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Indian Industrial School,

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Pratt, B. H.,

Supt.

Asks permission to
turn over to Capt. W. A.
Mercer, Supt. (his
successor) funds on
hand to meet existing
contract obligations

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., July 2, 1904. 190

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Referring to the paragraph in your letter dated June 16, 1904, marked "Accounts 39655 - 1904" which directs me to deposit to the credit of the United States the unexpended balance of funds to my official credit at the close of the fiscal year, I have the honor to advise you that part of the funds on hand were intended to pay for plastering, under contract with Adam Wolf, dated May 21, 1904; for water pipe, etc., for improvement of water system, under contract with Walter Wood, dated May 31, 1904; and for coal stokers under contract with The Westinghouse Machine Company dated June 21, 1904. The improvements involved in these contracts have not yet been completed. Section 176, Regulations 1904, provides that contracts for permanent improvements do not terminate with the fiscal year.

At the close of the fiscal year 1900 I carried over to the new fiscal year \$9500 to pay for 4 150 H.P. boilers for which a contract had been entered into, but payment was not made until the installation was completed, which was in the first quarter 1901.

I therefore respectfully request that I be permitted to turn over to Captain W. A. Mercer, my successor, the funds to my official credit for payment of the existing contract obligations, during the

first quarter 1905, in accordance with the precedent above referred to.

Very respectfully,

H.B.B.

R.H. Pratt

Brig. Gen., Supt.