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*1/10* Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. *Mar 29 19 00*

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Statement of cost of band  
instruments. Requesting  
authy. to turn same over  
to Government.

*True.*

*J. Hon J. M. Thurston*  
*Apr 7 1900*

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# Department of the Interior,

## INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

CARLISLE, PA., March 29, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

In 1880, very soon after the establishment of this school a set of seventeen band instruments were given me by Mrs. Walter Baker, of Dorchester, Mass. In 1891, these being much worn, I traded them to Mr. C. G. Conn, a maker of instruments in Elkhart, Ind. for seventeen new instruments and paid \$511.75 difference. Later I increased the number to thirty-two pieces at a cost of \$618.49. In 1898, when with your concurrence I undertook to organize a large band which might demonstrate what Indians can do in this line, with the hope of sending it to Paris, Mr. Conn gave me the best rates and the most suitable instruments. I accordingly exchanged the thirty-two old instruments for sixty of the very best new ones, giving him \$2000 difference, making a total cost of \$3130.24 in addition to Mrs. Baker's gift set. These transactions were all paid from my charity fund.

I now find that in the effort to raise the money, I am hard pushed, and as the Government has supplied band instruments to many of the other schools and has never paid anything toward our band instruments or music, I feel that it is but just and proper for me to ask to turn over these instruments to the Government at a fair



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price, so that I may with that money relieve charity fund obligations. I have written the circumstances to Mr. Conn, and asked him to make out the most reasonable bill he could if I had bought them new, and he sends me the enclosed as the very best he could have done at the time.

I have on my present appropriation funds to spare and available for this purpose, and therefore respectfully request to be allowed to turn these sixty instruments over to my Government responsibility at the \$3116.25 as per bill.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)



Capt. R. H. Pratt,  
 Carlisle, Pa.,  
 To C. G. Conn, Dr.  
 Manufacturer of Band Instruments.

1898.

Dec. 27,	1 Meyer D Flute,	\$	25,00
	1 Meyer Eb Piccola,		20,00
	2 Won. Terg. Flutes 3956 3872		1,20,00
	2 Won. Eb Ebon. Clar. 4014 4015		68,00
	2 Won. C Ebon. Clar. <del>3240</del> - 3248-3250		68,00
	14 Won. Bb Ebon. Clar.		3,76,00
	1 Won. Alto Sax. 3920,		92,00
	1 Won. Tenor Sax. 3693,		1,05,00
	1 Won. Bar. Sax. 3663,		1,39,00
	2 Won. Bb Cor. 62465 -- 62175		1,00,00
	4 Won. Trumpets 62836 --63426 62837 --62839		2,40,00
	2 Won. Fluegel Horns 61872 61873		1,00,00
	4 Won. French Horns 62982 -- 62822 62823 -- 62893		3,20,00
	3 Art. Slide Trom. 63610 63634 63633		187.50
	2 D.B. 4 Valve Euph. 63694-62384		208.00
	2 Won. Eb Basses 61933 - 62919		183.00
	2 Helicon BBb Basses 61830-30736		326.00
	1 Won. Snare Drum,		19.00
	1 Won. Bass Drum,		35.00
	1 Pr. Turkish Cymbals, 15",		22.00
	2 Oboes French make,		55.00
	1 Cor. Anglais, <i>french</i> make,		37.00
	1 Alto Clar. French make,		70.00
	2 Bass Clar. french make,		162.00
	1 Alto Sarrusaphone,		53.00
	1 Bass Sarrusaphone,		82.00
	2 Bassoons,		210.00
	1 Kettle Drum,		40.00
			<u>\$3,462.50</u>
	Less 10%		346.25
	<i>Total.</i>		<u>\$3,116.25</u>