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In submitting estimates and requests for authority to purchase articles needed for the service at the various agencies, it is a rare case if an agent states in his application whether he has funds in hand applicable for the payment thereof. In some instances, the office can determine that fact without much difficulty, but in the majority of cases it is impossible to tell whether an agent has at his command funds applicable for the purpose in view.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that, in all future applications for authority to buy articles needed at agencies, the officer making such request shall state explicitly whether or not he has funds in his possession available and not required for other authorized expenditures; and, if so, the appropriation to which said funds pertain, in order that the office may be the judge whether the same can be used for the purpose designed.

R. E. Trowbridge,
Commissioner.

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Application for

authority to purchase

in open market

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for the purchase and

from what appreciate