

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 16, 1903.*

To Indian Agents and other Officers in charge of Agencies:

You are informed that the Amended Rules approved October 4, 1902, for conveyance of inherited Indian lands, have been further amended, as follows:

Bids will be received for inherited Indian lands up to 12 o'clock noon of the day upon which bids are advertised to be opened, at which hour they will be opened. Paragraph 5 of section 1 of the Amended Rules is amended in accordance herewith.

You are directed to cause to be inserted in the advertisements published by you concerning the sale of inherited Indian lands notice to the effect that the sealed envelopes containing bids should not have noted thereon descriptions of the lands to which the bids relate, but that there shall be noted on such envelopes the dates upon which the same are to be opened. You will further notify all prospective bidders of the change in the Amended Rules as indicated in this paragraph, furnishing them with a copy of this circular letter. Paragraph 6 of section 1 of the Amended Rules is amended in accordance herewith.

Paragraph 8 of section 1 is amended to read as follows:

Purchasers shall pay all costs of conveyancing, and, in addition thereto, the following sum, to wit: If the purchase price is \$1,000 or less, one dollar; if it is more than \$1,000 and less than \$2,000, one dollar and fifty cents; and where the purchase price is more than \$2,000, two dollars; to be used by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for giving due public notice, as hereinafter provided, that the lands will be sold.

Paragraph 11 of section 1 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

A list of the lands offered for sale will be published in the weekly edition of the newspaper of widest circulation in the county in which such lands are situated, such list to be corrected on Monday of each week, adding thereto such other lands as may have been listed and removing therefrom such lands as may have been sold during the prior week.

W. A. JONES,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Approved September 18, 1903.

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.