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N. H. Pratt

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Requests author-
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\$ 275. for repair
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Joseph July 15/82

Ans'd July 19/82

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., July 13 1882.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The valleys to the different roofs on the buildings at the Barracks here are made sharp in the form of a letter V and it has been one of the burdensome jobs of repairing here to keep them in any kind of shape, - in fact I have been unable to do it and the walls on a number of the buildings have suffered very greatly in consequence. The valleys being immediately over the walls when they leak the walls become saturated and in some cases have become soaked with water clear to the ground.

Of course in winter when there is a freezing and thawing process going on the walls crumble and so the buildings are becoming very seriously damaged. Upon the girls' building to which I added a story last year I placed a different kind of gutter in such shape that there is room for expansion and contraction without buckling.

It seems very important that we should correct

the difficulty on the other buildings. The entire length of gutters to be corrected is nearly half a mile. I would do it by filling up the present gutter, cutting off the tin just above ^{and} placing new tin to run down over the edge of the roof, making at the same time a gutter to lay right on top of the roof having a small strip of three inches nailed on to the roof sloping so as to get a sufficient fall.

It will take three boxes of 20x28 IC roofing tin which will cost \$11.50 per box ^{and} about 2000 feet of new lumber as the lumber in the present valleys can be used to some extent. This will cost \$50.-

I think on account of the extent of the job it will be best to have an additional mechanic whose name I could put on our irregular roll for a few weeks.

Acting under the advice of the Secretary given when he was here, I have sent out a number of our carpenters ^{and} ^{apprentices} ^{and} ^{helpers} to give them a farm experience ^{and} an opportunity to earn money ^{and} a number have gone home so that we are not very stronghanded.

I would request your authority to expend \$275.- for these repairs.

Very respectfully
R.H. Peatt

1st Lieut. 10th Cav.
Supt.