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*10/29* Carlisle

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Rel. to rations for  
Indian youths at  
School. Enc.  
blank issue rations

*answ'd Oct. 30/79.*

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1879

Hon E. A. Hayt

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of office letter dated Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1879 (Miscell. P. 1023.79) inclosing Circular No. 33. prescribing the rations for use of schools, and which I am advised is the standard for my guidance in issuing rations to the youth under my charge.

I beg leave to invite your attention to the inadequacy of this supply table for the purposes of this school, in its present stage. Supplemented by the resources of an Indian Agency and the Agency or school farm, it might furnish a possible existence for very small children; but here and under present resources it would breed rebellion.

The Department of course, desires the best results from this effort. Nothing could interfere more in reaching



such results than a starvation supply of food.  
I have been feeding the Army rations and so far there  
has been nothing to spare. Like recruits for the Army  
it will take two or three months to fill them up.  
Hungry people are not contented; these youth must  
be kept contented and this intercourse with their peo-  
ple show it, or the effort fail.

In this connexion I have to lay before the Department  
a list (copy herein) furnished me from the Pawnee Agency  
as the Dept's basis for supply of Indian Boarding  
schools, materially different from that sent me in  
allowing a much more generous ration; but even  
this is to be strengthened by "Butter, eggs, milk, garden  
vegetables &c, raised or produced on the farms attached  
to the schools", which resource I shall be unable to  
draw upon for several months to come.

I would respectfully urge the Hon. Com-  
-missioner to reconsider this matter and  
for the present allow me to continue upon  
the Army ration basis.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant  
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1 Enclosure.