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R. H. Pratt.

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., October 14 1881

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of approval of October 1st marked A Letter 14872, 15000, 16846, Author. 3185 & also your letter of October 4th marked P Letter 16889 Authority 3211, 3212

I wish to say that your authority giving one twenty thousand dollars for employes of all kinds during the present fiscal year, coming as it did in reply to my estimate made in compliance with your instructions for regular employes only, added to the fact that when I last year attempted to combine the regular ^{and} irregular employes ^{and} apprentice estimates under the same instructions from your office, the office took no notice of my irregular

my apprentice list because it was to be approved from
month to month ^{and} also for the reason that I believed
if your instructions were designed to cover the irregu-
lar employes ^{and} Indian apprentices they would have
explicitly stated that fact. I had no doubt but
that your intention ^{and} allowance was for "all kinds"
of regular employes only ^{and} so arranged my lists ^{and}
accounts. I now find by these two letters that you
intended the twenty thousand dollars to cover all these three
several classes of employes ^{and} that approval for two em-
ployes is withheld ^{and} my apprentice system endangered be-
cause of my misinterpreting your intent. If the Office will
give a little time ^{and} indulgence I can rearrange to make the twenty
thousand dollars cover our regular ^{and} irregular employes ^{and} Indian appren-
tices. The two teachers for whom I ask your approval were not in service
during July ^{and} August saving to the twenty thousand allowance \$100.
Mr. Reynolds resigned Sept. 30. ^{and} I shall not fill his place, saving \$405 more.

Both my tailor ^{and} shoonaker being exclusively engaged on clothing used by the school are properly chargeable to your allowance for clothing ^{and} I shall transfer them to that account from the first of October, using your already granted authority ^{and} funds for their payment on my authorized irregular roll ^{and} thus not break up my industries or organization. This will save to that fund \$810.00. These amounts will save to the allowance \$1395.00 before long some way will open for a further saving in salaries without breaking faith with any employes.

I invite your attention to the fact that on the July ^{and} August irregular rolls I have asked for approval for irregular employes for whose pay I have your previous ^{and} ample authority in the allowance you have given me for clothing ^{and} repairs to the sum of \$817.93 for the month of July ^{and} \$366.57 for the month of August leaving for July ^{and} August not approved ^{and} which should come under this twenty thousand allowance only \$424.93 instead of \$873.25

the approval of the \$448³² being, as I have heretofore supposed a mere formality, as I now believe an unnecessary one, which I shall hereafter dispense with by making up the accounts on separate reports & using your already granted authority for clothing & repairs for making the expenditure.

The same holds true for my September irregular list which is now in your hands for approval. I have your authority covering \$395²⁷ in repairs, clothing & incidentals & really need only authority for the Indian apprentices & labor, \$147²⁴, a temporary teacher \$10, & for a man in charge of Boiler \$15, a total of \$172²⁴.

Very respectfully
R. N. Pratt

Mt. Liebig 10th Coy.
In charge.