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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. *Dec. 11 19 00.*

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

*-- requests authority to
purchase hay, straw,
corn & oats for a sum
not exceeding \$14,40.00*

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 11, 1900.

To The Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

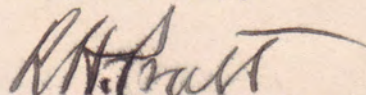
Sir:-

The crop of hay, corn and oats, as well as wheat, in this valley last year was practically a failure. Our crops amounted to 104,000 pounds of hay, 22,400 pounds of corn, and 8,640 pounds of oats. I knew that we should be out of forage early during the winter, but did not anticipate that my supplies were as low as I find them today. We have barely 10 tons of hay on hand, 200 bushels of corn, and no oats. All forage is unusually high. I trust that with this explanation, the situation may be considered an emergency, and I be authorized to purchase in open market, in order that we get the supplies quickly. We shall need to carry us through the year:

50 tons of hay, likely to cost us \$18.00 per ton-----	\$900.00
20 tons of straw, likely to cost us 12.00 per ton-----	240.00
20,000 pounds of corn, likely to cost us 1 ¢ per pound-----	200.00
10,000 pounds of oats, likely to cost us 1 1/2 ¢ per pound-----	125.00
	<u>1465.00</u>

I therefore respectfully request authority to purchase in open market the above supplies at a total cost not to exceed \$1465.00. I trust the urgency will warrant this be made special, and that I may have the authority immediately.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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