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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

J. C. M.

Carlisle, Pa., Oct., 6, 1904.

To the Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Authority is respectfully requested for permission to expend the sum of \$125.00 in the purchase of nursery stock in the open market.

It is proposed to purchase and set out on the school farm, adjacent to the school, this fall, an orchard consisting of apple, cherry, plum, peach and pear trees and also some currants and grapes, as an adjunct to agricultural training here.

In connection with this request I have to state that several years ago an orchard was started upon one of the school farms which was subsequently disposed of, and that at the present time there is little or no fruit on either of the school farms to contribute to the support of the pupils' mess. The importance and desirability of having an abundance of fruit for the Indian children need of course not be urged; and if the necessary fruit trees are planted on the farm and given proper care, no reason is seen why all the fruit necessary for the school should not be raised on the school farms.

As it is desired to make arrangements for setting out this nursery stock as soon as practicable, early action is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

W. H. Miller

Capt 7th Cav'y . Supt.