

if this is done, they will come  
for the Indians paying their  
past debts without any trouble,  
and that the system of their  
Agent paying the Merchants  
has been a loss to a great many  
Indians and that they cannot  
tolerate it any longer. They  
say that they are cheated by  
the Merchants and are charged  
higher than the ordinary rates;  
and the same Chief informed  
me verbally when here recently  
that Merchants repeatedly present  
orders which had been actually  
paid by the Indians, but  
which the latter in their  
ignorance of business, had neglected  
requirments to have returned to  
them, and thus obtain double  
payments of the same order.

It would be desirable  
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