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Indian Indus. School,  
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Concerning certifications for  
tinsmith and cook.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 13, 1903.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

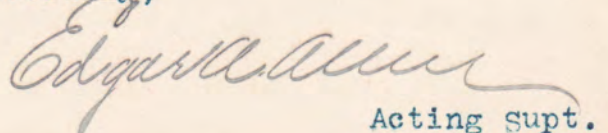
Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Replying to Office letter "Education 53272 - 72755 - 1903" dated Nov. 11th, 1903, I have the honor to state that it would be very unsatisfactory to have appointed at Carlisle an instructor of tinsmithing or any other employe who is not absolutely free from the use of alcohol and tobacco. These two habits are the besetting sins of the Indian and it is extremely difficult under the most favorable circumstances to teach the harmfulness of them and to create and maintain a sentiment in favor of abstinence. This task would be made impossible if we were to have on our force of instructors those who are addicted to these habits themselves, and such a condition would render nugatory all teaching on these lines. For this reason I respectfully submit that the Civil Service Commission should not insist upon sending the person certified.

With reference to a cook, I respectfully request that selection be made by your Office from the certification on file, if possible naming the one whose papers show him at present to be holding the best situation. In selection of a tinsmith should one be made please call attention to the fact mentioned in a previous letter, that no quarters at the school are available for him.

Very respectfully,

  
Acting Supt.