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Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle School.

May 22, 1897.

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You, dated September 30, 1896, and letter of the same date, and Your.

Very respectfully,

Capt. John Cavalry. Subj.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., May 22, 1897.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I respectfully request your attention to my telegram to you, dated September 30, 1896, and letter of the same date, and your letter in reply dated October 8; also to my further letter on the same subject, dated January 15, 1897, all referring to damage to buildings by cyclone, and the last asking that Congress be asked to reimburse the Carlisle Appropriation for the expenditure of the \$1800., used in making the repairs as explained.

I have now to respectfully urge that Congress be requested to add the \$1800. to the Deficiency Bill now before it, and that this request may be sent to the Committee at once. The condition of our Carlisle Appropriation is such as to make it imperative that we have this additional money.

Very respectfully,

R.H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cavalry. Supt.

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Cyclone.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 15th, 1897.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I find that through the expense of building the addition to our shops and of building a laundry and the larger amounts paid for transportation of pupils this year, because of the Trunk Line agreement prohibiting any but the regular rates, and the carrying of an average of 600 on the grounds from beginning of the year and 200 out, my appropriation is not going to be sufficient to meet the extra \$1800 paid for damages by storm explained by my letter dated Sept. 30 1896, and authorized dated Oct. 8th, 1896. and marked "Finance 37216, L. 37266, '96. Auth'y 49893."

I, therefore, respectfully request that as the \$1800 added an unexpected expense on account of storm, Congress be asked to add that amount to our appropriation for next year, and the same be made immediately available.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) R.H.Pratt,

Capt. 10th Cav 'y., Supt.

(Dictated)

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Finance
Tel. 37216
L. 37266, '96.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR?

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, Oct. 8th, 1896.

Capt. R.H. Pratt, Supernitendent,
U.S. Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby advised that authority has been granted for you to expend a sum not exceeding \$1800 in the open market purchase of material and in the employment of labor needed to repair shops in process of construction, and roofs and parts of other buildings at your school recently destroyed by the cyclone, as requested in your telegram of Sept. 30th confirmed by letter of even date. The Hon. Secretary of the Interior has decided that ^{such} exigency exists in this case as to demand the expenditure to be made in open market.

Very respectfully,

(Singed) D.M. Browning

Commissioner.

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 30th, 1896.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You were advised by my telegram this morning that we suffered from the cyclone which passed us at midnight last night. The loss throughout this whole region was quite severe, houses and barns being blown down and unroofed throughout the valley.

Our greatest damage was to the shops. The walls to the west wing were up and the rafters in place; the walls to the northern connection were well up; the eastern wing well up and framed in place. Both walls to the west wing were blown down to a distance back of about 120 ft. The brick and trusses in falling crushed the joists of the second floor and floor and joists of the lower floor. All the new wall fell and part of the old wall while the remaining part is so strained and out of shape as to make it necessary to begin at the foundation. The rear wall to the North fell outward into the roof of the lumber storage room and made a wreck of that. All the frames were blown out and many of them so badly broken as to require replacing.

The slate roofing on the school building, the tin roofs on the teachers' quarters, small boys' quarters, store house, large boys' quarters and guard house were damaged, cupolas were blown off the school building and teachers' quarters and many trees damaged,

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some so badly they will have to be cut down.

I trust the authority asked for to expend \$1800 in repairing these damages may be granted at once. I have secured an extra force of skilled workmen, and, together with our own help, still hope to get into shape before cold weather.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) R.H. Pratt,

Capt. 10th Cav'y., U.S.A.

Supt.

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C O P Y T E L E G R A M .

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 30th, 1896.

Hon. D.M. Browning,

Com. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Cycdone at midnight blew down walls of shops in process of erection, destroyed roofs timbers and joists injured roofs and parts of other buildings requiring in all \$1800 to repair, replace and rebuild. Request immediate authority to expend this amount. Full particulars by mail.

(Sig ed) Prat , Capt & Supt.