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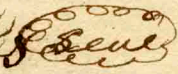
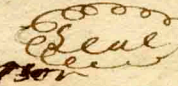
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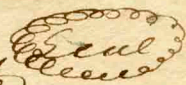
Know all men by these presents, That we, *John Miles & Elisha Dickerson & William Trimble* are held and firmly bound unto JAMES MILLER, Governor of the Territory of Arkansaw, and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, in and for said Territory, in the sum of one thousand dollars, good and lawful money of the United States, the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents. Signed, sealed and dated this *Eighteen* day of *December* one thousand eight hundred and twenty *three*.

The Conditions of the above Obligation are such, That, whereas the said governor of Arkansaw and superintendent of Indian affairs, has this day granted to the said *Miles & Dickerson* a licence to trade with the Indian nations residing within said Territory, for *Six months* Now, if the said *Miles & Dickerson* shall faithfully comply with and perform all the duties which arise from the laws and regulations which now are or hereafter shall be made for the government of trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes,—if he is not a citizen or subject of a foreign power,—if he shall not carry among the Indians any uniform clothing, other than that of the United States, nor medals, flags, armbands or other ornaments of dress bearing the devices, figures or emblems of any foreign power,—if he has given to the said superintendent of Indian affairs a correct invoice of the merchandize which he takes with him for Indian trade,—if he shall not sell to or exchange *spiritous liquors* with the Indians,—if he shall not speak to the Indians disrespectful words of the government, laws, or constituted authorities of the United States, or of its Territories, or either of them,—if he shall not procure the Indians by bribe or otherwise to commit insults or depredations on the person or property of any licenced trader or other citizen of the United States, and if he shall in all respects act conformably with the licence granted *them* this day, then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

*V. M. Weston*

*John Miller*   
*Elisha Dickerson* 

*William Trimble* 



Know all men by these presents that we, James  
M. Smith, Governor of the Territory of Arkansas, and Robert  
John and Henry bound unto James M. Smith, Governor of the Territory of Arkansas, and Robert  
Student of Indian Affairs, in and for said Territory, in the sum of one thousand dollars, and  
lawful money of the United States, the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind our  
selves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents. Signed, sealed,  
and dated the *15th* day of *December*, one thousand eight hundred and  
twenty *three*.

The Conditions of the above Obligation are such that, whereas the said Robert  
of Arkansas and superintendent of Indian Affairs, has this day granted to the said  
a license to trade with the Indian nations residing within the  
Territory for *the* term of *two* years, from the *1st* day of *November*, 18*23*, it is the said  
shall faithfully comply with and perform all the conditions and terms of the license  
which now are or hereafter shall be made for the Government of the Territory of Arkansas  
Indian tribes—it has not a citizen or subject of the United States, or any other  
any national clothing, other than that of the United States, or any other  
instruments of dress bearing the device of the United States, or any other  
to the said superintendent of Indian Affairs a correct invoice of the merchandise which he takes  
with him for Indian trade—it shall not sell or exchange spirits liquors with the Indians—  
it shall not speak to the Indians disrespectful words of the Government, laws, or constitution of  
the United States, or any other of them—it shall not procure the Indians by bribe or otherwise to commit any crime, or to do any act against the property of any  
licensed trader or other citizen of the United States, and it shall in all respects act conformably  
with the license granted, and this day, then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full  
force and virtue.

*Niles & Dickerson*  
*For Bond*  
*Indian Service*  
*Govt Arkansas*

*Fida Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*1823*

*James M. Smith*  
*Robert John*  
*Henry*  
*James M. Smith*