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Bids for Kersey cloth  
and request for authority  
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# Department of the Interior,

## INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 24, 1899.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:--

Referring to my telegram of October 19th, requesting authority to expend \$500 in open market purchase of sky-blue Kersey, I have respectfully to advise you that at the time I sent the telegram I asked for bids from various dealers whom I knew, and asked Mr. Robbins, Superintendent of the New York Warehouse, to request bids and samples from such dealers as he knew of in New York.

Seven different bids have been received as follows;--

Bid No. 1,	S. Slater & Son, New York,	\$1.30
" "	2, B. Y. Pippey & Co., New York,	1.30
" "	3, John F. Praeger, New York,	1.42 1/2
" "	4, " " " " "	1.30
" "	5, Augustus Thomas & Co., Philadelphia,	1.25
" "	6, John Wanamaker, Philadelphia,	1.25
" "	7, Wm. H. Horstman & Co., Philadelphia,	1.37 1/2.

A careful examination of the samples shows that the bid of John F. Praeger, at \$1.42 1/2 is the best, and will be the most economical for our uses. I may say that it is better goods than that delivered by the Department last year at \$1.57 1/2.



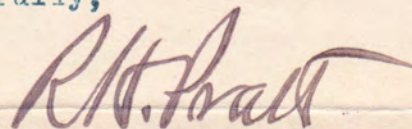
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Our estimate was for 800 yards. The proportion of boys that have come to us this year is unusually greater than that of girls, and the 800 yards asked for on the estimate would not be enough. I think it well, also, to have enough on hand to carry us over against danger of delays next year, and therefore request that I be allowed to buy 1200 yards of sky-blue Kersey, and that an additional \$1000 (to the \$500 asked for by telegram on October 19th) be allowed me for this purpose. I have some unused open market authority for supplies and will thus be enabled to cover the whole \$1710 required to buy 1200 yards at \$1.42 1/2 per yard.

I have asked Mr. Praeger, in view of the contingencies and the fact that we have been without sky-blue Kersey since early in July last, and are greatly in need of the trousers, to immediately deliver 1200 yards, trusting that the authority will come along in due season to cover the transaction.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated.  
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