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Indian Industrial School,

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Pratt, R. H.,

Lt. Col. 15th Cav., Supt.

Requests authority to
purchase uniforms for
band.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., July 10, 1901.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Our band is in remarkably good shape for its month's service at Buffalo, July 29th to Aug. 25th, as agreed upon with the Buffalo authorities. The amount received will not be all needed to cover the expense of reorganizing the band, paying an exceptionally capable band leader temporarily and a few special players, and other expenses of music, repairs, going to, remaining at, and returning from Buffalo; but I shall take care of the deficit.

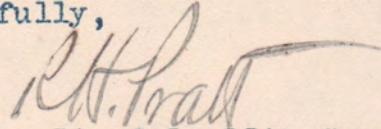
We need new uniforms, and considering the occasion they should be of at least good quality and of the best appearance. After a good deal of canvassing we have selected a scarlet cap and coat with black trimmings and sky blue trousers striped with red. When the goods that seemed most suitable and economical for wear was selected, I asked bids from several of the most reputable uniform makers, and after very sharp competition Horstmann Bros. give us the best work and a little the best material at \$14.00 per suit including cap with word "Carlisle" in gold embroider on front, and monogram of the school on each side of the coat collar and a lyre on the strap of each shoulder, all of which is modest in make-up and trimming as compared with the uniforms of many first class bands. These uniforms will be needed promptly. Each member of the band will be measured and the suit made

to fit nicely. I have always found Horstmann Bros. especially careful and satisfactory in the making and fitting of garments.

As the time is limited, I trust this may be esteemed an emergency purchase and I be allowed to have made at once 44 uniforms as above described at a cost of \$14.00 each\$616.00. ✓

I may add that the quality of material in these uniforms guarantees good wear. In the past we have been disappointed when buying a cheaper article at \$11.00 or \$12.00 a suit, as they did not wear well.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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