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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 21, 1903.*

*To U. S. Indian Agents and School Superintendents
having charge of allotted Indian lands.*

Under date of October 13, 1903, the Department advised this office as follows, concerning the matter of mining leases on allotted Indian lands:

"No applications for mining leases will be considered by the Department, unless specific permission has first been granted by the Department for negotiating for the same with the individual Indians whose lands are sought to be leased."

In view of the above quoted amendment or modification to the "Amended rules and regulations to be observed in the execution of leases of Indian allotments" (approved by the Department March 31, 1902), you will promptly notify all applicants for mining leases of its purport, and take such other action as may be necessary to comply fully with the new requirement.

Please acknowledge receipt of this circular.

Very respectfully,

W. A. JONES,
Commissioner.