

GOVERNMENT

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Washington, D. C.
April 1, 1901
Dear Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the application for a patent for an improvement in the method of treating hides, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for consideration.
Very respectfully,
J. M. Smith
Secretary of the Interior