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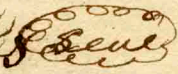
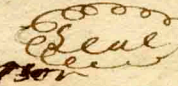
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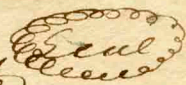
Know all men by these presents, That we, *John Miles & Elisha Dickerson & William Trimble* are held and firmly bound unto JAMES MILLER, Governor of the Territory of Arkansaw, and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, in and for said Territory, in the sum of one thousand dollars, good and lawful money of 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. McKim, Secretary of the Territory of Arkansas,  
do hereby certify that the following is a true and  
correct copy of the original as the same appears  
in the files of the Secretary of the Territory of  
Arkansas, 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 find our-  
selves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents. Signed, etc.  
and dated this *twentieth* day of *December* one thousand eight hundred and *thirty*

The Conditions of the above obligation are such, that when the said Secretary  
of Arkansas and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, has the day granted to the said  
a license to trade with the Indian nations residing within the  
Territory for *the* *year* *if* the said

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

*Paid Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*1833.*

*James McKim*  
*Secretary of the Territory of Arkansas*  
*John W. ...*  
*...*