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J. D. Sowerby
Corvallis, Cal.

Aug. 8. 1899

Rel. to refusal of the
Supt. of Carlisle School
to allow him pay for
five days in July to
which he is entitled on
account of his transfer.

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To Carlisle

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Indian School, Covelo, Cal.,
Aug. 8, 1899.

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

Sir:

I am a teacher in the Indian School Service, and was stationed at Carlisle until last month. About the last of June while at Carlisle, I asked for my annual leave of absence to begin Aug. 1st. This was granted. July 6th I received notification of my transfer to Round Valley, California, with orders to report immediately, & with orders to the Superintendent at Carlisle to grant me the necessary time for making the trip.

I, at once, asked that my annual leave be changed to begin July 6th. This was granted. My annual leave of 21 days thus extended my time to and including July 26th.

I thought that my leave for traveling would at least occupy the remaining 5 days in July, and

so reported at Round Valley School Aug. 1st for duty.

Enclosed I send you letter from Mr. A. J. Standing, Superintendent in charge at Carlisle at the time, in which he declines to allow me the 5 days for traveling. I was due my vacation of 21 days and was also entitled to necessary time required in making the trip. I hardly think it would be just to deprive me of that part of my vacation by requiring me to make the trip in my vacation time. I cannot see that the place where I spent my vacation enters into the matter.

If no further action is taken, I will lose my pay for the 5 days in July.

I write to request you to direct the Superintendent at Carlisle to pay me for the last 5 days in July as leave for making the trip from Carlisle, Pa., to Round Valley, Cal.

Very respectfully,
J. D. Sowerby,
Principal Teacher.

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Very truly yours,
A. J. Sowerby

Very truly yours,

I do not feel safe in following any other course.

21 days of your leave from July 6th. The case is a peculiar one, and

We will therefore send you a check for your salary to cover the

You lost no time on that account.

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since July 10th, when they changed the date of your leave to July 6th

that nothing has come from the Indian Office in regard to your matter.

Your letter of the 13th to hand. In reply I have to say

Dear Mr. Sowerby:

Wilson, Cal.

J. D. Sowerby,

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Indian Office.

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San Francisco, Cal., July 24, 1899.

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., July 24, 1899.

Mr. J. D. Sowerby,
Milton, Cal.

Dear Mr. Sowerby :-

Your letter of the 18th to hand. In reply I have to say that nothing has come from the Indian Office in regard to your matter since July 10th, when they changed the date of your leave to July 6th instead of August 1st.

In regard to the question you raise as to allowance for traveling time, I do not see how any such allowance can now be made for the reason that your transfer directed you to report immediately, in which case time would have been granted you to make the trip. Instead of reporting immediately, your choice was to take a vacation first. Your further choice was to spend your vacation in California, thus suiting yourself all through. You chose to take vacation instead of duty, as the Commissioner's letter anticipated, and as your vacation places you in the neighborhood of your duty I think these conditions make the Commissioner's letter inoperative. As the trip was made in your leave you lost no time on that account.

We will therefore send you a check for your salary to cover the 21 days of your leave from July 6th. The case is a peculiar one, and I do not feel safe in following any other course.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Standing

Asst. Supt. in charge.

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