

Refer in reply to the following:

Land
56850-1902.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, Sep. 25, 1902.

To United States Indian Agents,

Superintendents of Schools, or other officers in charge.

Sirs:

September 20, 1902, the Department, in the matter of the application of the Deming Investment Company, which asked that Indian Agents be instructed to accept in payment for inherited lands checks drawn upon that institution, held that.-

"Any institution which is authorized to and does receive deposits of money subject to be withdrawn by check, and in fact conducts a banking business, should be recognized as a bank under said rules (amended rules of August 12, 1902.) Certified checks upon such an institution, having a reputation of solvency, should be received."

You will be governed by the above decision.

Very respectfully,

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W. A. Jones
Commissioner.

Refines bank in
relation to sale
of Indian lands.