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Cornelia A. Merritt,
Chambersburg, Pa.

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Inference to the
sick leave granted
her.wrap.

See letter to Carlisle Feb 14. 1893

" " " Miss Merritt. " " "

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5001[#] 31 N. Main Street,
Chambersburg, Pa.

Gen. J. F. Morgan,
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:-

From a message
received from Capt. Pratt
this evening, I learn that
the interpretation of your
communication with him
concerning my application
for sick leave is that

This month's absence covers
any leave I may have
had during the fiscal
year of 1893, and that
in taking this leave I
forfeit my salary for
the month.

Thinking that you may
not have had the case
brought clearly before you,
I venture to write this,
with the hope that I will
be understood in desire
and motive.

For two months previous
to my application for
leave I have been in poor
health, brought on by the
life I have had to live
and the work I have
done in the Indian Service,
as I entered it in perfect
health, if you remember;
and I was on the verge.

of a break in my constitution, as my physician tells me that a short time would have brought nervous prostration.

At the solicitation of my physician I applied for this leave, so that I might have rest from care and responsibility, and constant treatment, so that in a short time I would be able to resume my duties.

and be able to perform
them.

As I had known other
teachers to have a month's
sick leave besides their
months vacation, and
with pay, it was with this
understanding that my
application was made;
and as I am under very
heavy expenses and solely
dependent on my salary,
the money would not

come amiss, and to tell
the truth, I really need it
to help defray my expenses.

As I understood it, there
is a law - written or unwritten - that all Government
employees are allowed one
month's vacation and one
month's sick leave on
full pay; and I thought
it applied to Indian Teachers
as well as other employees.

I was sorry to have to

ask for a leave, but had
it not been necessary, I
would not have done so;

I thought it better than
to resign, which would
have had to follow.

I trust I have made my
self clear, and that you
will give the matter re-
consideration in my
favor before it is too
late, as I understand
you are soon to leave

The work, which fact I
regret.

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INDIAN OFFICE,

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I beg pardon if I have
presumed, and believe
me to me

Respectfully yours
Cornelia A. Merritt.

Wednesday

February eighth,
Nineteen three.

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