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Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Requesting authority to purchase brick in open market or to enter into contract with Mr. Wallower for brick on terms named within, and for reasons given.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

CARLISLE, PA., April 17, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

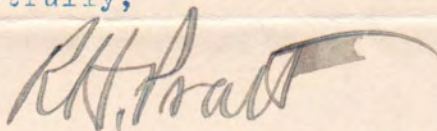
On Saturday the 14th I opened bids for boilers, lumber, brick, etc. for the improvement of our heating plant. There was only one bid for brick received and that was from Dr. Thompson of Carlisle at \$7.75 a thousand, delivered. We had notified all the brick men in the surrounding country and invited them to bid. Mr. Thompson's bid provides that he cannot begin delivery until the 15th of June. This will delay us so as to make it exceedingly doubtful whether we can accomplish the improvements before the plant will be needed in the fall. On consulting with brick men since I find them already overloaded with orders, which prevented their bidding. I therefore began negotiations with Mr. Wallower's Co. at Mt. Holly, who make a very expensive white brick that is much in demand, and found they had 200000 #2, very hard and a most suitable brick for our use; and after some negotiations with him have finally got him to agree to deliver these 200000 brick as soon as we want them at \$7.50 a thousand, 25 cents less on the thousand than the price asked by Mr. Thompson for delivery to begin the 15th of June. After thoroughly investigating the matter I am satisfied that Mr. Wallower's # 2 brick are uniformly harder and bet-

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ter for our purpose than those offered by Mr. Thompson.

In view of these facts and the emergency I respectfully request that I be allowed either to buy these 200000 brick in open market from Mr. Wallower, or that I be authorized to enter into <sup>formal</sup> contract with him for their delivery. These are the only brick for prompt delivery to be had, and to secure these it will be necessary that I have the most prompt action on this letter.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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