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Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

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Circular # 34.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 6, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Referring to Circular No. 34 marked "Education" dated yesterday, I have to respectfully advise you that we have always kept a daily register of all pupils and can account for every individual from the very beginning of the school as carefully and fully as a company in the United States Army can account for its members.

Referring to that part of the circular which relates to the purchase of rations, it seems to be intended to contravene Paragraph 240 of "Regulations of the Indian Office" and Paragraph 234 in "Rules for the Indian School Service". The only articles I have permitted the employes here to purchase are meat and milk; but for convenience in my accounts I have always required that the contractor should deliver at contract rates to the Employes' Mess and other employes who wanted to buy, as much beef or mutton as they might need, this always in excess of the amount delivered to the school, and the contractor was paid for it direct, he always understanding the arrangement. In regard to the milk, we did for a long time take milk from the milkmen, but the quality and the irregularity of delivery and the interruptions we have occasionally had be-

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cause of being quarantined on account of epidemics, measles, chick-
enpox, scarlet fever, smallpox, etc, led me to utilize the author-
ity given in Paragraph #240, and for a number of years we have sold
to employes milk from our own cows.

Circular #34 seems to prohibit my continuance of this course.
It will be quite inconvenient and much less satisfactory.

Inasmuch as milk is one of our own products and is not pur-
chased from my appropriation, it seems possible that with a full
understanding The Honorable Commissioner might make an exception
in our case, and I submit these facts and make this request.

Respectfully,

Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)

Mr. Deitch

*I think an exception
might be made in this
case
W.P.Z.*