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# Department of the Interior,

## INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

CARLISLE, PA., June 25, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

A letter from Richard Davis, A Cheyenne, and one of my first and most capable students, now living with his family at Stout, O.T., urges that I help to secure the establishment of a system of permanent records of marriages, births, and deaths of Indians who now hold allotted lands under the protective title of twenty-five years; also the adoption of family names like white people's. He says there are among his people five "Redbirds" ten to fifteen "Walking Women", four or five "Bobtails", four or five "Medicine Women", three or four "Twenty Standings", and so on. He urges also that a system of individual holdings on their trust funds be established, and states that these matters cover their greatest needs; that already there has been much trouble in settling many of their land leases, which the agent was compelled to use force to adjust. The statement of these conditions seems to me to be sufficient to hasten action toward the accomplishment of what Mr. Davis urges.

Is it not possible by a simple regulation of the Department to inaugurate and carry out for the Indians full protection in their marriage and family increase conditions, and also to inaugurate individual holdings, without an act of Congress ?

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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