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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.
Dec. 16, 1904.

Capt. W. A. Mercer, Supt.

Makes suggestions relative to
filling position of assistant
farmer.

To Supt. 12/28/04
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Carlisle, Pa., December 16, 1904. *J.P.H.*

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

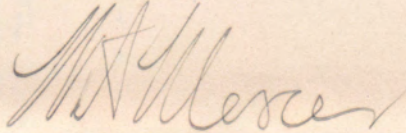
Sir:

Replying to your office letter "E 83961--1904", dated the 5th instant, relative to the appointment of an assistant farmer at this school at \$600 per annum to succeed Oliver Harlan, whose resignation is accepted to take effect the 31st instant, I have to state that after making some inquiry I am unable to learn of any suitable man to fill the position by transfer of some one now in the service. While the salary paid for this position is not large the place is a very important one, involving as it does considerable responsibility. The farm and buildings of which the assistant farmer has immediate charge are very valuable, and it is therefore desirable that the place should be filled not only by a man who understands farm work thoroughly and is able to give our boys proper instruction, but one who has some executive ability and knows how to care for a large farm and stock. The housekeeper of the assistant farmer will be required to cook for the three or four Indian boys who are detailed at this farm. The appointee should therefore be a married man, preferably without children.

I trust that the office will do the best it can to secure a man equipped in every way for the position. As Mr. Harlan leaves

on the 31st instant his successor should be ready to assume the duties on January 1st.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Mercer".

Captain 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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