative, or speaker, Chi ci to, Head Chief Chi-co, Captn. Tonkawa, Campo, Chief Placido Benividez, War chiefs, José, Captn.—Gen E Morehouse, then addressed the council as follows: "Brothers, listen, The Great Chif, the President, has sent us among you, to hold a council of Peace, He wishes us to say to you, that he is still anxious to live in peace with all his Red Brothers. We have all descended from the same Great Father, we should live together as brothers and have no difficulties, Let us continue to live in peace and friendship, let nothing be thrown in the white path, that will obstruct it. It is but twelve moons since we met in Council, when in the presence of the Great Spirit, we promised to bury the hatchet, live in peace, and forget past difficulties. Have we not, on our part, complied with all that we promised? We did not then talk with a forked tongue, neither will we do so now. Our councils shall be good, and we wish you to listen to none other. Let your young men listen to the advise of the old men, they will advise them well, and they must follow it. If bad advice is given, a brothers blood, will be shed by the hand of a brother. It does our hearts good to see so many of you in council now, that were here at the last. But in looking around we see that some who were here at the last Council, are now absent. What keeps them away? We do not know of any thing we have done, that Keeps them from our councils. We now have assured you of our friendship, and if you have any thing to say, we will be happy to hear from you."

Wagon Bowles —Cherokee. 'I am glad to hear that we are all still at peace, and that no blood has been shed. I am glad that my little children can get up in the morning in peace and quiet. When we have war, our women and children are always afraid, but when all is peace, they fear no danger.'

Ramon Castro, Lipan.— — "I am happy to learn that all is peace. I wish to say to the President and the coms, that I bring my people here to continue our friendship, and that I want to give my hand in peace, to all the tribes present. I do not come here with a forked tongue, I come to make peace with all, and I Know that my young men will Keep it, and not molest the property of any one. The old chiefs present must tell their

young men not to break the Treaty, but to assist one another, in maintaining it. I saw some at the last council, that pretended to be at peace, that are not here now. I fear they do not intend to Keep the Treaty. I do not see any now but what, I believe, will do as they promise. I have only to assure the Coms, and the different tribes present, that I have faithfully kept the Treaty and will continue to do so, and I call upon the Great Spirit to witness that what I say is true, and I want the other tribes to talk the truth so that we may all understand one another and live in peace."

Yellow or Little Wolf, War Chief, Comanche.

"I have come here, because Mo-pe-chu-cope told me to come, for I would see that the white men were friends, and would treat me well, and I brought my warriors to be satisfied of the fact. I am glad to find that all I heard was true, that the white people are friendly, and that a Treaty has been made with them and the Indians present. I have come here to listen and not to talk, for our chief does all of that, but I find we all travel about with one another in friendship, and that what was told my young warriors is true, and it makes my heart glad to see all at peace among the white people and I hope it will last always."

The Council was then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Saturday Sept 20 1845.

On account of a rain storm which commenced last night and continued the whole day, there was no council held. A note addressed to Col Thos I Smith one of the Coms, arrived about 5 O clk stating that one of the waggons containing presents for the Indians, had broken down at Fish Creek Eight miles below the Falls of the Brazos, and that it would be impossible to have it repaired and arrive, before Monday or Tuesday the 22d or 23d inst.

Sunday Sept 21st 1845.

The Indians assembled at the Council House this morning, and after smoking the pipe of peace, Gen Morehouse addressed them as follows.

"Brothers. One of our council Captains is Sick—and unable to attend this morning but his heart is with you. The talk we had day before yesterday was good, and let us do as we say,

and our women and children can lie down in peace and have nothing to fear. Our ears are now open, but they should be closed against bad talk, for there are bad men among the white as well as among the Red men, and we must try and have them punished. If the white men do any thing wrong to our red brothers, let them come to the agents, and all shall be made good. We hear complaints that our horses have been stolen—we do not know who has done so, but we do not want to hear of any more being taken, to hear no more our women and children crying over the death of their parents or braves, and the old men must tell their young ones that they must not do so, or we can have no peace. When you return to your villages tell your people these things you have heard at our councils, and ask them to come in and fear no danger, say to the Red men that a short time ago our Nation was weak and feeble and our warriors few, but now it is great and strong, having returned to its mother, the Great Nation of the East, and we are now able to protect the rights of all our Red bretheren. Fear nothing, although our warriors are strong, and number like the trees on the Brazos, they will still afford protection to the good man, and punish the bad. Our Great Chief, the President, does not want any blood put in the white path, but if the Waco Tawakoni and Wichita do not stop stealing our horses, he will send his warriors against them, and perhaps some good men belonging to friendly tribes may be innocently killed. The chiefs here in council have many warriors, and you ought to say to our Red bothers who have not made peace, that they must do so, and must stop stealing our peoples horses. If you see them with stolen property, you should take it from them and carry it back where it came from. This will be proving your friendship and will be good in the eyes of the Great Spirit. We have all met as a band of brothers, and we should all part as such, for the Great Spirit sent us here to hold this talk, and it is good, for he hears it.

Mo-pe-chu-co-pe. Chief of the Comanche.

“I have nothing to say about the Waco and others, who steal horses. I have frequently told them to stop it, but they would not listen, but if any of them come near my villages I will make my warriors take any stolen property they may have, and will bring it into my white brothers, but I cannot be responsible for those Indians, they will not do as I tell them.”

José María, Chief of the Anadarko.

"I address you all as my friends, both red and white. I heard of those men being killed on the Colorado, and I sent some tobacco up to the Keechi, for them to smoke in peace, and some was sent also from the Trading House. I wanted the Keechi to send me word who it was that had killed the whites, and if they had any thing to do with it, that they must not do so any more, or steal any horses from them. They sent me word that they did not know who it was that committed the murder, that they had nothing to do with it, but the Wichita were in the habit of stealing, and coming through their villages, and the white people would think it was them, and they wanted me to come up and live among them, for I knew them to be friendly, and could tell the white people, and they would believe me. I heard that Acaquash and two of his Captains (Waco) and Kechi-Karoqua Chief of the Tawakoni, had become tired of War and stealing horses and that they had left their people, and joined the Keechi. I hope it is true, but I do not know it. I was here at the first Council, and I saw that the whites were friendly and I promised to keep my young men from stealing and I have done so, and will still do so. I have said but a few words, and they are true. Some people talk a long time, and promise much, and then do not do all they promise. I have nothing more to say."

Bintah, Chief of the Caddo.

"I will shake hands with the Coms and my red brothers, and I want them to listen. I know what I have promised, and I intend to comply with it. I feel happy to see my white brothers here, and I always want to meet them as such, I want the Coms to tell the Prest that at the first Treaty a white path was made, and I intend to keep it white, and I want him to do so, for it is good to be friendly with one another. All my people are friendly, because Sam Houston told them to be so, and he give me a paper showing that the path was now white and clean, and I have bought a house, to Keep it in, so the rain will not wash it away.———— The Coms at the last council promised to give us presents whenever we met again and as they do not lie, we will expect them at this Council."

Campo, Chief of the Tonkawa

"I have heard nothing today but what I am pleased with,

for it is all good talk. It is not worth while for me to promise any thing more than I have already promised, I have always been friendly with the whites, and have fought for them, and I shall continue to do so, and I want now to be friendly with all my Red Brothers, and walk with them the white path of peace. I want all of our women and children to be no more afraid in travelling about, either of their lives or property. All are welcome to come to my camp, and among my people, I will treat them well, and I want all to treat me and my people in the same way, If there are any of my Red Brothers here who have not made peace with my people I want them to do so now, If the young men of other tribes come among my people, I want them to dance with my young girls, and marry them, for I see no one here that I am not willing to meet as brothers. We are now without horses, for the Waco came down and stole all we had, but we will soon have more, and then we intend travelling about and see our red brothers, and all live in peace If the Great White Chief tells his people to make war with the Waco, I want them and all others who may make war against them, to try and get the horses which they stole from my people.”—————

Toweash—Chief of the Ioni.

“I am glad to meet my white brothers, and My Grandfather, (St Louis Chf of the Delaware) at this time of day when the sun shines bright upon us all (12 oclock). I am glad to meet all here today, for it is good. The President told us all to come here and have a friendly talk, and I hope that all who have come here will be friendly. The Great Spirit made the day fair and bright so that we can see a long distance—See the path we have made white, and all walk in it as Brothers. The President thinks now that all his people are not afraid, for the path has no brush in it, and his heart is glad, because his women and children know that all is peace. Our women and children are not afraid now of the white warriors, all is good. I hope we may always be at peace, and not let the wind blow away our friendship. I do not talk with a forked tongue. I speak the truth and I want all to speak as I do. I call on the Great Spirit above, and my Mother the Earth to witness that I mean to do all I promise. I know what I promised at the first Treaty, and I have done as I said. The President then gave us powder and Lead, and told us to go home and shoot deer and buffalo, and raise corn, for our women and children, so that in the cold rainy

weather they would not cry for bread and meat. We have done so and found that it is good. All that he told is was true, and now I can go home to my people and tell them that all is still good, that they can eat and sleep in safety and feel no more afraid. that is all I have to say."

St. Louis, Chief of the Delaware.

"My Grand Children and my white Brothers. I am glad to find that all your talk is good. The Great Spirit has sent us here to have a friendly talk and continue the Treaty of Peace already made, which we all must keep, because it is good for our women and children. I have heard all that the Red and White men have said, and I hope that all you have promised will be done, for when we are at peace with one another, every thing is quiet, but when we go to war against each other, all is wrong, and then our Big Chiefs and captains have to meet again in Council, and make more Treaty's, but as long the sun shines, or the rivers run, we should all keep this good Treaty. The Great Spirit is now looking at us, and hears all we say, and promise, and he knows if it is from the heart. He told us all to meet here as brothers, and treat each other as such. He has given us the feathers of two of his beautiful white birds, and told us to sweep out a clean white path, so that we may all walk in it. We have made that path, and we must Keep it clean. If brush be put in it, we must take it out or the Great Spirit will not give us sun shine or rain, so that we cannot see how to shoot deer, or raise corn for our women and children, we have all come here as brothers, and we must all go home as such, and then the Great Spirit will see that all is good. I have no more talk for my Red and White Brothers."

Keese—Cherokee Indian.

"All my red and white brothers shall now hear from me. I have listened today and I have heard a good talk, and I am glad of it. What we promise here today we must Keep, We must tell no lies, nor let our friendship be shattered by the winds. It is now over two years since we commenced a Treaty of Peace, It has been good for the Red and White man, and we must Keep it free from difficulty. If any thing should happen among our people that would break the treaty, we must make it all right, and not allow any little thing to make us War against each other. The white path is now open to all, and all

can walk in it, in peace. I want this path Kept white forever. If the Red people will keep it so, I know the whites will, for in council they have promised things and they have complied with it. If the path is kept white, it will be good for all. When we have peace, all is right, and I feel glad, but when war is in the path we have to run away in the woods. Now that we have peace, our women and children can feel safe, eat and sleep in peace and there is no danger felt. If bad men try to break the Treaty, by stealing horses, they must be punished— there are bad red men and bad white men—they must be punished. I have no more to say—I have spoken the truth, and I hope all the others have done so. The people here in Council are not children, they are men. They know what they have promised— let them do as they say. If they were children we would not expect them to remember it, but forget it.”

The Council was then adjourned.

Tuesday Sept 23d 1845.

The Coms were informed this morning, that the presents intended for the Indians had arrived at the Trading House on Monday at 7 o clock P M, and they adjourned to that place.

Torreys Trading House. Post No 2

Sept 23d 1845.

The Coms met here for the purpose of opening assorting and distributing the presents, and at 5 O clock, the Comanche Indians received theirs, and divided them.

Sept 24th 1845.

This morning the Coms distributed presents to the Comanche Chiefs, and after expressing great satisfaction at the kind treatment they received, they left for their homes.

The Caddo, Cherokee, Ioni, Anadarko, and Delaware then received their goods, and divided them among themselves, when their several Chiefs received their presents, and after re-assuring the Coms of their friendship, left for their homes, peacably and quietly.

Thursday Sept 25 1845.

To day the Commissioners were employed in distributing presents to the Lipan and Tonkawa, and they, together with Major R S Neighbors, the agent of those tribes, left in peace and quiet, at 4 O clock pm.

Friday Sepr 26 1845.

This morning the Coms were occupied in taking an Inventory of Goods, remaining on hand, after distributing the presents, which amounted to \$1303,87½. The original Invoice of Torrey and Bro being \$2617,93 including an item of \$120, for transportation, the actual amount of Goods distributed, was \$1194,06½, including an item of \$18,30 given to a Delaware Indian, reimbursing him for goods furnished to B Sloat and Jim Shaw, with which they purchased their release from the Comanche, and including also the sum of \$ which the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, has charged to different individuals, for Sundries for their own use.

Saturday Sepr 27 1845.

The Coms this morning, made out a report of their proceedings in Council, and then left for their respective homes.

A true copy of the proceedings.

Torreys Trading House
Post No 2, Sepr 27 1845.

J. C. NEILL
THOS. I. SMITH
E MOREHOUSE
Coms.

Attest

Daniel D Culp
Secy.

No. 301

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN MARLIN [August, 1845]

The Republic of Texas
1845

In a/c with John Marlin

August	To This amount Expenses of Ferriage and other expenses for Repairing the Carriage of the Cannon left at Nashville and ordered by Majr. Western to be hauled to Trading house. Time spent in attempting to take it to said House	\$15.00
"	To Hauling 32 Bushell Corn from Marlins To	

Trading House pr order of Benj Sloat
 25c pr Bushell 8.00

\$23.00

Republic of Texas } To all whom it may concern know ye
 County of Robertson } that I John Marlin of said County and
 Republic have this day constituted and appointed Thomas
 Western of said County and Republic my true and lawful at-
 torney for the purpose of collecting the above account and do
 by these presents declare all Receipts. act or acts of the said
 Thomas Western in any wise necessary for the collection of
 the same as valid and binding upon me as though I myself were
 present and acting in the premises for myself.

Given under my hand and a scroll for a
 seal this the 10th day of February A D 1845
 DAVID BARCLAY J. P. JOHN MARLIN

No. 302

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN
 Houston September 1st 1845

Maj T. G. Western

Supt Indian Affairs

Dear Sir,

We did not get yours of 27th ultimo in time to answer by mail, in reply to that as well as yours of 30th to hand this morning, we remark, that one of the teamsters will make arrangements to take the freight mentions at Arnolds, on his way up say to the amount of 5 or 600 lbs— We have despatched one load of goods designed for the Council, and Mr. J. F. Torrey is now at the Island, for the purpose of Completing the order so that the remainder can be forwarded by the arrival of the next boat—

We remain Yours Respily

TORREY AND BROTHER

pr. W. A. Andross

[*Endorsed*] Torrey & Bro
 Houston Sept 1st 1845
 To Supt
 recd 3rd—
 Maj Thos G. Western
 Sup Indian Affairs
 Washington

No. 303

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Bureau
Washington Sept 3 1845L. H. Williams Esqr
Indian Agent Post No 2

Sir

Yours of the 20 ultm per boy Bob, came duly to hand contents noted, the Contract you have made for the Corn is at much higher price than I anticipated, but if as you say it could not be had at a less price, there was no alternative, it is an article that will be indispensable—the length of time you granted the Contractor for the delivery is entirely too great, it should be all on the ground previous to the 15th inst. and this should have been his last day of grace you must try and urge on him the necessity of delivering it by the 15th at latest. Mr Agent Sloat will be on the Brazos with Mopechucopé's village on the 12th and the Corn should all be delivered by that day at furthest.

The Contractor for the Beef promises and no doubt will be on the ground in good time— You had better have a pen prepared to receive them—the Beefs

I hope the rumors you have heard concerning the conduct of Col Wheelock May not be true. I cannot get my own Consent to believe that white folks much less one such as he Would Wilfully Mislead the Indians or Attempt to deceive them, as to the point at which the Council will be held, or attempt to obstruct the views of the Government or conteract the orders of its officers. I think there must be some mistake.

A very superior Gunsmith has been Engaged for the Council of which you will be further advised in due time.

The Comanche Chief, Santa Anna has promised to attend the Council, he will probably come in with Mr. Sloat.

Our Mutual friend Col Neill will hand you this he is one of the Commissioners at the ensuing Council, and will advise with you and aid you in all you may require.

The Messr Torrey at Houston under date of the 1st Inst state that one Load of Goods is already on its way up and

that others will follow immediately you will receive those Goods when they arrive at your post, if in separate packages as I expect they are, take charge of them, place them in some secure place, and keep them safely for further orders

Your Obt Set

TGW [ESTERN]

S. I. A.

5th

Mr E. B. Cogswell is appointed herewith to your post he is here on his way up and will be with you in a few days— he is an excellent workman and a very worthy man—

[*Endorsed*] Supt Washington
 Sept 3, 1845
 To L H Williams Indian Agent
 pr Col Neill

No. 304

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO E. L. R. WHEELOCK

Indian Bureau
 Washington Sept 4th 1845

E L R Wheelock Esqr

Sir, I am instructed by His Excellency the President to say to you that you will upon the receipt of this suspend all operation under your Commission. Instructions, orders, or otherwise touching Indian affairs and furthermore that you will desist from interfering with the Indians in any manner whatsoever, until further orders

Respectfully Yr. Obt Sert

THOMAS G. WESTERN
 Supdt Indian Affr

[*Endorsed*] Supt.
 Washington
 To Sept. 4th Aug /45
 E. L. R. Wheelock

No. 305

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO HENRY KATTENHORN

Indian Bureau
 Washington 5 Sept. 1845

Mr. H Kattenhorn
 Nashville, Sir

I have written you pr. last Mail and previous to remind you that the day fixed for the assemblage at the Council 15th int. is fast approaching So that you may be prepared with the Beeves and as those letters may not have reached you I now write to the Same effect by Col Neill the bearer of this and who is one of the Commissioners to the Council he will informe you of the State of our preparations and of the absolute necessity of punctuality on your part.

Yr. obt Sert
 TGW[ESTERN]

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
 Washington
 5 Sept. 1845
 To
 Henry Kattenhorn
 pr Col. Neill

No. 306

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO E. B. COGSWELL

Indian Bureau
 Washington 5 Sept. 1845

E B Cogswell Esq

Sir

His Excellency the President has been pleased to appoint you and you are hereby appointed Gunsmith and Armorer to the Indians you will with the least possible delay proceed to the Council Ground Post No. 2 on the Brazos and assume the duties of your office. L. H Williams Esqr. the Agent in Charge of the Post will deliver to you the work shop

Tools etc— you will execute, all Such work as may be presented by the Indians, under the instruction of the Agent until further order.

Yr. obt. Sert
 TGW[ESTERN]
 SIA

[*Endorsed*] Supdt.
 Washington
 5 Sept 1845
 To
 E. B. Cogswell

No. 307

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Bureau
 Washington Sept. 5th 1845

L H Williams Esq

Indian Agent—Post No 2 Sir— This will be handed to you by Mr E B Cogswell who has been appointed Gunsmith to the Indians at your Post. You will please hand over to him the workshop with the Tools and every other article appertaining to the Same, as Soon as possible in order to enable him to commence operations without delay, and afford him every facility in your power. Mr. C is recommended to me as an Excellent workman, and I assure you he is a very worthy man, and I hope you will treat him as Such.

Yr. obt Sert.
 T.G.W.[ESTERN]
 S.I.A.

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
 Washington
 5 Sept. 1845.
 To
 L. H. Williams

No. 308

REQUISITION BY INDIAN BUREAU FOR GOODS OF TORREY AND BROTHERS

Washington 5th Sept 1845

Messrs. Torrey & Bro.
Houston

Gent

You will please furnish and forward by first opportunity, the annexd list of articles and tools required by Mr. Cogswell the armorer at Post No. 2, charge to a/c, Indian Bureau

Yours Respectfully

1 hand saw	
1 tenant ditto	
1 hack ditto	
1 set brace and bitts	
1 stock and dies	1 smoothing plane
2 hand vices	1 iron square
1 pr. flat nosed plyers	sal ammonia
1 pr cutting do.	rosin
1 set chissels and gouges	1 small bar soft solder
1 oil stone	iron and steel
Assortment of files	
2 or 3 pr forge tongs	
1 drawing knife	

[Endorsed] Copy

To Messrs Torrey & Bros. Sept. 5. 1845.

No. 309

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN

Republic of Texas Houston September 5th 1845

Mr. E. B. Cogswell, Gun Smith Post No. Two

Bought of Torrey and Brother

30 quarters Firmer Chissels	@ 10c	3.00
1 Brace and 17 Bitts	" 20	2.50

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1	Iron Brace 4.	1	Iron Square 10.	"	1.75	
2	Smiths Files 12 in	2d	cut	" 4/	1.00	
2	do do	10	" "	" 40	1.80	
2	do do	1/2	Rd 12 in	" 4/	1.00	
2	do do	"	" 10 "	" 40	.80	
2	do do		mill saw	" 4/	1.00	
1	Blk Smith Rasp 6/	1	Cabinet Rasp		1.50	
1	Round File			" 4/	.50	
3	Taper C.L ditto			" 20	.60	
6	do do do			" 1/	.75	
3	Cross Cut do do			" 20	.60	
5	Assorted small ditto			" 2/	1.25	
2	Screw Drivers 6/	1	Bench vice 16/	1	hand vice 10/	4.00
1	Cutting plyers 6/	1	ditto 4/	2	Flat ditto 8/	2.25
6	Crucibles 150	Tenant Saw 8/	3 doz Gun Tubes 4.50		7.00	
16	Bullet Mould, 3/	6.00	2 quires sand paper 2.00		8.00	
	Borax	Amonia and Rosin			1.25	
1	Bar			24 @ 8	1.95	
2	Bars Steel			15 " 30	4.50	
1	Stock and Dies to be sent by next team				10.00	

\$56.00

Sent by McMillan 162 lbs At \$150 pr Hundred

2.43

Examined and found correct for fifty eight
43/100 Dollars Washington 3 Oct 1845

\$ 58.43

TG Western
Supdt Ind Affs

Approved
ANSON JONES

[*Enclosed*] \$58.43
10.00

\$48.43

No. 310

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JAMES ROSS

Washington Sepr. 5th 1845

Indian Dept

			To James Ross	Dr.
March	31st	To	2 lbs Rope @ 2/	50
"	"	"	Salt	25
Apl.	15	"	1 1/3 lbs Rope	50
May	12	"	1 pr. stirrup Irons	1.50
"	"	"	1 Butcher Knife	50
"	28	"	6 Files @ 6/ (order)	4.50
"	"	"	2 do 1/2 1/3	63
				\$8.38

Recd. Washington 5 Sept 1845 an approved account for Eight 38/100 of which the above is a copy.

JAMES ROSS pr
Thos. Cartwell

[Endorsed] Jas. Ross
Sept 8, 1845
\$8.38

No. 311

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO LUIS SANCHEZ

Indian Bureau
Washington 6th Sept. 1845

Mr. Luis Sánchez

Sir—Your letter of the 26th ult. has been recd by His Excellency the President and referred to this office —In reply there to I have merely to say that the Government has no use for your services at present, and that there is not the least prospect at this time that they will be required immediately

Yr. obt Sert
TGW[ESTERN]
SIA

[Endorsed] Supdt
Washington
6 Sept 1845
To L Sánchez
Luis Sánchez
Care of John Durst Esq
Boggy Robertson Co.

No. 312

LETTER FROM ANSON JONES TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Barrington Sep. 8th 1845

Dear Sir

Mr. Brown the Stage proprietor has one of the Mules, I loaned it to him some time since. By calling on him he will be able to furnish you with something to suit the purpose you require.

The instructions appear to me proper to the Commissioners but much is left to your discretion. The main object of the present council is, to remove any difficulties which may have arisen since the last one and to keep the Indians quiet, by a mutual renewal of friendly engagements and by making them suitable presents. Do as you think best with the prisoners. I should be willing to give them all up if the prisoners themselves wish it.

We are all well, can not you ride out tomorrow morning, I will be at home untill 10 O. Clock

Yours Truly

A. JONES

To the Hon T. G. Western

[*Endorsed*] Hon A. Jones
Sept. 8 1845
Major Western Washington

No. 313

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO J. C. NEILL,
E. MOREHOUSE AND THOMAS I. SMITHIndian Bureau
Washington Sepr 8 1845

Messrs Commissioners,

Gent.

I am instructed by his Excellency the President to issue the following instructions for your govern-

ment at the council with the various Tribes of Indians about to be held, and to which you are appointed Commissioners. The above mentioned Council will be celebrated at Post No 2, Tehuacana Creek, near the Brazos, the place also known as Torreys Trading House. The day fixed for meeting the Indians is the 15th of Sepr, inst, at that place.

The Superintendent of Indian Affairs, will place at your disposal when necessary, an invoice of Goods, amounting to \$2000, and upwards, for the purpose of making suitable presents to such of the Indians, as you may deem worthy, and expediency may require.

A most atrocious and unprovoked murder was committed near the city of Austin in May last by Indians, on the persons of two citizens of Texas Messrs Hornsby and Atkinson, and it is presumed that some Comanche were accessory to the outrage. It will be your duty to investigate this matter and having ascertained who the perpetrators were demand their delivery into the hands of Justice, that they may be dealt with accordingly. As the chiefs of all the bands of Comanche except Santa Anna have already entered into a Treaty of Peace with Texas, the main object of the present Council is to remove any difficulties which may have arisen since that time, to Keep the Indians quiet by a mutual renewal of friendly arrangements, and by making them presents.

The Chief "Santa Anna" has manifested a desire to attend the Council and Sign the Treaty made with his fellow Chiefs last year. The President desires you will please cause the Treaty to be read to him, and let him Sign it if he concurs therein.

The Indians in Council last year in October, (especially the Comanche) refused their assent to a permanent divisory line, as proposed by the then President, General Houston, and the Commissioners in Council. His excellency will not therefore desire you to urge this point at present, contrary to their wishes, They were then satisfied that the line of Trading Houses should be considered as the line, designating the grounds of the Red Man, and the President has no objections that it should remain as it is, if the Indians desire it; but if on the contrary as it is rumored, they have changed their minds, you will please hear all they may have to say on the Subject and report to his Excellency what they desire in the matter in order that the Government may, after due deliberation, determine and make

known their decision in the case, by the next Council after the present.

The President says "the whole of this country to the best of our Knowledge, was formerly under the dominion of Mexico. We fought her and whipped her, took her great chief prisoner, and drove his troops out of the country, and have ever since been in possession of it by right of conquest, therefore, owners of all the Land in Texas; but not upon this account does he wish to deprive the Red Man of his hunting grounds. We have no present use for that section of Country best adapted to Hunting purposes, the Buffalo range; the President is therefore of the opinion that there will be little difficulty to be apprehended in adjusting the Boundary line to suit all parties, Whenever the Indians make Known their desires to the Government. The President loves the Red Man, as brothers, and is desirous that the Buffalo range should be preserved for their use that they may never want meat, nor their women and children suffer from hunger.

The great impropriety of interfering with the line at this particular Juncture of affairs need not be pointed out to gentlemen of your intelligence and discretion. Whether we become annexed or remain Independent, it is equally objectionable, if the former, the state as it were would be meddling with a matter purely national, a matter with which none have a right to interfere but the Government of the US; and if the latter, it would be divesting Texas of a large and fair portion of her Territory without a fair equivalent, and without any reason therefore, which could not nor would be satisfactory to the people of Texas.

The foregoing are the instructions which the President has desired me to communicate to you for your guidance and observance, as Indian Commissioners to the present council, His Excellency desires me to say that he has full confidence in your intelligence prudence and discretion and feels assured that these qualifications will produce a report of your proceedings in Council of the most pacific and Satisfactory character.

This occasion affords me the pleasure to subscribe respectfully

Your most
obt Svt

T G WESTERN
Superintendent Indian Affairs

Messrs J. C. Neill
E Morehouse
and T I Smith

Commissioners to the Indian Council, Sepr 1845

The foregoing is a true copy of the original, in possession of the Coms.

Attest

Daniel D Culp
Secy

[*Endorsed*] Copy of instructions
to Indian Coms, in Council, Sepr 1845
from Supt Indian Affairs.

No. 314

LETTER FROM I. C. SPENCE TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Kelloggs Post office
Robertson County Texas
Sepr. 9th. 1845

T G Western Esq
Supt Indian Affrs

Sir

I learned by Mr Richie and Jack Ivy, that you had not recd. any communications from me in reply to letters you had from me with instructions to Post no 1 I am surprised to hear you have not as I wrote you about the first of August in answer to your two letters each one enclosing a certified copy of the service of Col. M. Travis as trader at this Post. I reported to you through Col. Wheelock who styled himself agent for that place a copy of the Invoice of Such Goods as I had carried up for the purpose of opening the trade. I have stopped at what is called the Marrow bone Spring in the Lower Cross Timbers about Two or three miles from the West Fork of the Trinity river the same place where a council was held with Indians some Two or Three years ago. Col. T. I. Smith went with me to the spot in company with Two Indian Chiefs and pointed it out as the most suitable place for the Trading House and the one whom all the Indians wish it to be placed. I have put up a House 36 feet long by 16 ft. wide with a frame Roof

Covered with two foot boards nailed and enclosed with half logs as pickets fastened together in a substantial manner, I am putting up some other necessary out buildings for our convenience comfort and security all of which I am having enclosed with strong and substantial pickets. I labour under much inconvenience for the want of some Govt. officer or Agent or an Interpreter that could at all times be advised of what is going on at this Post. I regret to hear that any difference of opinion does exist in relation to the place for holding the Council with the Indians. I pledge you my word as an honorable man, that I have in no wise had anything to do with that matter, but on the contrary have even been in favor of its being held at the Trading House on the Brazos believing that it should not be to my interest to have it at my Post on the Trinity. I am sorry to believe that any jealousy should exist between the different Trading Houses and those having charge of the several Posts, My object has been, and ever shall be to conduct the business intrusted to my charge in such a way as to strengthen the friendship between the Indians and the white man.

I shall be happy at all times to receive instructions from you and be governed by them

I am sir your
most obt Sevt
I. C. SPENCE

I am on my way from Houston where I have arrangements for all the Goods that may be wanted for the trade at this place and will endeavor to keep a constant supply on hand I.C.S.

[*Endorsed*] I. C. Spence
7th Sept 1845
Wheelock Sept 21
To T G Western Esqr Supdt Indian Affairs
Washington Texas

No. 315

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH L. H. WILLIAMS
[September 10, 1845]

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau

To L. H. Williams Dr

To this amt and me for services as Indian agent from June
10th to Sept 9th inclusive. 3 month at \$500 \$125
Washington Sept 10th 1845

Received an approved account of which the foregoing is a
copy for one hundred and twenty five dollars

L. H. WILLIAMS

pr attorney Joseph Daniels

[*Endorsed*] L. H. Williams
pr atty J. Daniels
Sept 10 1845
\$125

No. 316

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN
[September 10, 1845]

Republic of Texas)
Indian Bureau)

	To T G. Western (Supdt.)	Dr
To	Cash paid for 2 Horses. and 3 Mules in 1845 the same being for the use and services, for the Indian Bureau, Which said Horses and Mules were strayed or Stolen, Viz.—2 Horses. @ 40.\$ Ea.	\$80.00
	3 Mules. @ 30\$ "	90.00
1845. Sept. 10	Cash pd. Trevino for a Saddle for the use of Indian Bureau	9.00
	To Mileage going to and returning from Council Ground 300 miles at 10.	30.00
	" Cash Paid, Comanche Captain for a Gun	6.00.
	" Cash for the shoeing of 2 Horses. at the Falls	6.00
		<hr/>
	Amtg. to	\$221.00

Approved for Two hundred and twenty one Dollars

ANSON JONES

A Cr. to Mjr. Western a receipt is unnecessary

under my hand and official seal the 28th
of Jan'y A D 1846

James W Long
Chief—Jur T.C

[*Endorsed*] Robt Foster
Admitted Feby 2nd 1846 for thirty Nine and no/100 dollars—
pay as ass't to Indian Agent 1845
Charles Mason
Auditor
Approved
Feby 5/46
Actg Compt.
Recd. Warrant

No. 318

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Houston September 15th 1845

Maj Thos G. Western
Supt. Indian Affairs

Dear Sir

We were in receipt of yours but not in time to reply by last mail— The order for tools for Mr. Cogswell Armorer for Post No 2 has been filled complete and forwarded by McMillan with bill for approval, Amt. \$58. 43/100— The goods designed for the council have been some days on the way and one teamster has instructions to take the freight left at Arnolds.— We have heard some rumors that the treaty would be delayed in consequence of the continued absence of Buffalo Hump and other influential Chiefs and feel quite anxious to know the truth in regard to the matter.— Col J. F. T[orrey] is now at Galveston, but intends to be back to start for the Trading House on the 20th inst.—

With Respect

Yours truly

TORREY AND BROTHER
W. A. Andross

[*Endorsed*] Torrey & Bros
Houston
15 Sept 1845

To the Superintendent I Aff
recd. 8th Oct. 1845
Maj Thos G. Western Superintendt. Indian Affairs
Washington

No. 319

LETTER FROM ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Camp Comanche
Sept 15th 1845

To Majr. Thos. G Western
Superintendant Indian affairs

Sir,

I have the honor to report that immediately after writing you from Gonzales on the 10th Aug. I visited the Settlements on the Colorado at which time I read yours of the 18th July and noted the contents. There is no movement of recent occurrence amongst the Indians in my quarter worthy of notice, I have always used my best Endeavors to keep the Indians out of the Settlements, and they have never been permitted to remain, in there any longer than was actually necessary for the purpose of Trade, and then they were encouraged to come in and remain by the citizens themselves. You will know so farr as the Lipan are concerned thus whil they are Treated upon Terms of perfect Equality which They are at present by the Mexican population, thus it will be impossible for an Agent Either to regulate the Trade or Keep them out of the Settlements besides, the Mexicans men women and Children, can be hired at any time to furnish them with as much Spirituous Liquor as they want and do so with impunity. I would here suggest If you wish to maintain the proper controll or Enforce the Laws, with those Indians, they must be kept out of the reach of Mexican Settlements and I Cincerely hope that you will decide upon thier removal at the present Council. I can assure you that the complaints made Anto. Navarro and others are Groundless and made without good cause, I have been in Company with the Indians Constantly. They never stop at a mans House any length of time, unless they are encouraged to do so by the owners they all wish to trade the produce of there Farms to the Indians, for thire Buck Skins, and Keep them,

when they can do so near them for thus purpose. The only deprivadation that I know of was Committed by a party of Tonks. upon the property of Erasmo Seguin when he had been instrumental in furnishing them with whiskey—to make them drunk altho he had been notified not to let them have Liquor.

According to your wish that I Should not bring too many Indians to the Treaty Ground selected from the Lipan Chiefs. viz. Capt Chicito, Ramon Castro, and Capt Chico accompanied by 3 warriors— From the Tonkawa 3 [torn] Viz. Capt Campo (principal) Capt Placidose and Capt José, In consequence of Placidose having to come on foot I allowed him 5 warriors to come with him— There was also in my Company one Caddo and one Tonk Squaw which makes my whole party consist of 16 persons, we came direct to the Falls and took the Road to the Trading House where we arrived on the 14th inst. When I reported their arrival to the Commissioners.

I found It necessary to purchase some Supplies for the Road Both in San Antonio and Austin as we did not succeed in killing a sufficiency of Game for our support as soon as we arrived in the Buffalo range we had plenty of provisions

Having nothing more of Intrest to Communicate I have the honor to Subscribe myself

Respectfully
Your Mo obt Servt
R. S. NEIGHBORS
Indian Agent

[Endorsed] R S Neighbors
Sept 17 1845

No. 320

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JARRAT MENEFFEE
[September 16, 1845]

Republic of Texas

Indian Bureau

To Jarrat Menefee

Dr

To Carrying express from Post No. 2 to Washington in
Feb last— \$6.00

Received an approved acct for Six Dollars of which the above
is a Copy— Camp Comanche 16 Sept 1845

JARRAT MENEFFEE

[*Endorsed*] Jarrat Menefee
\$6.00

No. 321

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN MARLIN

[September 17, 1845]

Republic of Texas, Indian Bureau
To John Marlin Dr.

To One Hundred (100) Bushels of Corn, and transportation to
Post No 2 for the Indian Council at \$1 pr Bushel \$100.00
September 17th 1845

Received of Thomas G. Western, Superintendent of Indian Af-
fairs, an approved account of which the above is a duplicate
copy for one Hundred Dollars
September 17th 1845

JOHN MARLIN

[*Endorsed*] Jno. Marlin
17 Sept 1845
\$100—

No. 322

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH ROBERT FOSTER

[September 20, 1845]

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau

To Robert Foster

1845

To My Salery as assistant to agent Sloat to the Comanche from
12th July to 12th September, a period of two months for Self
and Horse @ \$25 pr month \$50.00
To 8 days in Camp after My return at \$15 pr month 3.75

\$53.75

By amount advanced by agent Sloat to be placed to his credit

\$14.25

\$39.50

Received an approved account for Thirty nine 50/100 Dollars,
of which the above is a Copy

\$39. 50

Camp Comanche
Tehuacana Creek, Brazos
Sept. 20th 1845

ROBERT FOSTER

[*Endorsed*] Rob. Foster
\$39. 50

No. 323

LETTER FROM GEORGE BARNARD TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House
Sept 21, 1845

To Maj Thos G. Western
Supt of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a list of such articles as I have on hand suitable for presents to the Indians, and the quantity. You will observe that I have not one Blanket on hand which will probably make an important item in the presents.—there are also several other articles contained in your Original order which I have not on hand—

I would therefore suggest the propriety of detaining the Indians one day longer if practicable, as I feel confident the Two waggon loads of goods will be here this evening or some time in the night. As I dispatched Mr. Siebert to them yesterday morning at day break—with orders to spare no pain or expence to have the waggons here at the earliest possible moment.

If however you should not be able to detain the Indians until the arrival of the waggons I will deliver to you at any moment the goods described in the accompanying memorandum—

I remain Sir

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

GEO. BARNARD

5 yds Blu Strouding
5 do Red do

1 Case Blue Drillings 600
 16 Bias Bed Ticking 644 yds
 6 Doz $\frac{1}{2}$ axes
 10 pipe Hatchets
 11 pieces unblea Domestic 346 yds
 12 doz Cott Hdkfs
 1 Box Havana Sugar 450
 3 Sacks Coffee
 5 do Salt
 2 Doz Best Butcher Knives
 36 " Eng do do
 200 Brass Misc
 20 M " Tacks
 12 Doz Handsaw Files
 3 Gro Squaw Awls
 5 M Flints
 1000 lbs Lead
 5 Doz Pint Cups
 Arrow Points
 Tin Wares an assortment
 6 Doz Fine combs
 6 " Course do
 2 " Patent Leather Belts
 10 lbs Vermillion
 4 Indigo— 4 Verdigris 5m Needles
 10 a Black Linen Tweed
 6 doz Looking Glasses
 Beads-----
 1 Case Red Prints say 20 pieces
 2 Boxes Tobacco
 Swords —Epaulettes etc etc etc

[Endorsed] To Major Thos. G. Western
 Genl Supt of Indian Affairs in Camp
 on the Brazos pr. Mr. Richardson

No. 324

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS

Houston Sept 22nd 1845

Indian Bureau

<i>To Torrey and Brother</i>		<i>Dr</i>
For tools and Iron furnished armorer of Post No. 2 as follows "viz"		
1 Coarse File 5/	1 do superfine 8/	1 62
	1 1 1 1 1	
5 Files ea	75 63 50 37 25	2 50
3 do	6 inch coarse @ 21	75
1 do	fetter	50
1 do	smooth 1/2 round	50
2 do	1 knife and 1 safe 1/2 round @ 3/ ea	75
2 do	small 2/	50
1 Hand vice	10/	1 25
1 stock and dye		10 00
1 Monkey Wrench		4 50
1 Smoothing Plane		1 50
1 Chisolls or Gouger		3 00
1 Jack Plane		1 50
1 Oil Stone		50
20 lbs Assorted Iron	9c	1 80
Examined and found correct for Thirty one 17/100 Dollars		31 17
T G Western	Approved	
Supdt Indian Affrs	ANSON JONES	
[Endorsed] Indian		

No. 325

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH HENRY KATTENHORN
[September 23, 1845]

Republic of Texas

Indian Bureau

Dr To Henry Kattenhorn

For 24 Beeves weighing 14640 lbs delivered at the Council
Ground on Tehuacana Creek at 2cts pr lb \$292.80
Trading House Post No 2

September 23, 1845

Received an approved account for \$292 80/100 Dollars of which
the above is a Copy

HENRY KATTENHORN

[*Endorsed*] Henry Kattenhorn
 23 Sept 1845
 \$292. 80

No. 326

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH E. S. WYMAN
 [September 24, 1845]

Republic of Texas

Indian Bureau

Dr. To E. S. Wyman

For 200 Bushels of Corn deld. at the Council Ground on

Tehuacana Creek at the one Dollar pr Bushel \$200.00

Trading House Post No. 2

September 24, 1845

Received an approved account for Two hundred Dollars of which
 the above is a Copy

E. S. Wyman

[*Endorsed*] E. S. Wyman
 Sept 24, 1845
 \$200.00

No. 327

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Torreys Trading House

25 Sept 1845

To

Maj. Thos G. Western

Sup Gen of Ind Affairs

Sir

Please pay to Mr. B. Sloat Twenty
 five dollars, out of the amount, due me as Indian Commissioner
 and oblige

E. MOREHOUSE

Ind Comm.

[*Endorsed*] E. Morehouse
 Order
 25\$
 25 Sept. 1845

No. 328

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [September 26, 1845]

Recd Tehuacana Creek Post No. 2
 of Thos G. Western Supdt Indian Affrs. Seven Dolls fifty cents
 for Hauling of Tobacco for the Govt from Washington to this
 place Sept 26th 1845
 \$7.50 T. L. SMITHEY

No. 329

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
 [September 27, 1845]

Republic of Texas		
Indian Bureau	Dr. To Torrey and Co.	
For 2 Scrapers 4/ 1 Hakf 4/		\$1.00
" 1 Pipe Hatchet 400 1 pr Spurs 150		5.50
" 4 Tin Case Glasses		2.50
" 3 yds Blue Domestic		.75
" Lot of Beads		2.50
" Port Folio		1.00
" Cash pd for hauling Govt Tobacco		7.50
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		\$20.25

Trading House
 Sept 27th 1845

Received an approved a/c for the sum of \$20 25/100 Dollars
 of which the above is a copy

TORREY AND CO.

[*Endorsed*] Torrey and Bro

No. 330

LETTER FROM J. C. NEILL, THOMAS I. SMITH, AND E. MOREHOUSE
TO ANSON JONES

Torreys Trading House, Post No 2,
September 27th 1845

To His Excy, Anson Jones,
President, etc etc

Sir,

We have the honor to report for your consideration, the result of our mission as commissioners, appointed for the purpose of holding a council with the several tribes of Indians on the frontier.

On the 12th Inst we met the Comanche Indians under Mo-pe-chu-co-pe, and encamped with them at the Council Ground near the Brazos River, and within four miles of this Post. In a day or two representatives from the Anadarko, Cad-do, Cherokee, Delaware, Ioni, Lipan and Tonkawa, arrived at the Council Ground, and on Friday the 19th inst we held a general Council.

On Sunday the 21st, another Council was held, when the Chiefs of the Different tribes; manifested the warmest friendship for the whites, and assured us of their disposition to continue so, and also to use their influence in subduing such others as continued hostile. The Comanche in particular promised us, that should any stolen property be brought within their limits by the Waco or other wild Indians, that they would take possession of the same, and bring it in to the Trading Houses. It was no doubt expected by your Excy, that Powauca, one of the Comanche Chiefs, would have attended the Council with his band, but we regret to inform you that through some misunderstanding on the part of some of the agents, he was not in attendance; but we have assurances from Mo-pe-chu-co-pe, the Comanche Chief in Council, and from other Sources, that within a few weeks, Powauca, will bring his warriors into Council and enter into the Treaty already made with a portion of his tribe, Your Excy will readily perceive the great benefits that would result to the Nation, Should this be consummated, on

account of the influence and control which this Chief exerts over the Waco, Keechi, and other hostile tribes.

In regard to our instructions concerning the murder of Messrs Atkinson and Hornsby, we have to report, that from the best information we could obtain, the report of the death of the murder as also of his father by their own tribe, as communicated by B. Sloat, agent, is substantially correct.

We have the gratification of reporting, that the Lipan and Tonkawa Indians have consented to leave their present location and remove within the limits of the Comanche who have given their assent to it.

We received from Messrs Torrey & Bro, goods intended as presents for the Indians to the amount \$2617.93, and having assurances that other parties and tribes of Indians would meet in Council in a few weeks, should it meet with the approbation of the Govt. we economized in our distribution and goods to the amount of \$1314.06½ was given out, leaving an Invoice on hand amounting to \$1303.87½, subject to the order and consideration of the Govt, which Invoices have been forwarded to the Indian Bureau.

For full particulars of our proceedings in Council, we respectfully refer your Excy to the accompanying Journal as Kept by the Secy.

After the council was concluded and the several tribes had received their presents, they left for their homes, assuring us again of their determination to continue friendly.

We have the honor to be
your obt Svts

J C. NEILL Com

THOS I SMITH

E MOREHOUSE

No. 331

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[September 27, 1845]

Messrs Torrey and Bro,

Will pay J. Siebert five Dollars, for
making two tents for Indian purposes

September 27 1845

E. Morehouse
Thos I Smith
Coms.

Attest
Danl D. Culp
Secy to Coms

Approved
ANSON JONES

Examined and found correct for
five Dollars
T. G. Western
Supdt Ind Aff

[*Endorsed*] 4

No. 332

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[September 27, 1845]

Republic of Texas, Indian Bureau

To Torrey and Bro Dr

To Amt of Sundries as per requisition of the Commrs., Tents
Tin ware etc etc which were used by them and given to Indians

\$37.37

The foregoing bill was made by me in accordance with instructions from the comssrs; a portion of the Goods having been given to the Indians, and the remainder left with the other goods belonging to the Government

Post No 2 Sept. 27, 1845 Sign

Daniel D. Culp
Secty to Indian Coms

Recd an approved accounts for Thirty seven 37/100 Dollars of which the above is a copy

TORREY AND BRO

[*Endorsed*] Torrey and Bro
37.37

No. 333

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[September 27, 1845]

Indian Bureau

		To Torrey and Brother	Dr.		
For Amt Mchdes furnished Indian Council pr order viz					
5	Ps Red Strounding	80	@ 2.25		\$180.00
5	" Blue do	101 $\frac{3}{4}$	@ 2.00		203.50
12	Prs Red Blankets		" 9.00		108.00
40	" White do		" 5.50		220.00
16	Pc Bed Ticking	640	18 $\frac{3}{4}$		120.00
1	Case Blue Drillings	600			
17	Pieces do do	681 $\frac{1}{4}$	1281 $\frac{1}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	240.33
25	" Blue Calico	700	18 $\frac{3}{4}$		131.25
11	" Unbleached Domestic	346 $\frac{1}{2}$	@ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$		43.28
2	Doz 6/4 Fancy Shawls		" 12.00		24.00
6	" Com silk Hdkfs		" 15.00		90.00
6	" Cotton do		" 5.00		30.00
1	Box Bro Hav Sugar 469 Tare 46	423	" 9		38.07
		166			
		165			
3	Sacks Coffee 165	496	" 12 $\frac{1}{2}$		62.00
5	Sacks Salt		" 3.50		17.50
24	Pipe Hatchets		" 4.00		96.00
2	Doz Best Cocoa Handle Butcher Knives		" 6.00		12.00
36	" English do do		" 2.25		81.00
200	" Brass Wire		" 75		150.00
25	Brass Tacks		" 1.00		25.00
12	Doz Hand Saw Files		" 1.50		18.00
6	" Fire Steels		" 1.50		9.00
10	" Half Axes		" 15.00		150.00
708	lbs Lead		" 7 $\frac{1}{2}$		53.10
10	Gro Arrow Points		" 1.30		15.00
25	Doz Pint Tin Cups		" 96		24.00
20	" 2 Quart Pans		" 216		43.20
10	" 2 Quart Pails		" 396		39.60
21	" Fine Tooth Combs		" 200		42.00
15	" Dressing do		" 150		22.50
45	" vermillion Paint		" 325		146.20

4	" Indigo	"	400	16.00
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			Amt forward	\$2450.43
	To Amount brot forward			\$2450.43
4	verdigris	@	100	4.00
5	M Needles	@	250	12.50
10	White Linnen Thread	"	150	15.00
10	Doz German Looking Glasses	"	100	10.00
	Cask and Packing Boxes			6.00
8000	lbs Hauling at 150 pr 100 lbs			120.00
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				\$2617.93

We the commissioners appointed for the purpose of holding a council with the several tribes of Indians at Post No 2, Tehuacana Creek, do hereby certify that we received from Messrs Torrey and Bro the quantity of Goods as per the foregoing Invoice, by the hands of the Supt of Indian Affairs

Septr 27 1845

J. C. Neill Commissioner

Thos I Smith

E Morehouse

To Amount Brot Down	\$2617.93
cr	
By Dft on Collection of Customs at Galveston	800.00
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	\$1817.93

Received an approved account for one thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen 93/100 Dolls of which the above is a Copy

TORREY AND BRO

[Endorsed] Torrey and Bro
Bill
Torrey and Bro
\$1817.93

No. 334

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT [September 29, 1845]

\$5.00

Messrs Torrey and Bro.

Will pay J. Siebert five dollars for making two tents for Indian purposes.

Signed E Morehouse

Sept 29, 1845

Thos I. Smith

Comms

Recd an approved order for five Dollars of which the above is a copy.

TORREY AND BRO

[*Endorsed*] Torrey and Bro
Sept. 29, 1845
\$5.00

No. 335

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH L. MOORE
[August 1-September 30, 1845]

Republic of Texas
Indian Dep

1845.		To L Moore	Dr.
Aug. 1th	For 1½ pluge Tobacco @ 4/		\$.75
" 11th	" 1 coarse Shirt		.75
Sept 3	" 1 " "		.75
" "	" 29⅓ yds Domestic @ 15c		4.42
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			\$ 6.67

Recd. Washington Sept. 8. 1845 on approved acct for Six 67/00 Dollars of which the above is a copy—

L MOORE

[*Endorsed*] Lamar Moore
Recpt.
Lamar. Moore
Sept 8'. 1845
\$6.67

No. 336

EXPENSES OF THOMAS G. WESTERN, SUPERINTENDENT OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS [August-September, 1845]

1845

TEXAS INDIAN PAPERS, 1844-1845

375

Aug.	To bal due pr. auditors a/cs	12.92	15.06.
Sept. 10	" a Saddle	2.14	9.00
Sept	" " Mileage 150 miles to Council and back		30.00
	" pd. Sloat pr a Gun present to Comanche Chief Comanche		
	Burns Shoeing horse at Falls		6.00
	To 2 horses lost in the Service \$40 each		80.00
	" 3 mules do do do do \$30 each		90.00
	February 7th 1845	30 —	
	Less Thos. G Western	9.15	
	Twenty five dollars	6.—	
	Loand money to be paid with two months from date	170.—	
		<u>215.15</u>	

N H. DARNELL

No. 337

LIST OF DISBURSEMENTS MADE BY INDIAN BUREAU
[February 1-October 2, 1845]

Date.	To Whom Paid	Amt drawn
1845		
Feby 1st	By Amt approved	\$10,000.00
June 3	To amt drawn to date	\$2,774.17
" 10	" T. G. Western Supdt	73.25
" "	" do do	62.50
" 11	" L. H. Williams	85.00
" "	" Do do	40.00
" 21	" T. G. Western Supdt	150.00
" 27	" Isaac Parker	300.00
July 12	" F. Dieterich	53.50
	17 " Thos. G. Western	62.50
	29 " Benj Sloat	125.00
Aug 2	" Jim Shaw	74.00
	4 " T J. Heard	5.00
	11 " Moses Johnson	14.00
	13 " Wm. G. Cooke	16.00
	16 " Thos. G. Western	62.50

Sept	5	"	Jim Shaw	25.00	
	6	"	V. P. Ackerman	8.41	
	8	"	Thomas G. Western	120.00	
	9	"	do do	62.50	
	12	"	R. S. Neighbors	143.88	
	17	"	L. H. Williams	125.00	
Sept	20	To	J. C. Stags	30.00	
	25	"	Jas. Ross	8.38	
	"	"	J. A. Navarro	6.00	
Oct.	1	"	Lamar Moore	6.67	
	2	"	D. D. Culp	195.00	
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				\$4,648.26	
				Balance	<u>5,351.74</u>

No. 338

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[October 3, 1845]

Republic of Texas	}	To Torrey and Co	Dr.	
Indian Bureau				
For 13 yds Blue Strouding @				2.75 35.75
" 6 Pieces Blue Drills 185 ³ / ₄				31 ¹ / ₄ 58.05
100 Bars 72 Lead lb @				1/ 9.00
21 lb Brass Wire @				8/ 21.00
4 Doz Bu Knives @				4.00 16.00
5 lb Vermillion @				4.00 20.00
4 3/12 Looking Glasses Tin Case @				3.50 14.60
62 lb Tobacco @				3/ 23.25
4 M Brass Nails @				1.50 6.00
2 Doz Hunts Squaw Axes @				25.00 50.00
2 Prs Blankets @				7.00 14.00
4 Papers Vermillion @				4/ 2.00
4 Bu Knives @				3/ 1.50
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				\$271.15

Less Given by D K Torrey as pr advice

2 Prs Blankets @ 7.00 14.00

4 Papers Vermillion	@	50	2.00	
4 Bu Knives	@	3/	1.50	
3 Yas Stroudg	@	275	8.25	
4 Looking Glasses			1.17	
4 Brass Wire			4.00	30.92
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				\$240.23

Goods Returned:

82 Yds Drilling	@	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	25.63	
10 Squaw Hatchets		2.50	20.80	
2 lb Brass Wire		100	2.00	
2 M " Tacks		150	3.00	
23 Lookg Glasses		350	6.67	
30 lbs Lead (43 Bars)		1/	3.75	
1 lb 9 Paper Vermillion	@	400	7.50	
1 9/12 Doz Bu Knives	@	400	7.00	
8 lb Tobacco	@	3/	3.00	79.35
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Bal due T and Co				161.92
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Correct am't				160.88

The within account showing a balance of one hundred and Sixty one 92/100 Dollars has been examined and found correct.

Washington 3rd Oct 1845

T. G. Western

Supdt Indian Affrs.

Approved
ANSON JONES

No. 339

LETTER FROM GEORGE BARNARD TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post No 2

October 6 1845

Maj. Thos G. Western

Supt of Indian Aff

Washington Texas

Dear Sir

It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of Mr. Benj Sloat Indian Agent who

died at the residence of Mr. Wilson his Brotherinlaw on the Navasota on Thursday last, of the Congestive fever.

Col Williams left this place on his way home on Saturday morn. and has sent an express to me informing me of the above, and has also directed me to forward you the intelligence immediately pr Express. which I forward by Mr. Richardson, who was out with Mr Sloat the past summer with the Comanche.

Col Williams also requests me to mention to you that in his opinion Mr Richardson the bearer of this is the most competent man to fill the place of Mr Sloat as the Indians are acquainted with him and he believes him to be a very worthy man to which I can also certify myself. Mr. R would rather not accept the appointment but I think he might be prevailed upon to do it. It will be a hard matter to convince the Comanche of the death of Mr Sloat and Col W Gives it as his opinion that Mr. Richardson and Jim Shaw will be the only two persons who will be at all likely to succeed in convincing them of the fact and of manageing them hereafter.

I have heard nothing from your horses as yet but am daily making enquiries concerning them. Bill Chisholm has not been able thus far, to find them. I believe however they will eventually be found. We have heard no news respecting the Comanche since their departure from this place.

Col Williams requests me to say to you that he will be back at this place in 10 days.

No news of any importance respecting the Indians they are all about starting out to make their fall and winter hunt.

I remain Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

Geo. Barnard

P.S. The particulars of Mr Sloats death Mr Richardson will be able to give you in detail as he was present with him in his sickness

I send pr Mr Richardson a Draft on you from Mr Barclay for Five Dollars—Being a balance due him in a horse trade, which I have paid him for you

please hand the money to Mr Richardson

& oblige

yours GEO BARNARD

[Endorsed]

pr Express
 To Maj. Thos. G. Western
 Supt of Indian Affairs
 Washington, Texas

G. Barnard
 To Post No. 2
 6 Oct /45
 Supdt
 Recd 11th Oct /45
 And 20 " " "

No. 340

LETTER FROM WILLIAM G. COOKE TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Department of War and Marine
 Austin 9th October 1845

To,

Maj. Thos G. Western
 Superintendent of Indian Affairs

Sir,

Enclosed is a communication addressed to this Department by Mr. N. Byars. Mr. Byars came to Washington by your order, and produced sufficient proof through very respectable men that the charges preferred against him were not true. You were at this time absent. He expressed a desire to be transferred to post no 1 and as there was no objections on the part of the President, he was informed that the transfer should be made on your return.

He had no written instructions to remove but he was fully empowered to do so.

I think that he is justly entitled to his pay, and as he appears to be desirous to resign I would recommend its acceptance.

I have the honor to be

Very Respy yr obt Svt

WM. G. COOKE

Secy of War & Marine

[Endorsed] Sec. War & Marine Austin
 9 Oct 1845

To Supdt Ind Aff
 Recd. 16. Oct
 Ans 16 "

No. 341

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO THOMAS I. SMITH

Oct. 9th 1845

Thos. I. Smith Esq.
Chambers Creek

Dear Sir

The public offices at this place closed on the 4th inst. to resume Council at the City of Austin on the 1st of next month.

In consequence of the private information you imparted to me before we parted concerning the Comanche, which agreeably to our understanding I have Communicated to the President, His Excellency has directed me to remain here until I hear from you on that Subject—and to meet you if necessary in Council with the Comanche Chiefs who were not present at the last Council—You will please therefore communicate to me any and all of the information you may have on the subject—to this place until further advised—

I must again trouble you to obtain and forward to me R T Bartons rect for \$27.12½ in amt paid by you for hauling 40 Kegs. Gunpowder and one Keg Cartridges from Washington to the Falls of the Brazos in May 1844. I would not trouble you again with this matter but the Comptroller will not Settle the accounts without the rect. Says he will be bound to charge the amnt. either to you or to me

Yr. Mo. obt sert

TGW[ESTERN] S I Aff

What item can you give me of M Sloot—where is he—

[Endorsed] Supdt
To Washington
9th Oct. 1845
Tho I. Smith
pr. mail

No. 342

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS B. FERRELL

Washington 10th Oct. 1845

Republic of Texas

To T. B. Ferrell Dr

1845 Packing box, and packing sundry books and
 Oct 10 To papers for the Indian Bureau, including
 other boxes for the same preparatory to send-
 ing them to Austin

Plank	2.50
Box	3.00
Work Done	2.00

 \$7.50

Recd. seven 50/100 Dolls of T. G. Western the Suprd. of Indian
 Affaires in payment of the above a/c in full

THOMAS B. FERRELL

[Endorsed] T B Ferrell
 recpt
 \$7.50
 10 Oct 1845
 No 9

No. 343

LETTER FROM S. W. KELLOGG TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Wheelock, Oct. 12, 1845

T. G. Western Esq

Dear Sir

Your letter by Mr Torrey
 enclosed to Mr Sloat is still in my office.

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the death
 of Mr Sloat. He was not well when he left the trading house,
 and was only able to cross over to Springfield where he died,
 before medical aid could be obtained, of congestive fever.

A letter arrived from Washington to Mr. S. also I believe in your hand—they both await your order.

Yours truly

S. W. KELLOGG

[*Endorsed*] S. W. Kellogg
 Oct 12 1845
 T. G. Western Esq
 Supdt. Indian Affs
 Washington

No. 344

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH S. L. JOHNSON
 [October 12, 1845]

Republic of Texas

1845	To S L Johnson	Dr.
To fresh Beef furnished Indians from		
Feb 7th to May 11th 120½ lbs at 3 cts		3.61.00
do to 16 July		1.19.00
		<hr/>
		\$4.80.00
		<hr/>

Washington Octo. 12th. 1845—

Received of T G Western Supdt. of Indian Affairs the above amt. of four 80/100 Dollars in full to date—

Witness—

S. L. JOHNSON

Paul Richardson

[*Endorsed*] S. L. Johnson
 Oct 12. 1845
 \$4.80

No. 345

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN
 [October 13, 1845]

Houston October 13, 1845

Maj T. G. Western

Bought by Torrey & Brother

1 Ex. Sup Blue Blanket—wholesale price	4.50
2 1/2 Yds Lining Flannel	3/ .95
Canvass 2/ Padding 2/ Silesia Sleeve Lining 4/-	1.00
Overcoat and Sleeve Buttons	.80
Sewing Silk and Twist	.75
	<hr/>
	8.00

Houston October 13th 1845

Maj T. G. Western

Dear Sir

We send by stage a bundle directed to you containing the Blanket ordered, with trimming etc and have a letter from Mr Shaw containing in substance the same order for him, as contained in yours of 11th inst. which we have also filled and send in bundle by stage— We regret to have additional confirmation of the death of Mr Sloat by news from the Trading House of the 6th inst—nothing else of importance

Yours truly

TORREY & BROTHER

pr. W. A. Andross

the price chgd for blanket is less than we can afford to sell them at retail and we always charge \$5 each, the same as to Mr Shaw and have none left

[Endorsed] Torrey & Brother
Houston
13 Oct 1845—
To Supt
Recd 15th
Maj Thos G. Western
Supt Indian Affairs
Washington

No. 346

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [October 13, 1845]

Received Washington Octo 13, 1845 of Maj. Western Supndt. of Indian Affairs Five dolls. for the same amt. expended by me as Express from Post No 2 to this place bring the intelligence of the decease of Mr. Agent Sloat.

\$5.00

PAUL RICHARDSON

Witness

Peter Kerr

[*Endorsed*] Paul Richardson
 Oct 13, 1845
 for 5 \$
 No. 10

No. 347

LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF ANSON JONES TO PAUL RICHARDSON
 [October 13, 1845]

To Paul Richardson Esqr.

Sir

The President of the Republic of Texas had thought proper to appoint you and you are hereby appointed agent to the Comanche and Keechi Indians, and to such other of the Wild Tribes as he or his officers under him may from time to time direct with the salary prefixed by Law. Subject always to the instructions of his Excellency the President.

This appointment will continue and be in force during the will and pleasure of the Executive.

Done at Washington Texas this the thirteenth day of October Eighteen hundred and forty five and of the Independence of the Republic the Tenth

By the President

[*Endorsed*] Copy
 of appointment
 Paul Richardson Esq
 Indian Agent

No. 348

LETTER FROM GEORGE BARNARD TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post No 2
 October 13 1845

To Maj Thos. G. Western
 Supt of Indian Affairs
 Washington Texas

Dear Sir

Jack Harry leaves this place for your city this morning with the poney and mule which you lost while at this place attending the council. Jack found the animals in the possession of a white man living on the Trinity near Post No 1 and after a great deal of persuasion induced him to give the horses up— they were however in bad order when Jack received them as the white man who took them up had ridden them very hard, without feeding. Col Williams offered a reward of Twenty Dollars for the recovery of them, which Jack is entitled to and presuming that you would need the animals I have persuaded Jack to take them down to you and told him you would pay him Five Dollars extra for his trouble and expence

A party of some 50 Cherokee of the Ridge party arrived at this place yesterday. They are on their way west to select a country upon which to settle. I understand they have the great seal of the United States with them to afford them protection.

Jim Shaw and all the Delaware have gone out to make their fall and winter hunt, and Jim requested me to say to you that he would be in Austin in about 10 days, and if you had any instructions or communications to make to him to sent them to the care of Col Thos Wm. Ward and that he would attend to them.

I expect Col Williams back on the day after tomorrow. We have no news of any importance here but understand that large parties of Kickapoo and other Indians from the United States are coming into this country to hunt this winter.

We have heard no new from the Comanche as yet—

I remain Sir

very Respectfully

Yours etc GEO. BARNARD

[Endorsed] G. Barnard
 To Trading House
 13 Oct/45
 Supt
 recd pr. Jack Harry 17 Oct 45
 ansd Octo 20
 pr
 Jack Harry

Wm Cogswell requests me to say to you to send his commission up by Jack Harry.

Please forward the enclosed and oblige yours
Barnard

To Maj Thos. G. Western
Supt of Indian Affairs
Washington
Texas

No. 349

AUDIT OF RETURNS OF THOMAS G. WESTERN [October 16, 1845]

\$398 88/100

Treasury Department

Auditors Office Oct 6th 1845

I certify that I have examined the returns of Thos G. Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs and find that he is entitled to receive a credit on the sum for *three hundred ninety eight and 88/100* dollars \$ 398.88/100 according to the abstract and vouchers herewith transmitted to the Comptroller for his decision

Br

CHARLES MASON

James B Shaw Esq
Comptroller

I admit the above this 6th 1845
James B Shaw
Compt

No. 350

LETTER FROM ELI CHANDLER TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Wheelock Oct 19th 1845

Mr T. G. Western

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst came duly to hand —contents noted, and I regret exceedingly to inform you that Mr. Sloat died on the first inst.—

If the vacancy caused by Mr Sloats death, is not filled. I think Mr Burnham the most suitable person in the country. he has

been recommended to me as a most excellent and worthy person, and one whom I think would discharge the dutys of his appointment faithfully

I am Yours etc
ELI CHANDLER

[*Endorsed*] recd 20-Oct
ans 21-
Eli Chandler
19 Oct 1845
Mr. T. G. Western
Washington

No. 351

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO GEORGE BARNARD

Washington 20 Oct 1845

Mr Geo Barnard
Trading House No 2

Dear Sir

I have received per hands of Mr Richardson your favor of the 6th inst communicating the melancholy intellegence of the death of Mr Sloat, it is one of those unfortunat events to be regretted by all, he was an excellent and good man, a very usefull member of society and an active and efficient officer, the loss of him, will long be deplored.

Yours of 13th per Jack Harry is also before me, with the two Animals, which were missing or stolen from the Treaty or Council ground, last Month, accept of my thanks for your attention to this matter, Jack Harry for the part he has taken in it has been and is paid to his entire satisfaction.

I notice your remark with regard to the Cherokee, and am curious to know by what authority they presume to settle in Texas

I remain
Yr ob. Srt
[T. G. WESTERN]

[*Endorsed*] Supdt
To Geo Barnard
20 Oct 1845

No. 352

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Washington Oct 20 1845

L. H. Williams Esqr
Indian Agent

Sir

I am informed by a gentleman at the Trading House Post No 2 under date of the 13 inst, that some 50 Indians, Cherokee of the Ridges party passed by that place the day previous on their way west to select a country upon which to settle, as they say, and that they pretend to have permission from the U States Govt to that Effect, this cannot be, these Indians are to be considered as intruders and must be treated as such. You will avail yourself of the first opportunity to inform them that without the permission of the Govt. of Texas they will not be permitted to hunt, much less to reside in Texas. You will order them forthwith to retire to their homes in the U. States and not return here without permission of the actual Governmt of Texas, by which I am authorized to make this known.

It is confidently believed that you will rigidly perform this duty and report to the Bureau at the City of Austin, for such further instructions as occasion may require

Respectfully yours etc

[T. G. WESTERN]

{*Endorsed*} Copy Letter
To L H Williams
Oct 20 1845

No. 353

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

L. H. Williams Esq
Post No. 2

Washington Oct 21, 1845

Sir

I take this occasion to direct your attention to the accompanying dispatches relative to Certain Indians who it seems are intruders on our soil. I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Paul Richardson is appointed by the President agent for the Comanche Indians in place of Benj Sloat deceased. I hope you will have returned to your Post upon recd of this, it is important that you should remain permently there as the Comanche may make us a visit shortly possibly, and the agent at the Post nor the interpreter should not be absent, to this end Jack Harry is directed to remain with you constantly except when his duty under your orders may require his absence. Upon the approach of the Comanche you will immediately report to me at this place and to the agent Mr Richardson at Austin.

Yr. obt Svt
 TGW[ESTERN]
 Spt Indian Affairs

[*Endorsed*] Copy
 To Williams
 Oct 21 1845

No. 354

OATH OF OFFICE OF PAUL RICHARDSON AS INDIAN AGENT
 [October 21, 1845]

Republic of Texas
 County of Washington

This day personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said County, Paul Richardson, who, solemnly swears, that as agent of the Comanche Keechi, and such other Tribes of Indians as the President or his officers under him may direct, he will well and truly and to the best of his ability, discharge his duties, according to Law and the instructions of the Government,

PAUL RICHARDSON

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of
 October 1845

JAMES ROSS Not. Public

[*Endorsed*] Oath of Paul Richardson
 Indian Agent

No. 355

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH A. BAILLAND
[October 21, 1845]

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau

1845	To A Bailland	Dr	
Sept 5" for 5 Bbls Corn	@ 75		\$ 3.75
Oct 20" " 7 " do	@ 50		3.50
" 425 Fodder	@ 100		4.25
" Bread and crackin for Indian			2.00
			<hr/>
Washington 21, Oct 1845			\$13.50

Recd an approved a/c for Thirteen 50/100
Dollars of Which the above is Copy in full for the same—

A BAILLAND

[Endorsed] Receipt
A Bailland
21st Oct /45
\$13.50

No. 356

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO PAUL RICHARDSON

Indian Bureau— Texas—
Washington 21st Octo 1845—

Paul Richardson Esqr
Indian Agent— present

Sir

You have been appointed by the Executive, agent to the Comanche and other indians as expected in the appointment which I have the honor herewith, as such you will proceed to Post No 2 on the Brazos and ascertain what prospect there is of a visit from our friends the Comanche Chiefs Pah-hah-yuco Pochanaquarhip (Buffalo Hump) "Santa Anna" or either of and report to me at this place without the

least delay— You are aware that our friend Mopechucopé, promised at the Council in September last to use his endeavors to bring them in, and that Some Gentlemen on the frontier take much interest in this matter. Should there be a probability of their coming to the post on the Brazos immediately you will remain and meet them there and I shall join you immediately or as soon as may be necessary to give them a “talk” distribute to them presents etc, but should the purpose of their coming in be remote you will in such case proceed to the Colorado and meet me at the City of Austin or at Mr Hornsbys near that place. The Delaware Indian “Jim Shaw” is in the Service of the Govt as Interpreter to the Comanche, he has leave of absence for a very limited period to hunt in the environs of Austin on the waters of Brushy and thereabouts, He will be subject to your orders, in all matters relating the Comanche—you will keep in constant communication with him— Jack Harry also a Delaware and Interpreter in the Service of the Govt is Stationed at Post No 2 on the Brazos with agent Williams who will notify you of the approach of the Comanche in that quarter So that you may meet them without much delay if necessary

You will upon your arrival at Austin please report in person to the Hon. W. G. Cooke Secy of War, and make present to him your instructions should he require it— Thru the same office you will receive all Communications I may have to make to you until I meet you there— You will be careful and punctual to report to me in writing pr every Mail pr express when needful—

Yr mo obt Srvt
 Suptd Ind aff
 [T. G. WESTERN]

{Endorsed] Supt
 To Washington
 21 Oct 1845
 P. Richardson present

No. 357

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO ELI CHANDLER

Washington 21st Oct 1845

Eli Chandler Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of 19th inst confirming the death of M Sloat recd. the vacancy occasioned by this event has been already filled by the appointment of Mr Richardson.

Mr. Burnham to whom you allude, can furnish his address to this office, so that in case a similar occurrence, his whereabouts may be known.

There were two animals a Horse and a filly in possession of Decd at the time of his demise, which property are the property of the Government and you will oblige me by assisting Mr Richardson as agent to take possession of them as agent.

Respectf. Yr. obt. Srvt.

T. G. WESTERN
Supt Indian Aff

[Endorsed] Supdt

Washington
To Eli Chandler
21st Oct 1845

No. 358

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH WM. G. FORD
[October 21, 1845]

Indian Buarow

	To Wm G. Ford	Dr	1845
Oct 21	To 1 Spur for Indian	1.25	
"	To 1 Bridle Do	5.00	
"	To 1 pr Shoes Do	2.00	
"	To 1 Box Caps Do	.50	
"	To 1 plug tobacco	.50	
		<hr/>	
		\$9.25	

Washington 21. Oct 1845

Recd of T. G Western Superintendent of Indian
Afare the amount of the above a/ct.

WM. G FORD.
By E. L. Cable

[*Endorsed*] Receipt.
 W. G. Ford
 21. Oct 1845
 \$9.25/100

No. 359

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT DRAFT [October 21, 1845]

Recd. Washington Oct. 21st 1845 of T. G. Western Supdt. of
 Indian Affairs, Fifteen Dollars in full for seeking and bringing
 in public animals, upon various occasions.

\$15.00

Witness

Thos. P. Cartwell

JACK X HARRY
 his mark

[*Endorsed*] Receipt
 Jack Harry
 21st Oct. 1845
 \$15.00
 No. 2

No. 360

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO THOMAS I. SMITH

Washington 22 Oct. 1845

Col. T. I. Smith

Sir—

Your favor of 15th inst. pr. Mr. Patrick is
 recd. and I rejoiced to find that Pah-hah yuco and his band, with
 The Keechi Tawakoni and Wichita are on their way in—

I will meet you at the Trady. house Post No
 2 in ten days— in the mean time I hope you will be successful
 in your endeavors to bring them down to meet me at that place
 — It will be no more than proper that we should assemble these
 because it is the order of the Govt. and because we have the
 presents there which intend to be made to them— you shall hear
 from me as I approach you— with the utmost confidence in your
 prudence, intelligence and loyalty— I Remain

Dr. Sir respectfully

Yours

[T. G. WESTERN]

[*Endorsed*] Pah-hah-yuco
Copy Ltr.
to T. I. Smith
22 Oct 1845

No. 361

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO PAUL RICHARDSON

Washington

22 Oct 45

Indian Agent

Sir—

Intelligence has this moment been received at this office that Pah-hah yuco and his band with, some Wichita Tawakoni and Keechi Indians are on their way down to meet us in Council— you will proceed to the residence of Col T. I. Smith or to wherever he may be, and get in Conjunction with him if necessary in bring about the disirable end of bringing them down to Post No 2 when I will meet you in ten days— You will find both Beef and Corn at that post which agent Williams will to you for the Indians.

Yr obt

& sevt

[*illegible*]

[T. G. WESTERN]

[*Endorsed*] Copy Dr
To Paul Richardson
Indian Agent
22 Oct. 1845

No. 362

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH S. R. ROBERTS

Washington Octo 23, 1845

Indian Bureau

To S. R. Roberts

Dr.

To account Patrick's bill	1.75
To account Jack Harry's (Indian) bill	1.75
Keeping mule	1.00
	4.50

Received an approved account for four
50/100 Dollars, of which the above is a correct copy.

S. R. ROBERTS

[Endorsed] S R Roberts

No. 363

LETTER FROM R. FITZPATRICK TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Corpus Christi 1st Nov 1845

Dear Major, I have not had any opportunity to write you with the certainty of your getting it. I have sent you several messages but I do not know if you have recd any of them as your whereabouts was very uncertain but Mr Miller informs me that you will in future probably be located in Austin at the time I wrote to you from N Orleans. I had sent hopes that I could get the necessary goods for the Indian trade; but upon testing the matter I found it was impossible to do so; many persons were willing and anxious to sell goods, but they could not give credit, in fact no such thing as credit can be had in N Orleans without giving a town [?] acceptance. I tried to make an arrangement by giving security on lands in Texas, but no one would look at a Title of that Kind, as too many persons have been bit by Texas Titles. I came from New Orleans here and I found there was some little money to be made here and I determined to bring my people here and go to making bricks, by which I shall make money enough to buy one or two thousand sheep, after which I shall go to the San Antonio River and cultivate wool. If you can make an arrangement with the Torreys to establish a Trading house on the Colorado do so, and if it is necessary for you to do anything else do it, our friend [*illegible*] is here trying to sell goods and land, but I do not think he will do either. I think your San Antonio land will sell after a while dont be in too great a hurry, as you have waited so long wait a little longer. I will

write you frequently when you let me know where you are settled permanently.

Yr friend and sert
R FITZPATRICK

[*Endorsed*] R Fitzpatrick
1st Nov. 1845
Major Thomas G Western
Austin, Texas

No. 364

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post No 2
November 3— 1845

Maj Thos G. Western

Genl Supt of Indian Aff Dear Sir, Jack Harry left this place some six days since, in quest of James Shaw, and I have not since heard from him altho he was to have returned in three days. Mr. Richardson also left this place immediately on his arrival from Washington for Post No 1. and I have not as yet heard any thing from him.

Since Mr. R. and Jack left there came in here a party of Comanche to trade belonging to Mopechucopes Band. They state that after they left here from the Council, Mopechucope started in quest of Pah-hah yuco, and struck his trail high up the country and followed on it for several days, but was unable to overtake them. they also state that Mopechucope saw Jack Ivy, and that they know he (Jack) did not see Pah-hah yuco, and that he will not be in here so soon as you have been induced to believe, by the report sent below from above. Mopechucopes men state that Pah-hah yuco has gone a long way off, up among the Mountains and they do not think he will return this fall—

I have thought it advisable to inform you of these reports, in order that you may judge of them. If however, I hear any positive news of Pah-hah yuco and his party coming in, I will immediately inform you by Express—

Some 5 or 6 Families of white persons now living at Bucksnort, are about to remove up into the Prairie above us where the Council was held, and settle themselves there with their families etc— Now I have no authority to stop them, but so certain

as they do remove there as present, just so certain is it that serious difficulty with the Indians will be the consequence, and the only way in my opinion that we shall be able to preserve our friendly relations with the Indians is to prevent these white people settling there. You will recollect very well, that we have never yet been able to get their consent to move this trading Post over into that Prairie much less will they consent to the removal of families of settlers there. I therefore give it as my firm conviction, that if these men are allowed to settle there, at present, war, and a general War with the Indians, will be the consequence—

I wish you to send me some orders or write me explicitly what to do, and how to act in this matter.— We have no further news at this Post at present. Every thing else with the Indians goes on well, with the exception that reports have reached me from sources that I cannot doubt that Jack Ivy is still supplying the Waco and Wichita with powder and lead, thereby enabling them to commit more depredations upon our frontier settlers.

Some steps should be taken to remove him from all intercourse with the Indians. Another Exception is this John Conner has lately been here and informs me that *Jim* and *Jack Ned* with a party of Delaware, have gone into the settlements to hunt between the Sabine and Neches Rivers, and that they went in there in defiance of the Rangers and swore they would go when they chose and that when they had made their hunt they were going to war with the Comanche and that would give the whites something to talk about.

I have informed Col Smith of these facts and requested him to remove them from the settlements and to take Jack Ned dead or alive.

I remain Sir

Yours etc L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Agent Post No 2

[*Endorsed*] L. H. Williams
 Received at Bucksport
 3 Nov- 1845
 To Maj Thos G. Western
 Gen Supt of Indian Affrs
 Washington
 Texas

No. 365

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN HORAN

Republic of Texas }
 Indian Bureau }

1845		Bot of John Horan	
Nov 7.th	2 Blankets.	@ \$3.50	\$7.00
"	6 yds Calico	@ 31½	1.87½
"	3 " Do	@ /	75
	2 Knives	@ 4/	1.00
	4 Cotton Hakfs		1.00
	6 Plugs Tobacco.		1.20
			<hr/>
			\$12.82½

I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just—that the above articles were purchased by order of His Excellency the President for the Lipan and Tonkawa Indians.

R. S. Neighbors
 Indian Agent

Austin

Novr. 7th 1845.

Examined and found correct. for Twelve 82/100 Dollars—

T G Western

Approved

Supdt. Ind. Affs.

Anson Jones

Received, Austin Feby 18, 1846 from T. G. Western. Supt. Indian Affairs. The Amount of the within a/c in full.

\$12.82/100

JOHN HORAN

[Endorsed] John Horan
 \$12.82

No. 366

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN T. BLAKE
 [November 1-10, 1845]

Republic of Texas
 Indian Bureau
 1845

To John T. Blake Dr

To services rendered as Clerk in Office from 1st to 10th Nov. 1845. \$10.00

Recd Washington Nov 10th 1845 of Major T. G. Western. Supt Indian Affairs the above Amt in full.

JNO T. BLAKE

[Endorsed] No 1.
John T. Blake
\$10.00

No. 367

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL WITH THE WACO, TAWAKONI, KEECHI,
AND WICHITA INDIANS [November 13, 1845]

Minutes of/

/Proceedings of a council held at Post No 2 on the 13th day of November 1845—By the Commissioners G W Terrell and T I Smith and T G Western Supt of Indian Affairs—and the Representatives of the following tribes of Indians to wit— Acaquash Chief of the Waco, Kechi-ka-ro-qua d[itt]o Tawakoni, Saatzarook do Keechi, Saatzarwaritz do Wichita.

Present as interpreters L. H. Williams agent, and the Delaware Jim Shaw and Jack Harry.

Speech of Genl. Terrell to the Indians—

Brothers listen!

It is now more than three years since the white man met on this creek to make peace with the Red man—when we first met, the path between the white and the Red man was full of brush—it was also Red with the blood both of the White and the Red man—since that time we have removed all the brush and blood, and made the path white between us, it used to be the case that when the white and the Red man met on the prarie, they used always to try and take each others scalps. but now when the white and the Red man meet, they set down and eat Bread and Buffalo meat like brothers. We hope on the part of the white people, that this state of things will always remain. We have been taught to believe by the Great Father above that the white man and the Red man are all the same people, the same Gt. Spt. has also taught us, that it is best for brothers to live together in peace—for this reason the white

people of Texas, have all this time kept the peace that they first made on this creek with the Red man, I would ask any of the Chiefs if they have known that the white people have broken the peace that they first made with the Indians—Some very bad men that had just come across from the U. S. did kill some Delaware, but as soon as ever we found it out we took them every one, and hung them up on a tree, and that man there—(pointing to the agent) did it—they ought to take that as a proff that Texas is determined to keep the treaty made with the Indians—I would ask our Red Brothers, if they do not find it is better for them to keep peace—and sell their horses and skins to the white man, than to be always at war with him—it used to be the case they had no settled home in this country. they were obliged to drive their horses about, and carry their women and children with them in cold and rainy weather. now they can settle down, stay at home, cultivate their corn fields, raise pumpkins and eat them without the fear of being disturbed by any white man—Texas wants to make peace with the Red man, not because she is afraid to make war, it is because we believe it is better both for the Red and the White man. that is the reason why we prefer to make peace instead of war.

(To the Wichita Chief) We are happy to meet all the chiefs here, but particularly him as he is first of all the Wichita Chiefs that has come down to make peace—I would refer to all the Chiefs who have been at war with us, if it is not better for them to make peace with us, than to be at war—if he was to come here to war with us, we would be sure to kill more of his men than he would be to kill ours. We believe that we are all the children of the same Great Spirit, and for that reason we ought to be at peace instead of war. We want to teach our Red Brothers to live as we do, by cultivating land and growing corn, We will give the Red men every year axes and hoes to cultivate their ground. the reason we want them to do this is because we know that the wild game will not always continue. four years ago, Acaquash knows that there were thousands of Buffalo all over these praries, and deer in abundance—where are they now? they have all dissappeared—For this reason we want them to make their living as we do, because when the game is gone, they will want some things for their women and children to live on—that is all we have to say now, except that we have some complaint to make against some of them. the treaties that we have made with them have been broken by some of them—(here the

commissioners read articles 5 and 19 of the treaty of October 9/44) we have given them up all the prisoners that we had—except a few Comanche, and these we have been ready and are ready to give up now—we know that the Keechi have one prisoner now and that Chief there (pointing at the Keechi Chief) promised some time since to give him up— We expect him now to bring him in—some of their people have been killing our people and stealing some of our horses, out west, lately, we do not believe any of these chiefs here have committed any of these depredations—they have some bad men among them and we want them to keep them back. or when they steal horses, to take them and bring them to the agent here according to the terms of the treaty, I have just read to them; There were two white men lately killed on the other side of the Colorado—some say the Comanche did it, others say the Waco did it, those people on the Colorado and Guadalupe are our people—the same as us, and they must not make war on them. More than on us, if they do not restrain their young men from going there to kill and steal, we will have to raise men to follow them, and then we may follow them to their country and kill some innocent persons. we have got a great many soldiers come into the country lately—they are all over the country—these soldiers want to go after the Indians, but our Government will not let them—but if they continue to steal horses, they will have to be sent, and they may in recovering the horses, kill the men—we have established companies at all the stations on the frontier—if the Red men want to come down, let them come to these companies, and they will be as safe as they are here, but if they steal horses, they must expect these companies to follow them, and perhaps kill them—

I have done.

No. 368

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL WITH THE WACO, TAWAKONI, KEECHI,
AND WICHITA INDIANS

Council Ground 15th Nov/45

Speech of Kechi ka ro qua, Tawakoni Chief

I heard all the time while I said

at my home what sort of men you were. I now see you and have heard your word and I love your word. I heard some time ago that you wanted me here and I have come. I have heard what you have said. I as you say I want peace, I will now speak a few words to you, I love my women and children and I also love yours. I was in the treaty last fall and what I then said I have stuck to, and when the Delaware came after horses, I gave up all that I could find among my men. I wish you to tell me plainly whether you want me and my captains to hunt all the horses taken by my people's. Commiss.rs: Yes we want you to get all the horses taken subsequent to the treaty last fall. some of your men came and stole some very fine horses on the Colorado some time since. I want you and your Captains to get all that you can and bring them to the agent at this Post. Kr.: I want you to tell me all about those men who were killed a few days ago? and about the horses I will do my best to get them, but before I go I would like you to give my men and women some Blankets and strouding. Superintendents: about six moons ago some Indians came and killed two white men near Austin. now we want you to tell us if you know what Indians those were who committed this deed. those two young men who were killed were not war men. for they were fishing at the time those men killed them. one man they scalped. I wish to know what town they took that scalp to. we do not accuse any of you of killing those men. we only want to know whether you can tell us what Indians did kill them. Kechi ka ro qua: The Pawnee killed a man near the simillar, and they brought home the scalp and said it was a Tonkawa, but Pah-hah yuco said it was a white mans. and as soon as we found out, that it was a white mans scalp, my men did not dance over it. The Pawnee were the ones that killed those white men (supt: did the Pawnee dance that scalp in the Keechi town?) Kr.: No. I tried to keep the Pawnee from going off but they threatened to kill me. I threw the scalp away as soon as found out that it was a white mans (Supt: Kechi ka ro qua is a good man and acted right, when this moon was little, some Inds went over to the Guadalupe and stole a great many horses, and spilt blood, we do not know what tribe did it, but wish to find out if you know, some say they were Waco some say Comanche, but we are not certain, what we do is that killed two white men, their friends found them and buried them. this was done two weeks ago.

we know very well that there are bad men among all nations and you must not allow your men to come down in our settlements, if the Chiefs want any thing they can always get by coming themselves to Col Smith or the agent here—both of whom they will always find at their stations. we do not allow our men to go among the Inds without a passport, and we do [not] wish you to allow your men to come in our settlements.

Speech of Saatzarwaritz" Wichita Chf

I am a chief you can stand and look at me, and see what sort of man I am, I cannot see the sun, but the Gt Spt will look down and see me shake hands with my white brothers. I have a good heart and hand. the same as the white mans. I heard of you a long time ago. I was a long ways off, at last I thought I would come and see you. the Gt Spt knows my heart. and sees my heart cry, for what has been done, the white chief looks at me, and I look at them. they are trying to make the path white. I will help them to make it white. I talked with Pah-hah yuco, he loves me and I love him I have listened to what you have said, and have heard nothing but what is good. I have been at war and you see I am a poor man and naked, I think it is best to be at peace I love all my warriors, but I have got some bad men among them. the white men see me and see that I am a poor man. and I want them to consider my situation, I was a long ways off, and I tried to stop my men. but could not, I have now seen you myself and my heart beats for peace, I will go back home and tell my warriors what I have seen. the Gt Spt hears me, the mother Earth hears me and know that I tell the truth, there is no use to talk to much. for men who do so may tell lies.

Saatzarook Keechi Chf then said

The Gt Spt above knows that I have got the paper, that the white chief gave me. the path has been made white from this place to my village the wind and all nature listens to what I say the white chief told me to come and not be fraid. I have come and have heard what you have said, and it is good. I love the white women and children, like I do my own—you sent me word to come here, and see the white chief.— I got the paper from the white chief and you see me here and see that I am poor and naked and you are sorry, I wish you to give my warriors and women a blanket a

piece. you say that a great many horses have ben stolen on the Colorado—I have heard nothing of it—but as soon as I go home I will try and get them—and send them in to the agent—I listen to the whites chief—and was glad when I heard the white man say he loved his Red brethren and I wish never to get tired of peace—I believe all the red people are glad of it when I came I saw the white flag a flying (I know my white brothers were there) (supt question: where is the white prisoner? Saatz answer the reason that I did not bring him is that he had no horse to ride. if you send a horse I can bring him.

Acaquash—Waco Chief

if you will send that man (pointing to Col Smith) with his company I will make my men help them to get the horses—

It was then concluded upon to send Mr. agent Richardson accompanied by ten men of Col Smiths corps of Rangers and Jack Harry as interpreter. for the purpose of bringing the white prisoner and such stolen horses as were to be had— and the council adjourned in peace and harmony

The foregoing minutes of the proceedings of the council above named are correct and true.

J. F. CROSBY
Secty pro tem

Council Ground Tehuacana Creek Nov 15/45

Signed	G W TERRELL	Commissioners
" "	T I SMITH	
" "	T G WESTERN	Superintendent

No. 369

CONCLUSION OF A TREATY AT TEHUACANA CREEK

Trading Post no 2
Novr. 16th 1845

Whereas a treaty of peace, friendship and commerce was concluded at Tehuacana Creek on the ninth day of October, A D 1844 between commissioners on the part of the Republic of Texas, and certain chiefs and head men of the various tribes of

Indians then and there represented—and whereas we the chiefs and head-men of the Waco—Tawakoni—Keechi—and Wichita Nations, having heard the before mentioned treaty read, explained and interpreted to us, so that we fully comprehend and understand the same—therefore we agree to adopt, to abide by, and observe the said treaty and all its provisions in the same manner as if we had been present at the making of the same and had signed it at time—and the commissioners on the part of Texas do likewise.

THOMAS G. WESTERN		G. W. TERRELL
Supdt. Indian Affairs		THOS. I. SMITH
	his	
KECHIKAROQUA	X	Tawakoni Chief
	mark	
	his	
ACAQUASH	X	Waco Chief
	mark	
	his	
SAATZARWARITZ	X	Wichita Chief
	mark	
	his	
SAATZAROOK	X	Keechi Chief
	mark	
	his	
SATZATZKAHA	X	Waco Chief
	mark	
	his	
ACOWHEDA	X	Keechi war chief
	mark	
	his	
TCHETOWA	X	Keechi Captain
	mark	
Witnesses	J. F. CROSBY	S R ROBERTS

No. 370

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO PAUL RICHARDSON

Council Gd Post No 2
 Nov 17th 1845

Paul Richardson Esqr
Indian Agent Present

Sir

You are aware that the Keechi Chief Saatzarook in council has pledged himself to deliver up a white boy or young man prisoner, by the name of Parker and that the Waco, Tawakoni and Wichita chiefs and the said Keechi chief have also pledged themselves to deliver up all the stolen horses they have in their possession, I have full confidence in your capacity and intelligence, and have selected you to the duty of receiving them, you will therefore proceed forthwith to the Keechi village or camp and receive the Parker boy bring him to this Post and hand him over to L H Williams agent at this Post—The horses also which may be delivered to you as above, and deliver them to agent Williams. Sargt Bell with his men of Col T I Smiths Rangers will accompany you and aid you in this duty, and from the stations above you will be furnished with an additional force from the same corps for the same purposes,—
Jack Harry accompanies you as interpreter—

After you return to this place and the delivery of the prisoner and horses so delivered, you will report to me at Austin for further orders.

Yrs Obt Svt
T G WESTERN
Supt of Indian Affs

[*Endorsed*] Copy of letter to Paul Richardson Esqr Indian Agent Present
Copy Ltr to Paul Richardson Nov. 17th 1845

No. 371

LETTER FROM G. W. TERRELL AND THOMAS I. SMITH TO
EBENEZER ALLEN

To the
Hon Ebenezer Allen
Secty of State

Trading Post No 2
Nov 17th 1845

Sir

In accordance with instructions, received from your

Department. we left the seat of Government on the 29th ult and proceeded directly to this place, for the purpose of holding a council and making treaties with the various tribes of Indians who should meet us at this place for that purpose agreeably to previous appointments.

On our arrival we found no Indians on the ground. They were however, reported to be, in the neighborhood in considerable numbers. They were very slow in coming in. They commenced coming in about the 10th Inst. by the 13th the Chiefs of Waco, Tawakoni, Keechi and Wichita, together with a number of their warriors, women and children, were upon the ground on that day we went into council with the chiefs of the tribes above mentioned. The wheather becoming very incliment, we did not finish the Council until the 16th Inst. On that day, the treaty, a copy of which we have the honor herewith to inclose, was signed, by the commissioners on the part of Texas and the chiefs, of the tribes above mentioned.

Entire harmony prevailed amongst all parties during the whole council, The Indians manifested the best disposition towards the white people, and although we felt it necessary to rebuke them somewhat sharply, on account of depredations committed on our western frontier in violation of treaties heretofore made with the white people, They bore it without complaining and acknowledged its justice. and moreover promised in future to use greater endeavours to restrain the bad men of their respective tribes. They further promised to deliver up to any agent which we might think proper to send for them, all the stolen horses now in their possession, and also the white youth named Parker which the Keechi have as prisoner. For this purpose the superintendent dispatched one of the agents and interpreter and a sufficient number of men, to accompany them to this villages.

The inclosed paper marked B contains a list of presents handed over to us by the superintendent and which we distributed amongst them according to the numbers of their respective tribes.

They departed this morning not only well pleased, but apparently much gratified with the talk they had heard, and the treatment they had received, and with many professions of their determination to preserve inviolate the peace between the white and the Red man in all time to come.

G. W. Terrell }
 T. I. Smith } Commrs

P.S.

There being no Secretary to the present commission, the commissioners appointed Josiah F Crosby, secretary pro-tem—during the council—and respectfully request that His Excellency, the president will make him reasonable compensation for his services.

G. W. TERRELL
 T. I. SMITH

[*Endorsed*] Report Report of Comsrs.
 G. W. Terrell
 Thos I. Smith
 Nov. 17th 1845—

No. 372

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS I. SMITH

Republic of Texas

	To Thos I Smith	Dr
To services as Indian Commissioner		
from 28th Oct to 17 Nov. inclusive		
21 days at \$5 pr diem		\$105.
Council G'd 17th Nov 1845		

Approved for One hundred and five dollars
 (sgd) ANSON JONES

Received from Thos G. Western Esq superintendent of Indian affairs an approved a/c of which the foregoing is a copy
 Austin 18 Jany 1846 THOS I. SMITH
 pr atty Joseph Daniels

[*Endorsed*] Thos. I Smith
 per atty J Daniels
 1st Jany 1846
 \$105.00

No. 373

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Trading House Post No. 2

November 19, 1845

\$27.50 At sight please pay to Messr Torrey and Co or order the sum of Twenty seven 50/100 Dollars and place the same to account of yours

Respectfully

To Maj Thos. G. Western
Gen Sup Indian Af
Austin

G. W. TERRELL

[Endorsed] Received Austin Feby 24/46 of Thos G. Western Supt Indian Affairs the amt of the within draft

Torrey and Co

Torrey and Co

\$ 27.50

No. 54

No. 374

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[November 19, 1845]

Republic of Texas

Indian Bureau	To Torrey and Co.	Dr.
For 12 lbs Flour 1.00	6 lbs Sugar 1.00	\$ 2.00
" 1 Knife 4/.	2 Prs Shoes 3 50/100	4.00
" 12 lbs Flour 1.00	1 Box Mustard 5/-	1.62
" 14 Brass Kettles at 8/		14.00
" 18 lbs Flour 1.50c	2 plugs Tobacco 1.50c	3.00
" Domestic 2/.	1 Bushel Corn 1.00	1.25
" 2 Buck Skins 125c	½ Quire Paper 2/.	1.50
" 1 Hatchet 1.25c	18 lbs Flour 1.50c	2.75
" 5 lbs Coffee 1.00	3 lbs Sugar 4/—	1.50
" Hire of mule to Red River pr Jack Harry—		10.00
		<hr/> \$41.62
Trading House Post No 2.	1 axe pr Cogswell	2.25
		<hr/> \$43.87

November 19 1845—

Examined and found correct for Forty three 87/100 Dollars

T G Western

Supt Indian Affs

[*Endorsed*] Torrey and Co. Admitted January 1st 1846. for forty three
and 87/100 dollars—
Merchandise furnished Indians 1845
Charles Mason
Auditor
Approved
Janry 2/46
James B. Shaw
Compt.
Recd Warrant
Torrey & Co.

No. 375

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

\$62 50/100 Trading House Post No 2 Novbr. 21 1845.

At sight please pay to Messrs Torrey and Co. or order the
sum of Sixty Two 50/100 Dollars. and this shall be your receipt
from me for the same amount, for services due me as Indian
Interpreter.

Yours Respectfully
his
JACK X HARRY
mark

To/

Maj Thos. G. Western
Genl Supt of Indian Affairs
Washington, Texas

[*Endorsed*] Torrey and Bro.
Recd of Thomas G Western Superintendent of Indian Affairs
Sixty dollar 50/100 an the within draft
Austin 3rd Jan 1846 Torrey and Bro.
Jack Harry
\$62.50
Nov 20 1845
No. 12.

No. 376

REPORT OF A COUNCIL WITH THE COMANCHE INDIANS

Trading House, Post No 2

Nov. 23d 1845

Report of a Council held with the Comanche Indians, by Col. L. H. Williams. The following Indians were present. "Mopchucupe Ahkatsica, Santa Anna, Wabeoukeac, Nouishawipe. Tosawecut. Cuardepoa, Pardewac-lecua. Chieseppeti, Pavecca-woofpa. Parowrea, Wadacanapsa, SatarPransewa, Kanauma. who are all with exception of the first two, chiefs or captains belonging to Santa Anna's party. There was also present nearly Forty warriors, some of which were present at the last treaty.

Previous to smoking an old chief arose and in a short speech counselled "the young men to peace," and remarked that it was the wish of all the old men to preserve a friendly intercourse with their white brethren, that when he was young the old chiefs advised him to peace, and he ever regretted that he had acted contrary to their wishes, The council pipe was then passed around and after smoking, another chief repeated the previous advice in nearly the same words. Col. Williams then arose and said "My red brothers, I am glad to meet you in council this day, my white brethren are also well pleased. The Great Spirit has made a good day and bright skies, so that our red brothers can hear us speak. Our chiefs has recently heard that Buffalo Hump has lost his wife, and has endeavored to return her to him, When Jim Shaw returns from Austin we shall learn whether our Chief was successful. The path is now clean between the white men and their red brethren. It is true that we have bad men among us, but whenever we find them, they are punished and we trust that the Comanche will follow our example and punish their bad men. Every time the leaves of the trees fall our great White Chief will have presents for his red friends, He has appointed a Gunsmith to repair all their weapons but at the present he has not the means to repair all their guns but if the warriors will leave them he will mend them in the course of ten days. Our chief will be glad to learn that Santa Anna and his party have come in to make peace. After council the presents that our chief sent to his Comanche friends will be distributed" Mopchucupe then arose and said that the news that the white chief had told him at the last treaty on the Brazos, was very good and when he returned to his people he told all the young warriors some of whom were now present, what the whites had said, and they were glad. They then went to war on the Mex-

ican frontier and on their return heard bad news of the whites, from two parties of his people. At first the warriors were very angry, but after having held council they determined to forget all the *bad* and remember only the *good* news that the white chiefs had told them; that the hearts of the young warriors and all the Indians now present were filled with gladness at the prospect of peace now before them. He added that there *must be peace* with the white men; that he was glad the white chief has appointed an agent at this post for the purpose of making peace and that he would do all in his power to assist him. He added that the great cause of difficulty between his people and the white was the Lipan tribe of Indians which he said must be altogether removed from the white settlements. he had said this to our Chief at the last treaty but it has not been done; that it was impossible for him to hinder his young men from going among the Lipan, and he insists upon their *immediate* removal from the white settlements to the Comanche range, He further said "that there was still some blood in the white path" but "it is now wiped out forever." Santa Anna then said, that he was satisfied with what Mopechucoppe had said; that he does not "talk" but that Buffalo Hump, Yellow Wolf, and the other great chiefs wished him to come down to see the white people and attend council, he added that he and his party would now abide by the treaty because he saw that the whites were friendly and he would keep peace as long as he and his party existed. He wished Col. Williams to procure him a passport from our great Chief so that he could show the Texian officers on our frontier, when he went to make war on the Mexicans, that he is friendly to the whites. that the cause of the war with Mexico was the Spaniards breaking a treaty that was made some years since. In conclusion he wished o have peace with the whites as long as the sun continued to give light, and that he hoped to see our great chief the next time they held council. In reply Col. Williams said "Tell our red brethren that the hearts of our great Chief will be glad when he hears the news of this treaty. I will council our chief to have the Lipan removed from the white settlements and will Endeavor to procure the required passport for Santa Anna. It makes my heart glad to hear that our red brothers intend to preserve peace and wish them to assist us in making treaties with the other Indians. Peace is much better for all of us than war."

The council was then broken up and the presents distributed

Amount of Presents distributed

21 Silk Hdkchfs
 3 Cotton do.
 4 " Shawls
 8 pieces Blue Prints
 41½ yds Blue and red Strouding
 7½ Pieces Blue drills
 75 lbs. Brass wire
 4 3/12 doz Tin-pans
 13. Tin buckets
 12 lbs Vermillion
 10 doz 6 inch Butcher Knives
 1½ doz Cocoa handles and 7 inch
 5 doz horn combs
 7 8/12 Ivory "
 2 4/12 doz files
 7½ M. Brass tacks
 2 lb Thread, linen
 1 1/12 doz Fire Steels
 1½ M. Needles
 1½ doz looking Glasses
 4½ lbs Indigo and Verdigris
 2½ doz Squaw Hatchets
 4 doz Tin cups
 1½ pr Red Blankets
 7½ " White do
 42 Small bars Lead
 19 Large " "
 2 pieces unblchd domestic 32.12.yds
 35 lbs Powder—

We hereby certify that the above is an accurate report of the council and of the amount of presents distributed.

his	L. H. WILLIAMS	Agent
JAMES X SHAW	F. E. ELDREDGE	
mark Interpreter	JOHN F. TORREY	

[Endorsed] T. G. Western Esqr.
 Genl. Sup. of Indian affairs
 Washington Texas

No. 377

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post
No. 2T. G. Western
Genl Sup I. A.

Nov 23d 1845

Sir

The morning after your departure the Comanche sent word by express that they had been detained by bad weather but were anxious to meet the commissioners, Immediately upon the receipt of which information I accompanied by Mr. Eldredge rode about five miles to receive them according to your request, and brought them in. There being a larger party of the Indians than you or the commissioners anticipated I thought that the amount of goods on hand belonging to the Govt would no more than satisfy him inasmuch as they had seen the presents you distributed to the other Indians. and their actions but too plainly showed that we must please them or they would take the necessary measures to satisfy themselves. The names and number of chiefs you will find in the enclosed report, also, the quantity of goods distributed. The day after the arrival of the Indians a short council was held. and but little said or done except to set apart the following day for trade, and the next for the "*Big talk.*" They traded but little. On the day set apart for the council, seats were prepared and the Indians came up from camp armed with Knives, guns and Bows. It was their wish that all the white men present should attend council but I deemed it imprudent, from the hostile appearance of the Comanche, to have them, and thought it best to have four or five stationed in the different houses, Jim Shaw informed them that it was a rather singular proceeding to bring their arms to council. they replied with the rather lame excuse, "that they were afraid they would be stolen if they left them in camp." Every man and woman that were not in council lay under the bluff apparently ready for any emergency and judging from appearances and some remarks which J. S. interpreted I accompanied by Messrs Eldredge, Torrey and Cogswell went into

council with but little show apparently of getting out of the scrape with safety. The full proceedings of the council you will find in the report with the exception of Mopechucopé asking the young warriors each and singly if they were for peace. Some of them replied that it was a matter of very little consequence whether they were or not as they should abide by the advice of the old men. The Comanche said that we might expect Paahuko [Pah-hah yuco] in soon *when* they could not inform us, and I assure you that if the Govt does not send some presents for him or a body of men for our protection there will be difficulty. The last time P. was in he said that the white chief lied, and had it not been for the counsel of some of the old men there would then have been a disturbance Jack Harry lost mule at the Aquilla from whence it returned here followed by Jack Mr Richardson refused to proceed farther than the A. until he had killed some meat The party having seen no indians since they left the trading house. Jack returned this morning with instructions to go to the village and bring the boy whether he saw the party that went out or not. Jack said when he left the rangers all was confusion and that they refused to loan him a mule either to go forward or return. Jim Shaw left this morning for Austin I forgot to mention that the Comanche left the morning after they received the "presents apparently well satisfied, Some of them will probably return in the course of ten days after the guns they left with "Cogswell" to be repaired.

The whites located here seem to think that should they be similarly situated again they would like, the Georgia Major be troubled with a slight lameness, and retreat before the enemy appear.

With assurances of the most distinguished consideration I remain

Your Obt. Servt.

L. H. WILLIAMS
pr F E Eldredge

[*Endorsed*] T. G. Western
Genl. Sup. I. A.

No. 378

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Chambers Creek
Nov. 24th 1845

To Thos G. Western Supd Indian etc

Sir—Please pay to the order of
Jacob Wyckoff thirty five dollars, and charge the same to my
recpt as Indian Commissioner, and obligeYour obdt Servt
G. W. TERRELL[*Endorsed*] Recd Austin Feby 24, 1846 from Thomas G. Western Supt.
Indian Affairs the amt of the within draft.

Thos I Smith

Thos I Smith
\$35.00
No. 52

No. 379

DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT

Chambers Creek
Nov 24th 1845

Sir

Please pay to Thos I. Smith Twenty four 75/100
Dollars and charge the same to my recpt as Indian Commission-
er and obligeYour obt Servt
G. W. TERRELLTo Thos G. Western
Supr Intendt Indian Affairs[*Endorsed*] Received, Austin Feby 24th 1846 of Thos G. Western Supt
Indian Affairs the amt of the within draft

Thos I Smith

Thos I Smith
\$24.75
No 50

No. 380

TRANSFER OF INDEBTEDNESS, JACK IVY TO I. C. SPENCE
[November 25, 1845]

Col. T. I. Smith

Will Collect the amt of money from the Government
due me for my services among the Indians and pay over to I.
C Spence and oblige Yours
Novb 25th 1845 his

Jack X Ivy
mark

Attest

Thos. I. Smith

Austin Feby 24th 1846

This is to certify that Jack Ivy was employed by
me during the months of Aug'st and Septr A. D. 1845 for the
purpose of inducing the Waco. Wichita Tawakoni and Keechi
to attend the council in Septr 1845—which service was per-
formed and he was allowed one dollar pr day for said services
by the com'rs Geo. W. Terrell and myself—amounting to the
sum of Sixty dollars.

THOS. I. SMITH
State Commissioner

witness

John F. Torrey

[Endorsed] Recd Austin, Feby 24.th 1846. from Thos G. Western Supt
Indian Affairs Sixty Dollars—being the amt of the within a/c
Thos. I. Smith

Jack Ivy's order \$ 60.

No. 381

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH FRANCIS DIETERICH
[November 27, 1845]

Republic of Texas.

Indian Bureau

1845

Nov. 27

To. Francis Dieterich

Dr

To. 1 Beef Bot. for. Lipan Indians

By order. Secty. War

\$10.00

Austin 12th Feby 1846.

Recd. of T. G. Western. Supdt.
 Indian Affairs Ten dollars in ful above a/c
 F. DIETERICH pr.
 Tho P. Cartwell

[Endorsed] F. Dieterich
 \$10.00

No. 382

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH J. F. CROSBY

November 1845 To J F Crosby Dr
 To services rendered as secretary
 pro: tem to the Council held with the Waco Tawakoni Wichita
 and Keechi—Indians at Tehuacana Creek, say 5 days—
 \$25.00

Washington Dec 10th 1845

Received an approved amount for Twenty five Dollars of which
 the above is a copy—

J. F. CROSBY

[Endorsed] J. F. Crosby \$25.00
 Dec. 17th 1845.—

No. 383

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JOHN MARLIN

Republic of Texas (Indian Bureau)		Dr
To John Marlin		
August 1844 to Hauling 1 ps Artillery From Nashville		
Milam County to Robertson County	\$ 15.00	
Nov 1845 55 lbs Pork	at	2.00
" " 3 Bushels Corn	at \$1	3.00
		<hr/>
		\$ 20.00

Red. and approved account for Twenty Dollars of which the
 above is a copy.

JOHN MARLIN

[Endorsed] Republic of Texas Indian Bureau Ape John Marlin 20 \$

No. 384

INVOICE OF GOODS RECEIVED AT TORREY'S TRADING POST No. 2
FROM JULY 1-DECEMBER 1

INVOICE OF GOODS WARES AND MERCHANDISE
RECEIVED AT

1845	yds of Red Stroud	yds of Blue Stroud	yds of Brd. Cloth	yds of Woolen Goods	yds of Cotton Goods	yds of Bed Tickg.	yds of Blue Drill
August 1st		221½					600
Sept. 5							291
October		841½	861½	177¾	1031½		334
Total		107	861½	177¾	1031½		1225

	yds of Calicoes	yds of Domestic	Doz of Hdks	Doz of Shawls	Doz of Shoes	Doz of Hats	Doz of Knives	Doz of Lookg. Glasses	Doz of Fire Steels	Doz of Files		
August 1st	1741½	1061½	2		2		54	6/12				
Sept. 5		100¾	12	8/12	1	5/12		2½		14		
October	14941½	35	7	21	11	6				3		
Total	1669	2421¼	21	8/12	21	14	5/12	6	54	3	3	14

	M of Brass Tacks	M of Percussion Caps	M of Needles	M of Flint	Doz of & lbs Thread	Doz of Spurs	Pounds of Soap	Pounds of Lead	Pounds of Sugar	
August 1st	1	4	M	1	16		73	25	416	
Sept. 5				10	2 lbs	8 doz	11½	24	458	
October	15	12	M	5	12 lbs	24 doz	½	100	200	1629
Total	16	16	5	11	14 lbs	48 doz	2	197	225	2503

TRADING HOUSE POST NO. 2 FROM TORREY & BRO

	Pounds of Coffee	Pounds of Rice	Bbls of Flour	Kegs of Powder	Amt of Medicine	Amt of Clothing	Amt of Saddlery	Doz of Hatchets and Axes	Amt of Tin Ware
August 1st		620	13		35.90		65.28		30.88
Sept. 5			2		1.50	49.75	31.68	1	56.55
October	992		8	8	55.63	106.00	119.90	5	
Total	992	620	23	8	93.03	155.75	216.86	6	87.43

	Pounds of Brass Kettles	Pounds of Brass Misc	Doz of Combs	Pounds of Tobacco	Amts of Stationary	Amts of Beads	Amts of Ornaments	Gross of Buttons	Pieces of Ribbons
August 1st		100		277	2.25		49.10	2	
Sept. 5		300	6	269	3.75	7.00	25.00		
October	273		9	431	6.55	249.37	17.38	12	59
Total	273	400	15	977	12.55	256.37	91.48	14	59

FROM JULY 1—DECEMBER 1, 1845, INCLUSIVE

	Pounds of Vermillion	Amt of Fire Arms	Hollow Ware	Prs of Blankets	Doz of Pocket Knives	Doz of Shears	Amt of Hauling	Total amount of Invoices
August 1st				5	6½	8/12	72.00	961.09
Sept. 5	21.00						35.00	718.20
October 25	33.75	21.38	129				197.62	3,515.87
								Boxes omitted
								18
								Total
Total	25	54.75	21.38	134	6½	8/12	304.62	Amt— \$5,213.16

[Endorsed] Invoice of Goods furnished Post No. 2
 By Torrey & Bro. from July 1
 to Decr. 1, 1845

No. 385

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post No 2
 December 7 1845

Maj Thos G. Western
 Supt of Indian Affrs
 Washington Texas

Dear Sir

Mr Paul Richardson arrived at this place last evening bringing with him the white Boy, and Three Head of Horses, which were given up to him by the Keechi and Waco.

Mr Richardson has performed this trip with credit to himself. Notwithstanding what I wrote you in my last at the request of Jim Shaw and Jack Harry. It appears on investigation of the matter, that after Mr R left here he was obliged to wait at the Aquilla two days for the company of Rangers to kill meat for the trip during which time Jack Harry lost his mule. And because Mr R. Would not loan him his riding horse to return to this place on to recover his mule, he became offended and made the report here, which was communicated to you.

So far as I can ascertain from enquiries among the Rangers who were out Mr Richardson has done his duty promptly and energetically—I have written to Hon Isaac Parker, informing him of the arrival of the boy, and requested him to come immediately to this place and take him in charge, According to your instructions but I wish you to instruct me what disposition to make of the boy provided he is not claimed by Mr. Parker. and turns out to be as is somewhat expected, of another family.

The Indian say they took him from Little River, and at the time they took him they killed an old man and woman. and it is supposed by some white men who were acquainted with the circumstance that he is a young McClennan. Pah-hah-yu co has not yet arrived but I am looking for him dailey. Some arrangement, in my opinion, ought to be made for his reception when he comes, and presents provided for him or we shall with-

out doubt have difficulty with him. We have heard no news from any of the Comanche since Mopechucope and Santa Anna left.—Mr Richardson leaves this place this morn for Austin and will give you particulars of his trip in person, and all items of Indian News afloat—

I remain etc.

L. H. WILLIAMS
Indian Agent

[Endorsed].. L. H. Williams Post No 2.

7th Decr. 1845.

To/

Maj Thos. G. Western
Supt of Indian Affrs.
Austin

pr

Mr P Richardson

No. 386

LETTER FROM WILLIAM G. COOKE TO ANSON JONES

Department of War and Marine
Austin 12th Decem. 1845.

To/

His Excy Anson Jones,
Dr. Sir,

A communication from the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, containing instructions from your Excy in regard to the protection of Post No. 2., reached me on yesterday.

I had previously (in accordance with an understanding had with you when in the city.) instructed the Officers commanding the Milam and Robertson County Ranging Corps, to disband at the expiration of three months from their last enrolment, which will be on the 15th instant.

Immediately on the receipt of your instructions through the Indian Bureau, I waited on Maj. Fauntleroy commanding U. States forces at this post, who very promptly furnished an officer and thirty men from the ranging Corps of Capt. Cody, to be stationed at Post No 2.—From Mr. Torrey's statement

(who is now here) I do not think that there will be any necessity for a larger force—

Pah-hah-yu-co is daily expected at the Trading House with a large number of warriors and it will be highly important to furnish him with presents in proportion to those made to the other tribes—Mr Torrey informs me that there are no Govt. stores on hand, Santa Anna and his party have received all that remained— In the absence of instructions from you, I have deemed it necessary to authorise the agent to purchase supplies for presents from the Trading Hs. in the event of Pah-hah-yu-co's coming in—which I hope will meet with your approbation—Your Excy will recollect that this chief on his last visit, left, very much dissatisfied because no presents had been provided for him—The Lipan have been removed from the San Antonio River to the San Gabriel above this place—The Tonkawa are on the Rio Blanco— I have had no opportunity of communicating with Genl. Taylor since you left. An express will start for Corpus Christi shortly when I will urge on him the necessity of sending one or more companies of dragoons for the protection of the Brazos and Trinity settlements— Maj Hays with Gillespie's ranging Corps and one compy of Dragoons started for the Rio Grande on Woll's trail some few weeks, since—they have not yet returned, nor am I aware of the nature of their orders—

I have the honor to be
Yr rsp. and obt Sevt.

WM. G. COOKE

No. 387

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
[December 13, 1845]

Indian Bureau	Bot of Torrey and Brother		
20 Pair Sup Blue Blankets	@	5.50	110.00
2 Ps Blue Broadcloth	49 "	2.25	110.25
3 " Bedtick	124 "	18¾	23.25
3 " Blue Drilling	126. "	18¾	23.75
4 " Indian Prints	112 "	18¾	21.00
2 " Blue do	65	18¾	12.19

5 "	Brown Sheetings	150 "	12½	18.75	
2 doz	Blk Silk Cravats	"	15.00	30.00	
2 "	Cotton Shawls	"	12.00	24.00	
25 "	Butcher Knives	"	2.25	56.25	
2 "	Handsaw Files	"	1.25	2.50	
3 "	Tin Cups	"	1.00	3.00	
15 lbs	Vermillion	"	3.25	48.75	
200 "	Lead	"	8½	17.00	
4 Kegs	Powder	"	8.00	32.00	
	Hauling 473 lbs Mc...dse			9.46	542.11
	Packing Box				1.00
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					\$543.11

Houston Decem 13th 1845

Examined and found correct Approved
 T. G. Western ANSON JONES
 Supdt Indian Affrs.

No. 388

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS

Houston Decem 13th 1845

Indian Bureau

Bot of Torrey and Brother

1 Record Book	5 quires at 1.25	6 25	
6 memorandum Books	" 12½	75	\$7 00

Examined and found correct
 T G WESTERN
 Supdt Indian Affs.

[Endorsed] *Torrey and Brother* \$550.11
 Admitted Jany 1st 1846
 for five hundred and fifty dollars and 11/100
 Pay for goods furnished Indians 1845.
 Charles Mason
 Auditor

Approvd
 Jan'y 2/46
 James B. Shaw
 Compt.
 Recd. Warrants
 Torrey and Brother

No. 389

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WESTERN TO L. H. WILLIAMS

Houston
13th Dec. 1845L H Williams Esqr
Ind. Agt. Post No. 2
Sir

By my last communication dated at Washington you are already informed that His Excy. the President had directed that a military force, of say 30 men. Should be stationed at your Post. for the protection of that place, and that some goods would be furnished you for presents to some of the Indians—I have now the pleasure to send you pr team of William Marlin 1 Box and one Bale containing the articles enumerated in the Invoice herein enclosed, which you will take charge of and distributed to Pah-hah-yuco and his party when they make you a visit which according to you is to be expected very shortly.

I have already explained to you that the object of the Govt in sending troops to your Post is purely for its protection and not to make the least hostile demonstrations against the Indians with whom as under former instructions you will always and in Cultivate as heretofore the best understanding and most friendly intercourse—I am very desirous to hear from you and hope that you have reported to the Bureau at the City of Austin where I shall remain permanently hereafter—

Yr. mo. obt Sert
T G WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affrs.

[Endorsed] Supdt
To Houston
13 Dec 1845
copy
L H Williams Agent
Pr. Wm. Marlin
Indian Affairs

No. 390

LETTER FROM JUAN FERNANDEZ TO ANSON JONES [TRANSLATION
FROM THE SPANISH]Black Lake
Dec. 13, 1845

To his Exy. the President of Texas

Respected Sir

I left your Capital on the first day of this month for Bexar, the Ioni and Caddo Indians overtook me on the same day, we proceeded in company to Independence where we all encamped on that night. During the night they invited me to join them in an attack they intended to make upon the Tawakoni, stating that they had orders from the government for that purpose, but this it seems was not their intention—for having arrived at a place up the Brazos, they joined with the Tawakoni meeting them as friends as well as all the other tribes, who in conjunction intend to take the Trading House and thence proceed down the Brazos stealing and killing all they find. Their brave plan is to carry on a vigorous hostilities with the Texians.

The object of the Indians who came down to Washington ostensibly to trade was not so much with that view but to inform themselves of the numbers and situation of the inhabitants, they have ascertained that—they are quite off their guard, and this has animated them to carry out this plan of warfare—God knows what they have thought of my coming with them, as soon as I ascertained these facts I tried to get off as soon as they halted and this I at least affected. The Indians were under the impression that I would join them, but the Simpletons were very much deceived. I was only awaiting a chance to come away and give the news.

I know from their own lips that they were about to complete the number of *Five Thousand* men to effect this undertaking. I lay this before your Excellency for such purposes as may be etc. etc. and without any thing further of intent, I have the honor to be etc. . .

[Signed] J FERNANDEZ

Should your Excellency reply to this please address me at Mr. Davis's where I await your command.

[*Endorsed*] Juan Fernandez
 To Black Lake
 13 Jany. 1845
The President
Translation

No. 391

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH TORREY AND BROTHERS
 [December 13, 1845]

Republic of Texas)			
Indian Bureau)	Bot of Torrey and Co		
1845			
Dec 13	1 Coil Iron Wire	63 @ 1/6	\$11.81
	1 Bar Steel	6 @ 3/	2.25
	1 Drawing Knife		1.25
	Silver Solder and Blow Pipe		3.50
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			\$18.80

Trading House Post No 2
 February 1st 1846

Examined and found correct for eighteen 80/100 Dollars
 T. G. Western
 Supt Indian Affairs

Approved ANSON JONES

[*Endorsed*] Recd Austin Feby 16th 1846 from T .G. Western Supdt Indian
 Affairs the within Amt of Eighteen 80/100 Dolls in full
 Torrey and Co
 \$ 18.80/100
 No. 48

No. 392

LETTER FROM TORREY AND BROTHERS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Houston December 17th 1845

Maj Thos G. Western

Dear Sir

We enclose the approved accounts against the Indian Bureau for Five Hundred and Forty three 11/100 Dollars and for Seven Dollars, which please have the goodness to present to the Hon. Anson Jones for approval and on arrival at Austin deliver the same to Capt Jos Daniels who will take the trouble to collect and remit the amount as we have instructed him by mail.

Your attention to the above with as little delay as possible will greatly oblige

Yours very truly

TORREY & BROTHER
pr W. A. Andross

[Endorsed] Maj Thos. G. Western
Present
Torrey & Bro
17th Decr. 1845

No. 393

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN

[December 18, 1845]

Maj Tho G Western

	To Capitol	Dr.
To board Self from		
9th to 18th Decr		\$10.00
do boy		4.00
2 Horses 9 days at		13.50
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		\$27.50
for 1, Night	add	
self and Horses		2.00
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		\$29.50

Recd pay

C M Allen

pr T M Bagby

Approved for twenty nine 50/100 Dolls

ANSON JONES

[*Endorsed*] Receipt
for Board
Old Capitol
\$29. 50/100

No. 394

LETTER FROM L. H. WILLIAMS TO THOMAS G. WESTERN

Trading House Post No 2

December 30th 1845

Maj Thos G. Western

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 13th is at hand,
and contents noted.—

I have written to Mr Isaac Parker about the white boy I have here in charge. but have received no reply from him as yet—Mr Neill McClennan arrived here last evening and recognizes the boy as being his nephew, and after conversing with the boy thru an interpreter he has learnt from him particulars which dispels every doubt—as to the identity of the boy—I have delivered the boy to Mr McClennan, on his becoming responsible to the government for the boy—and he is willing to pay any legal demands the Govt is disposed to make—

There is no Indian news—Nothing definite has been heard of Pah-hah-yuco—the tribe of Lipan are all in this neighborhood hunting.

The goods have not yet arrived but will be here this evening.

Yours Respectfully

L. H. WILLIAMS

Indian Agent

[*Endorsed*] To Maj Thos G. Western Recd. at Indian Bureau—Austin
Supt of Indian Affrs. 9th, Jany 1846
Austin Texas— L. H. Williams

No. 395

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH WILSON MARLIN
[December 30, 1845]

\$15— Maj Thos. G. Western

Dear Sir

Please pay to Mr Wilson Marlin the sum of Fifteen Dollars—
the same being for services rendered by him for Indian Bureau
—in endeavoring to bring the horses belonging to Red Bear
from Milam County to this place—

Trading House Post, No 2

L. H. WILLIAMS

Dec 30, 1845

Indian Agent Post 2

[Endorsed] Examined & found correct for Fifteen Dollars

T. G. Western

Supt Indian Affairs

Approved

Anson Jones

I assign the within order to

D. Barkley

L. H. Williams

pay bearer

W. Marlin

No. 396

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN
[January-December, 1845]

Republic of Texas

Indian Bureau

To Thos. G. Western

Supdt. Indian Affairs

Dr.

For amt paid as per Vouchers

No. 1	To Wm P Rutledge	7.50
2	" Jack Harry	15.00
3	" L. H. Clark	4.00
4	" J. C. Cunningham	20.00
5	" C. H. Patrick	5.00
6	" Joshua Holden	3.00

7	"	E. B. Cogswell	15.00
8	"	Antonio	9.00
9	"	Owens paid to B M Carr \$8.00	5.00
10	"	T. B. Ferrell	7.50
11	"	Paul Richardson	5.00
12	"	C. M. Allen	29.50
13	"	Mileage as pr. statement	65.00
14	"	Paul Richardson	125.00
15	"	Torrey & Brothers	125.00
16	"	S. R. Roberts	17.00
17	"	Expenses from Washington Treaty	11.00
No. 18	To	Amt. paid for a horse	115.00
19	"	L. H. Williams	166.66
20	"	L. H. Williams	20.00
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			\$770.16
21	"	Paul Richardson	45.78
22	"	Wm. Wilks	2.75
23	"	Paul Richardson	14.62
24	"	S. R. Roberts	4.50
25	"	A. Bailland	13.50
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		Amt Brot forward	\$851.31
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26	"	James B. Shaw	20.00
27	"	Saml. Stone	5.00
28	"	John Campbell	90.00
29	"	Reuben Hornsby	21.00
30	"	R. S. Neighbors	141.94
31	"	" " " "	30.37½
31	"	" " " "	4.69
33	"	Jim Shaw	33.63
34	"	F. Dieterich	30.13
35	"	Civilian	2.75
36	"	F. Dieterich	4.62
37	"	J. Campbell	18.25
38	"	W. G. Ford	9.25
39	"	W. G. Cooke	9.00
40	"	S. L. Johnson	4.80
41	"	B. Sloat	8.00

42	"	H. Smith		9.00
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				\$1293.74
No. 43	to	L. Tarbox		15.00
44	"	L. Moore	duplicate rejected	4.00
45	"	A. Bailland	duplicate rejected	5.38
46	"	T. B. Ferrell		3.00
47	"	L. Moore		2.50
48	"	" "		4.13
49	"	S. Stone		3.25
50	"	W. Wilks		1.00
51	"	J. Holden		8.25
52	"	A. Bailland		2.50
53	"	Star Republic	rejected	1.67
54	"	B. Sloat		30.00
55	"	Jack Harry		45.00
56	"	" "		50.00
57	"	Thos I. Smith		27.12
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Amt. carried forwd.				\$1,496.54
Amt brot forwd				\$1,496.54
58	"	J. M. Harrell		3.50
59	"	Claiborne		8.00
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				\$1,508.04
60	"	J. T. Blake		10.00

[Endorsed] A/C
 vs.
 Indian Bureau
 Original Abstract to be referred to
 in Next Session.

Indian Bureau to
 W. P. Rutledge Dr.
 1845
 Jan 17
 Sept. For Horse Shoeing different times \$7.50
 Oct 27 Recd. Payment of T. G. Western
 Superintendent Indian Affairs.
 W. P. RUTLEDGE

[*Endorsed*] Receipt W. P. Rutledge
 \$7.50
 Oct 27, 1845
 No. 1

Indian Bureau

	L. H. Clarke	Dr.
To ferriage of men and horses on sundry occasions		\$4.00
Milligans Ferry, Brazos, Oct. 30, 1845. Received of T. G. Western, Suptdt. of Indian Affairs: four Dollars, \$4.00, amt. of item above acct.		

L. H. CLARKE

[*Endorsed*] L. H. Clarke
 Ferriage \$4.00
 No. 3

Recd. of Thomas G. Western Supdt. Indian Affairs
 Five Dollars on acct of my services as express from
 Col. T. I. Smith to the Indian Bureau and for my
 expenses on the same. Washington, 22 Oct., 1845.

C. H. PATRICK

\$5.00

[*Endorsed*] Receipt
 C. H. Patrick
 \$5.00
 22 Oct., 1845
 No. 5

Received of Thos. G. Western, Superintendent of Indian
 Affairs, Fifteen Dollars on a/c of my salary.

Washington, Sept. 5th, 1845

\$15.00

E. B. COGSWELL

[*Endorsed*] E. B. Cogswell
 Receipt
 Sept. 5th, 1845
 \$15.00
 No. 7

Received Washington Sept. 9th, 1845 of T. G. Western Nine
 Dollars in full for a saddle, bridle and rope for Indian purposes.

Witness: his
L Moore ANTONIO X TREVINO
mark

I certify that the above amt. of Nine Dollars was paid by me for saddle, bridle etc. and that these articles were applied to Indian purposes.

Washington, Sept. 10th, 1845.

T. G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affairs

[Endorsed] Antonio
Receipt
for Saddle, etc.
\$9.00
No. 8

Maj. T. G. Western		
1845	To S. R. Roberts	Dr.
To	6 days boarding	6.00
Dec. 1,	Keeping 2 horses same time	7.00
Dec. 23	To 2 days boarding	2.00
	Keeping 2 horses same time	3.00
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		20.00
	Credit	3.00
		<hr/>
		\$17.00

Recd payment Dec. 23, 1845
S. R. ROBERTS

[Endorsed] Rect.
S. R. Roberts
17.00
no. 16

Austin, Jan. 9, 1845

Indian Department		
1845	To F. Dieterich	Dr.
Nov. 22	To 2 Butcher Knives	1.50
" "	" 9 do @ 5/— for Mr. Hoyle	5.63
		<hr/>
		\$7.13

Examined and found correct for Seven Dollars and Thirteen Cents.

T. G. Western
Supdt. Ind. Affs.

Approved
Anson Jones

Recvd. Paymants of Thos G. Western Supdt
of Indian Affaires.

Austin, Febr. 11th, 1846
F. DIETERICH

[Endorsed] Indian Dept.
a/c
F. Dietrich
\$30.13
No. 26

Republic of Texas
Indian Bureau To Harvey Smith Dr
To services of horse for express
rider to Torrey's Trading House
from Jan'y 18 to 23 inclusive \$9.00
Received from David Torrey nine dollars in full for the above
account
\$9.00
Washington Jany 24th, 1845.

Received Payment
H. SMITH

[Endorsed] Received from Indian Bureau the within amount of nine
dollars. Washington, Jan. 29, 1845.
Torrey & Bros.
H. Smith
\$9.00
No. 33

Major Thos. G. Western will please pay to Mr. Tarbox Fifteen
Dollars . . . it being the amount I advanced to Jim Shaw and
Mr. Sloat and oblige your obdt. servant

HENRY F. FISHER

Washington, January 25/45

[Endorsed] L. Tarbox
\$15.00
No. 34
Received payment of the within,
Washington, 50 Jan., 1845.
L. Tarbox

Indian Dept.

	To Thos. B. Ferrell	Dr.
1844		
Jan'y 12	To one saddle for Indian boy	\$3.00

Washington, Jan'y 12, 1844

Recd. payment of Maj. Western.

T. B. FERRELL

[*Endorsed*] Ferrell
Saddle
\$3.00 paid
Jny. 12, 1844
No. 65

No. 397

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH S. R. ROBERTS
[December, 1845]

Indian Bureau

	To. S. R. Roberts	Dr.
1845		
Decr.	To Keeping 2 Horses	
	2 ds. @ \$1.50—	\$.12.00
	To boarding Indians	5.00
		<hr/>
	1 month	\$17.00

I certify that the above account is just and true and that the horses and Servt. were in public Service—

THOMAS G. WESTERN
Supdt. Indian Affrs.

Approved

Anson Jones

[*Endorsed*] S. R Roberts
Horse Keepg. etc—
\$17.00
Recd. of T G Western Supdt. Indian Affairs Seventeen Dol-
lars Amt of the within of \$17.00
S R Roberts

No. 398

STATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR INDIAN PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 1845

Date	To whom issued	For what object	amt drawn	amt appr
1845				
Feby	1	By appropriation apprend this date for the above object		10,000 00
Feby	1	To John Conner pr. atty. service rendered the Ind. Bureau	79 62	
Feby	1	Jim Shaw " " " " "	85 00	
"	3	Cambridge Green " as Indian agent	125 00	
"	"	Thomas G Western " supt	141 67	
"	"	James Ross Goods for Indians	31 65	
"	"	L Tarbox Horse etc	85 00	
"	"	Torrey & Brother Saddle " "	60 00	
"	4	Ben Roberts Beef	22 49	
"	"	W. Wynn Carrying Express	18 00	
"	"	W. E Millen " "	20 50	
"	"	S T Slater Compensation as Indian Agt	171 67	
"	"	N Norwood Board for Indians	2 00	
"	"	F Dieterich supplies for "	57 63	
"	5	John Campbell Furniture " "	45 00	
"	8	James G Heard Wood " "	9 62	
"	13	Thomas G Western, sup etc Requisition	70 00	
"	17	Lamar Moore Tobacco	16 12	
March	4	S R Roberts Board for Express Rider	7 50	
"	17	John Campbell Pay for 3 mules	110 00	

Apl	2	William J Jackson	Chairs for Indian Bureau	7 50	
	3	B. M Karr	Carrying Express	8 00	
	9	Torrey & Brother	Cloth for Indians	4 50	
	"	Thomas G Western	Compensation as Supt	250 00	
	14	Jos. Ellis	" " Agt	100 00	
"	23	Benj. Sloat pr. atty	" " "	64 58	
"	"	" " " "	" " "	64 58	
"	28	Thos. G. Western, sup.	Requisition	100 00	
"	"	Torrey & Brother	Merchandize for Indian	174 88	
May	2	W P Rutledge	Repairing gun for "	3 00	
"	"	Lamar Moore	Tobacco for Indians	109 95	
	12	Thomas G Western	Compensation as supt	62 50	
"	12	Sam Houston pr. atty	Rifle gun for Indian	50 00	
"	15	Thomas G Western	Requisition to pay Ind Interpts	125 00	
"	"	F Dieterich	goods for Indian	59 64	
"	"	Lamar Moore	Horse	50 00	
"	19	R S Neighbors	Pay for goods	22 75	
"	"	"	Compensation as Agent	122 12	
"	21	A Coleman	Provisions furnished Comanche	35 00	
"	22	S Moore	Merchandize	7 00	
"	28	N T Byars	services as Black Smith	125 00	
June	3	L H Williams	salary as Agent	150 00	
"	3	Torrey & Brothers	Indian presents	119 70	2,974 17
				Unexpended bal.	\$7,025 83

Statement of the appropriation for the Redemption of William and Jane Simpson.

1844				
Decr	31	By Appr approved this date for this object		300 00
1845				
Jany	30	To Torrey & Brother	sundries for Boy	41 88
Feby	1	F Dieterich	" " "	97 82
	3	James Ross	" " "	29 15
	4	N Norwood	Board	11 25
	14	" "	"	12 00
				192 10
				<hr/>
				Unexpended Balance of \$ 107 90

Statement of the Outstanding Liabilities for Indian purposes for Year 1844. (as paid by I Dept in 1845)

Feby	1	By appropriation approved this date			4,042 00
"	1	Torrey & Bros.	Advcs. of money and Merchandze	2,025 68	
"	"	Benj Sloat pr atty	Indian Agt.	200 00	
"	4	" " "	"	158 50	
"	5	Jarret Menefee	Pay for Com	171 00	
"	7	Luis Sánchez	Interpreter	317 50	
"	9	Wm G Ford	Merchandize	6 00	
"	13	John Marlin pr atty	Supplies	20 00	
"	4	" "	"	200 00	

March 7 " "
" " Thomas G Western

Services in Ind Dept
Requisition

14 00
30 63 3.143 31

Balance \$ 898 69

Comptrollers Office
June 5th 1845.

James B Shaw
Compt.

No. 399

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH THOMAS G. WESTERN [1845]

Indian Bureau
 Republic of Texas

To T G Western

Dr.

to Value of

Animals strayed amongst or stolen by
 the Indians while in the public service
 and service of the Bureau in 1845. Viz

2 Horses at \$40.00 each	\$80.00
3 Mules at \$30.00 each	90.00

 \$170.00

No. 400

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH JAMES SHAW [1845]

Majr T. G. Western.

Please pay Jas. B. Shaw Twenty Dollars. and
 charge to my a/c for Salary as Indian interpreter.

Yours

Test
 J H Blake

his
 JAS. X SHAW
 mark

[Endorsed] J. Shaw
 order
 \$20.00
 Received payment
 James B. Shaw

No. 401

ACCOUNT OF INDIAN BUREAU WITH REUBEN HORNSBY [1845]

Republic of Texas }
 Indian Bureau }

To Reuben Hornsby	Dr
For. Keeping 3 Horses.	\$21.00
pr. 1 Mo at 7\$	

Recd. of T G. Western Twenty One Dollars in full of
the above acct

REUBEN HORNSBY

Approved

Anson Jones

[*Endorsed*] Reuben Hornsby
Receipt
\$21.00

ADDENDUM

LICENSE FOR TORREY AND BROTHERS [December 10, 1844]

Anson Jones, President of the Republic of Texas,

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye That in conformity with the Law in such case made and provided, full and exclusive authority, power and Licence are hereby given to Messrs. Torrey and Brother, to establish a Trading House at some point on the River Brazos, above the line as designated by Law as the boundary between the Indians and Whites, and there open and carry on Trade and Commerce in Goods, not prohibited by Law, with all Indians who may resort thereto for the purpose of Traffic. They the said Torrey and Brother having given bond and security for the faithful and legal conduct of said Trade under the laws of the land and the instructions of the Executive.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set
my Seal and affix the great seal of the
Republic—

done at [Austin City Dec. 10, 1844
signed ANSON JONES]

[By the President
T. G. Western
Suptd Indian Affairs]

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