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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. June 21 1900

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Referring to letter of Authy. granted
May 17, marked "Authy. 65680."
and asking instructions or auth-
ority to readvertise or ask for
new bids on coal.

To Secy. July 2/1900.
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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

CARLISLE, PA.,

June 21, 1900:

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

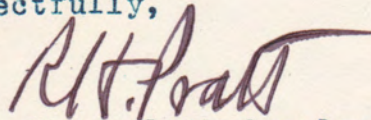
Referring to authority recently granted to advertise for coal, I find on consultation with the boiler makers, and after two tests of thirteen hours each under one of our boilers keeping the pressure up to the 40 lbs. needed for our cooking and laundry purposes, that we shall undoubtedly make a very large saving, apparently a saving of one half by using the best bituminous coal. We can do this without material detriment on account of smoke when the new stack is built. From the tests made I believe 1600 tons of bituminous coal will do as much as 2000 tons of broken anthracite did for us before, and the price is materially lower. I also find that the coal market is trending downward and am informed by one of our largest dealers that there is notice that a very considerable drop is expected within a few weeks. My advertisement was for 250 tons of bituminous coal, and having concluded to do our heating with that kind, it will require 1600 tons. Taking all these things into consideration and the fact that we shall need more than six times as much of this kind as was at first estimated because of our new plan, which will enable bidders to give better figures, I have concluded to cancel all but the 150 tons of Lykens Valley egg coal for cooking purposes and request your authority to readvertise for 1600 tons of bituminous coal. If the one adver-

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tisement is sufficient and I can send notice for further bids to all those who asked to bid on the previous lot, I think we can accomplish the purpose without the expense of advertising again, and will certainly secure a much lower rate than any made in the bids just received. I respectfully request your authority or instructions in this matter.

From what the coal men tell me the price is sure to drop, and as we have an ample quantity on hand to last us, I would make the opening occur sometime in the fore part of August.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)

Referring to Office letter of May 17th marked "Authority 65680":
granting authority to advertise for coal.