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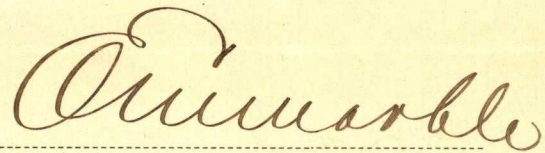
## Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., September 22, 1880.

*The following instructions, issued by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, are published for the information and guidance of agents and officers of this Bureau:*

*"You will instruct the agents of your Bureau, that whenever they make purchases not previously authorized by this Department, they will do so at their own risk: or in other words, with the understanding that in case such purchases do not meet with the approval of this Department, the agent making them will be compelled to pay for them out of his own private funds."*



*Acting Commissioner.*

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if made without previous  
authority are at risk of Agt

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