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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., June 20 , 1902.

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

Sir :

Referring to the assignment of a tinner for this school, I have to respectfully advise you that Mr. Sprow, my present tinner, on suggestion from your Office made an effort to get on the eligible list last January, applying to the Civil Service Commission for examination. By letter of Jan. 11th from the Civil Service Commission, signed by John R. Proctor, he was informed that

"The Commission returns herewith your application for the position of tinsmith, and advises you that it cannot be accepted as no examination of this kind is now pending. The only positions for which eligible registers are maintained are those mentioned in the inclosed list. If you desire to become eligible to any one of these you should execute the inclosed form 1093 and return it to the Commission. "

Mr. Sprow thereupon filled out form 1093 and forwarded it in April. It was returned to him April 19th with the statement that

"Applications for non-educational positions not mentioned in the list below will not be accepted until examinations for such positions are announced."

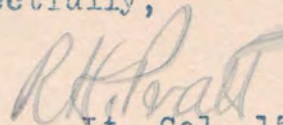
No position of tinsmith appears on said list . On April 12th Gaylord M. Jackson of 526 Leon St., Indianapolis, Indiana, was appointed tinner here to fill Mr. Sprow's place. By your letter of April 30th to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior it appears that you asked that the Civil Service Commission be asked to approve of "the temporary appointment of Elmer G. Sprow for such portion of time until the Commission can establish a register and make the necessary certification," Mr. Jackson having declined.

Your letter of the same date to me advised that "you may continue your temporary appointee until further notice", and that "if an examination is advertised you will probably be notified in order that Mr. Sprow may make application for the registration of his name."

We have been waiting for such notification, but none has come. In the meantime when in your Office on Monday last Captain Dortch showed me the examination papers of two tinnners which had been sent over by the Civil Service Commission from the eligible list, both living in Washington, D. C.

I understood Civil Service to apply to the whole country and thought all who desired could compete for places. It was well known by two attempts on Mr. Sprow's part to get on the eligible list that he was anxious to be considered, and he has not been granted any opportunity and yet an eligible list has been created. I would like to know why Mr. Sprow cannot be allowed to compete for this position. He is already living in the town of Carlisle with his family. He is entirely satisfactory to us and yet an eligible list is established against him and assignment to fill his place is made of a man about whom we know nothing.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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