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Advising that Mr. O. J. Harris,
blacksmith & wagon maker,
is compelled to resign & asking
that A. N. Murtoff be granted
a non-competitive examination
for the position.

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To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

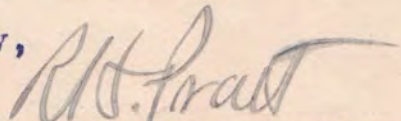
Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Mr. O. T. Harris, instructor in blacksmithing and wagon-making at this school for the past twenty-two years, having lost one eye and being nearly blind in the other, is compelled to resign his position. "We need a thoroughly efficient instructor in blacksmithing and wagon-making in his place. The man should be capable in all kinds of blacksmith work, ironing wagons, repairing agricultural implements, shoeing horses, etc., and should also be able to supervise and even make the woodwork of carriages and wagons. In addition to this he should be a teacher, his special business being to teach the boys blacksmithing in all its branches. A mere journeyman will not do. To be a proper instructor he should be free from objectionable personal habits. We need a man at once." After considerable search I have found one in Mr. A. H. Murtoff, who has been carrying on a business in the near-by town of Boiling Springs for quite a number of years. He is most thoroughly equipped in his line and is in addition gentlemanly and suitable as an instructor and an example to Indian youth.

I respectfully request that Mr. Murtoff be allowed to take a noncompetitive examination for the position of instructor in blacksmithing and wagon-making at this school.

Very respectfully,


Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.