

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

047  
Sept. 4, 1907.

Subject:  
Pay for lost articles  
Jamestown Exposition.



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

Sir:

Replying to your letter (M, 72938-1907) dated the 30th ultimo,  
I have to advise that all the articles sent from this school for  
exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition were Government property.

Very respectfully,

*J. R. Wise*  
Acting Superintendent.

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72938-74187-1907.  
File 047.

September 6, 1907.

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Subject:  
Reimbursement  
for Lost articles sent  
from Carlisle to Jamestown.  
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The Honorable  
Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

In answer to Department inquiry of August 30, I respectfully report that all the lost articles which were sent from the Carlisle Indian School to the Jamestown Exposition were Government property. I am gratified to know that the reimbursement is about to be made. The school could ill afford the loss.

The papers in the case are returned herewith.

Yours respectfully,

Commissioner.

Incl.

WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Subject:

September 13, 1907. 30

Lost articles  
sent from Carlisle to  
Jamestown.

The Honorable  
Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

In further response to Department letter of August 30 in regard to pay for the lost articles sent from the Carlisle school to the Jamestown Exposition, I respectfully ask attention to that part of the letter which says:

In order that it may be determined as to whose credit this sum of money is to be placed, I desire to be informed as to whether or not this property shipped is Government property. As you are probably aware, under a decision of the Comptroller, rendered January 26, 1907, Vol. 13, Pt. 3, p. 482, it is decided that moneys recovered from common carriers for the loss of Government property should be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the miscellaneous receipts when the object of the appropriation out of which the lost articles were purchased is not thereby defeated.

In Office answer of September 6 it was reported that the articles in question were Government property that is were not personal property. But technically these articles are the "products of Indian labor" in the Carlisle school and as such they do not seem to come under the decision of the Comptroller above referred to.

Our Indian schools are constantly selling their manufactures to the Government and to outside parties, and the proceeds are taken up as "Miscellaneous Receipts, Class 1V." See Regulations

Indian Department 1904, page 51, defining this class. The Comptroller rendered a decision January 31, 1907, justifying this. (See Comptroller's Decision, Vol. 13, part 3, p. 518).

These lost articles were virtually sold to the Railroad Company, and therefore the Office is of opinion that the proceeds should be remitted to the Superintendent of the Carlisle school to be taken up in his accounts. Otherwise the school will suffer a loss, which would seem to be not only a hardship but an injustice as well.

Yours respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.