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Indian Industrial School,

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purchase of coal, 375 tons
at not to exceed \$2.60 a ton.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 13, 1901.

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

Sir :-

I am sorry to be compelled to report that the bituminous coal purchased last fall on account of its cheapness and because the C. V. R. R. people found it equal to George's Creek for their use, has not proven satisfactory for our purpose either in the heat producing qualities or in the lasting of it. During the winter we have experimented quite a good deal especially with a standard coal called "Nantiglo", and also with the George's Creek. In both cases we found that the coal we had been led to buy was not nearly so powerful in heat producing qualities nor as economical pound for pound as the other coals a little higher priced. It burns up with a flash and is soon gone and nothing we can do brings satisfactory results. It appears to need a different article of coal for such use as we make of it from what is needed for railroad engines. It is deficient in cooking qualities. I am now satisfied that it was a mistake ^{not} to have accepted the George's Creek bid last fall which I thought I might improve upon by asking for 1600 tons instead of 250 as we did at the original letting.

We have found that the Nantiglo coal gives about the same result as George's Creek and is one of the standard coals of Pennsylvania production. Your recent authority to purchase 60 tons has enabled us

to give it a fair test. We shall be out of coal in about 30 days and it will take 375 more tons to insure our heat for the balance of the year. The electric light people have an agreement with the Nantiglo people at \$2.60 per ton delivered at Carlisle and can arrange for us to get 375 tons at the same price.

I therefore respectfully request authority to purchase 375 tons of Nantiglo coal, delivered on the school siding at not to exceed \$2.60 a ton, and inasmuch as it is an emergency that I be authorized to make it an open market purchase.

Very respectfully,


Lt. Col. & Supt.

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