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Asking authy. purchase of material, labor, etc. for erection of addition to store house; asking also that the authy. be allowed as an open market matter.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., July 2, 1901.

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

Sir :-

I have to respectfully advise you that during all the years I have had practically three store-houses ; one over the coal bins where we kept our commissary supplies, one in the connection between the two wings of the shops where we kept our manufactured articles, and our condemned property largely, and the regular store-house where we kept our general supplies. This has been exceedingly inconvenient and for several years we have intended to make an addition to the store-house building; but other needs seeming more pressing we have always omitted it. This year our appropriation and the authority of Congress therewith enables us to undertake this improvement. Our present store-house is 100 ft. long x 30 ft. wide, two stories, of brick, with 8 ft. cellar cemented bottom and sides. I wish to duplicate it on the west, using the west wall as a part of the new building and saving that much in foundation and walls. We need the connecting part between the two wings of the shops for enlarging our industrial facilities. Our increased numbers require more industrial room.

I propose to erect this new building largely with the school labor during vacation, employing outside labor only where we have not properly trained labor, in the mason work, etc., and to supplement to some extent the labor we have in order to hasten completion. We

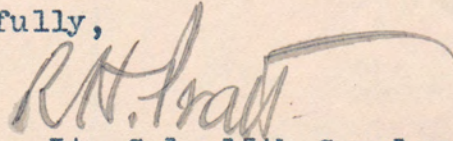
have just entered into contract for lumber and certain other supplies for our use during the year, and on consulting with the contractors I find them willing to accept of a larger order than their contracts call for, even though it exceed the 25%, and at the same figure.

I respectfully request authority to call upon the lumber contractors for \checkmark 23,188 ft. of hemlock joists at the contract prices, except that 3,200 ft. of this is to be joists 32 ft. long and will therefore cost about \$3.00 more per 1,000 ft. than the contract price, our contract calling for material only 20 ft. long; and 720 ft. will be 12" x 12" x 12 ft. for support purposes, and also out of the regular line of stuff and will cost \$2.00 per 1,000 ft. in excess of the other. I also request authority to ask the contractors to deliver \checkmark 8,000 ft. of hemlock sheeting and \checkmark 8,000 ft. of yellow pine flooring, same as contracted for; also authority to ask them to furnish \checkmark 75 bbls. of cement, Rosendale, at contract price of \$1.05 per barrel. In addition to the above I respectfully request to expend not to exceed \checkmark \$2,000 for quarrying and laying stone, laying brick, excavating, extra carpenter work, for lime, nails, sand, elbows, conductor, spouting, mitres, gutter, Cortwright shingles with hip covering and bridge coping, window frames, screen frames, cellar grates and frames, brick painting, glass, etc. etc.

I can assure the Department we shall get this improvement at far less cost by doing it ourselves, and it will give me an opportunity to have our boys take hold of something practical and demonstrate the value of their more or less theoretical shop and other training. As I would like to get at this work and accomplish it in the quickest pos-

sible time so as to put into the building the supplies for the new year as they are received, I trust it may be considered sufficiently emergent in character to warrant its being authorized as an open market matter.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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