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Carlisle, Pa. July 21. 1896

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., July 27th 1896.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In view of your letter of July 25th marked "Finance, 28001," in answer to mine of the 22nd, I have to respectfully invite your attention to the well-known fact that tuberculosis is the greatest disease enemy of the Indians, and that any special helps to discover its presence or ameliorate its ravages ought in the cause of common humanity be used. Dr. William Osler, in charge of that special department of the Johns Hopkins University and who is celebrated in his line, sent a special examiner, Dr. Fatcher, here at my instance to give careful examination of every student then present in the school whom we thought might be infected and give us valuable information and suggestions. Dr. Fatcher brought along a special microscope which he used in making his discoveries and he urged that in justice to our large responsibilities we ought to have a like microscope for the use of the School Physician. We spent sometime in trying to discover the cheapest method of getting the instrument required and when I came to consider it, I thought

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it best to put it off until the beginning of the present fiscal year. Being away from home I instructed Mr. Standing to make an estimate and request, which he did and which was denied. I still think that the Doctor should have this added facility for detecting the presence of tuberculosis and have to request that your decision to the contrary be re-considered.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)
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Capt. 10th Cav'y., U.S.A.,

Supt.