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Department of the Interior, INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., February 6th, 1899.

To the Honorable,

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

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., with enclosure from Mr. Libby of Libby, Minn., in regard to his boys who are here, I respectfully state as follows:-

That the boys entered the school November 15th, '94, for a period of five years. We do not receive any for a less period, unless released for cause or graduation. This would make, according to usage, their go-home time to be the vacation of 1900.

The eldest of the boys, George, at the time of admission was 12 years old, the next 10 years, and the next 8 years, making them now 12, 14 and 16 years respectively. They are all good subjects, and doing as well as boys of their age can do, but ought not to be disturbed in their studies. George is the one who is in the country. He first went out in March, '95, returning to the school September of the same year; went out April '96 to September '96; went out in April '97 to Sept. '98, and wanted to go out again for the winter. The monthly reports of his health and progress are satisfactory, and show that he was in school the full time during the month of January.

In regard to the money question, -in October '95, there was \$21.00 sent, which was held in tact until permission was received

for it to be drawn on by the boys. In March '97, \$20.00 was received, which was returned December 1st, 1898. Of the \$21.00 there was on December 1st, 98, a balance of over \$7.00 left, which was held until further instruction was received to let the boys have the money as needed.

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Mr. or Mrs. Libby have been very persistent in writing letters of this character; generally I have answered them; sometimes not, as they are too frequent. From reliable parties, who know the conditions thoroughly, I have been advised not to pay much attention to these letters, as it is so very much better for the boys to be where they are. They are all in good health, and if not disturbed will probably grow up useful and capable.

I return enclosure herewith.

Very respectfully,

Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

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been out Carlisle please let them come home I sent the morning to from Mr Marke W Liby then Capt Pratt did not let them love home there sendmy money Mr M W Libby Po backe to sere Please of tell me if you let. them come thoma delike WittenCo see them write soon Minn as soon your get my lette let me know please mooranne Joseph Gibby and Archer Libby antell dewant of baye