Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., August, 1, 1882.

The attention of ALL PERSONS is called to the fact that cattle are issued to Indians by the Government for their Subsistence and exclusive use only.

No person (other than an Indian) can obtain LEGAL ownership of such cattle.

Agents may, in special cases, give permission to individual Indians to retain a specified number of cattle, issued to them for their exclusive use, as work cattle" or "for breeding purposes," but in ALL CASES such cattle must be branded by the Agent, before delivery, by a brand to be known as the "RETAINED AGENCY BRAND," and the name of the Indian to whom the issue is made and the number of cattle so branded to be recorded.

All cattle found outside the Agency herd with the Agency brand upon them, but without the RETAINED brand, will be taken possession of by the Agent as Government property.

Commissioner.

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