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24th Nov.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, in which you ask for the return of the Hakecutters of \$5,000 be-
 longing to the Smith State without waiting for your Bond; and in reply I beg to inform you that, if this security were released before you give a satisfactory Bond for the working of the White Birch River Timber Limit, the Department would be without

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