

Refer in reply to the following:

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13385-1903.

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

March 3, 1903.

To all Indian Agents
and other Officers in charge of Agencies:

Referring to Section III of the amended rules approved by the Department on October 4, 1903, for conveyance of inherited Indian lands under section 7 of the Act of May 27, 1902, (32 Stat., 245, 275), which provides:

III. Such deed or instrument of conveyance, when submitted for the Secretary's approval, must be accompanied by the original petition, the appraisement, all bids and checks relating to the lands covered by such deed, and a full report by the agent or other officer in charge of all proceedings previous to the execution of the deed.

You are advised that the Department, on February 26, 1903, directed this Office to advise all Agents and Superintendents in charge of Agencies that only the certified check of the successful bidder need accompany the deed and other papers required to be submitted by the terms of the above rule, and that the checks of unsuccessful bidders should be returned direct to them, upon their executing a proper receipt for the same, as soon as may be practicable, after each letting. The receipts for such checks should be attached to the bids to which they pertain when the bids are transmitted to this Office with the deed and other papers.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Donner
Acting Commissioner.

E.B.F.(F)

March 3, 1903.

Land, 13385.

Amends rules for conveyance
of title to inherited lands.

Received March 9, 1903.