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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Oct. 5 1900

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 19th Cav'y, Supt.

Ask Authority to have
bids made for
open market
purchases of needful
supplies.

To Secy. Oct. 12/1900.
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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 5, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

By your office letter dated May 17th, 1900, marked "Finance 5867 - 22192, Auth. 65680 ", I was authorized to advertise for bids for the following articles :-

* 10000 lbs. Beans.	4000 lbs. Dried Peaches.
3000 " Hominy.	5000 " " Prunes.
6000 " Rolled Oats.	1000 " Raisins.
4000 " Dried Apples.	300 " Currants.

As we wanted this year's crop and it was impossible at the time of advertising to get that, bidders were advised that later when the new goods were in market they would be asked to submit bids. The time is now near when we can secure this year's crop.

In all former years this has been an open market transaction, and as it saves time and expense and gets us better results I request that I be allowed to make it an open market matter this year, giving everybody who indicated a desire to bid, a chance to do so, and notifying others who we think might care to bid now. I cannot tell until the bids are in just what we will have to pay for the goods, but believe the matter can safely be left to me to secure the very lowest obtainable rates. I judge the aggregate cost will be about \$1800.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

* An. Est., 1901, says
10000 Beans and not
1000, hence correction.

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