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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE.

Carlisle, Pa., July 2d, 1898.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to the duties placed upon me by your circular of June 23d in regard to keeping personal accounts and reporting individual transactions with Indians, to accomplish this I shall need at once additional office room and two additional clerks, one at \$600 and another at \$720 per year. I therefore request to have these two positions added to my employe force, and will submit plans and estimates for the additional office room shortly. There are many days on which it will become necessary to take hundreds of receipts in duplicate, and also many days in which I will have to give hundreds of receipts in duplicate, and to manage it properly there will be an amount of work upon my people having charge of the different sections of the school, and a loss of time from work and school on the part of pupils that quite appals me. There will be about 700 different accounts to state at the close of each month.

I wish to say in regard to the keeping of these accounts

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for the last 18 years, that I adopted in the beginning a very simple form of ledge maccount with each student, and gave to each student having money in my care a small blank book in which his account was constantly before him, and while this has entailed a deal of work, it has served the purpose There has been, in the whole history of the school, absolutely no complaint, either on account of a difference or a loss of any kind having occurred to any individual student, misstatement of account or dissatisfaction with our method of caring for this responsibility. I enclose you a copy of one of these books. A student having money in our care draws against it on a blank (copy enclosed), on which he makes his request. The matron or disciplinarian, as the case may be, passes judgment on the propriety of the expenditures proposed to be made. The blank then comes to the office and the treasurer sees that the account is properly stated, and then submits it to me for approval. If all is correct and the purposes are proper, the money is given to the student who then makes the purchase. It is entirely possible from our records for me to make a full expose of every money transaction with any and every student of the school from the beginning. My concern in all these matters has been to exercise the judgment and control of a

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judicious parent, so as to make these transactions a part of the proper school training of the children, give them ideas of economy and judgment in selection and purchase. The additional work placed upon me by this scheme will be so great as to make me evade this responsibility and forego these lessons; and I feel that I ought to say that its effect upon the agents and other superintendents throughout the field will be probably the same as upon me, and will lead each to evade becoming the custodian of Indian money. This will be most gratifying to the traders who will the somer get the Indians' money, or will themselves become the bankers of the Indians.

Very respectfully,

Capt. 10th Cav'y, Supt.

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