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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 20th 1880

Hon. E. A. Hoyt
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst. in which
I ^{was} allowed not to exceed 100 tons of Coal at a cost
not greater than \$5⁰⁰ per ton I have to inform you
that being out of Coal I was compelled to make arrange-
ments for a supply, that I invited propositions from
all the dealers to furnish what we would require for the
first quarter of 1880, that the lowest proposition received
was at \$5 ^{$\frac{25}{100}$} for Nut size, \$5 ^{$\frac{45}{100}$} for Egg size and \$5 ^{$\frac{70}{100}$}
for Stone size per gross ton of 2240 pounds. Not being
satisfied with this offer I sent Mr. Standing to Harris-
burg Pa who found that while they would sell there
at about \$1 ^{$\frac{60}{100}$} less on the ton it would cost a dollar per
ton to get it here by rail and I would be put to the
expense and inconvenience of hauling and danger of loss
by stealing while on the siding here.

In view of these facts, I closed with the party

making me the lowest offer. He delivers the Coal at such times and in such quantities as we want it and it is reweighed on our Scales.

Coal is retailed in Carlisle at $\$5.50$ for net and $\$6.50$ for Egg and Stone Size, for net ton of 2000 pounds. It can thus be seen that I am getting the Coal fully as cheap as we could expect. I make this explanation that the Department may see the whole case.

If in your instructions you contemplate a net ton of 2000 pounds, this letter is unnecessary, but if the gross ton of 2240 pounds governs I am unable to see how I can comply with the letter, and respectfully ask for further instructions.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
R.H. Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cav. In charge