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Pratt, Capt. 10th Cav. U.S.A.  
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July 10th 1893

Answering office letter  
Finance, #12,265, asking  
about estimate for  
stationery.

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U. S. Indian School,  
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July 10th, 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:--

Replying to your letter of the 8th, marked Finance, #12,265, returning my requisitions for Stationery for this fiscal year, and wishing me to examine with a view to cutting them down, I have respectfully to inform you that I called upon the several departments of the school, where these articles are used, for their estimates, and after considering and consolidating these, I made my estimate. My estimates are for less than these consolidated requests asked for. While the amounts seem large, they are needed. We carry on an immense correspondence on account of our pupils, and with persons making inquiries, and with pupils' parents and friends consuming about 20,000 envelopes a year in office use. This would leave 50,000, or about 70 for each student per year, or at the rate of six per month. Every line of communication that can be laid between the students and the friends they have made among the whites and those able to write to them from their homes, is a valuable aid in their education, and where the cost is so little, it would seem injudicious not to encourage it. There is a very large consumption of writing paper in the school-rooms in lesson and review work.



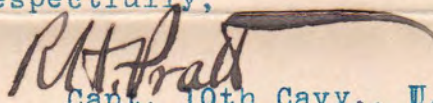
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The price of these articles is so small that it seems best to have an ample supply, and not be placed in the position I was during the past year of being compelled to buy from time to time.

We have had from 800 to 900 pounds of paper given to us each year for some time past, by a paper manufacturing establishment in Mass. That has now changed hands, and we shall be denied the supply.

Summing up the total cost of what I ask for, I find that it amounts to less than 75 cts. per capita for the year, and this includes full official supplies for office use. If, at the close of the year, there are supplies left over, it is not material that spoils, and we can estimate for less quantities for the ensuing year, which is much better than added requests for the present year, or being compelled to purchase. It seems to me best we have all we ask for.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cavy., U.S.A., Supt.