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Indian Indus. School,
Carlisle, Pa., July 14, 1904.

Mercer, W. A. Capt. & Supt.

Replies to criticism on letter
signed by Assistant Superintend-
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To Supt. July 20, 1904

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., July 15, 1904, 190

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Replying to Office letter "Finance - 45216," bearing date July 13th, 1904, I have the honor to state that the letter written July 8th, 1904, over the signature of Edgar A. Allen, Asst. Supt., requesting a modification of authority for the purchase of tablet arm chairs, had for its object the proper closing up of the accounts of my predecessor, General Pratt, who was absent from the school. The Assistant Superintendent signed for him, having the impression that I had no connection with the settlement of the cash accounts relating to the transaction of business prior to July 1st. Mr. Allen informs me that many times during his incumbency letters have been written and signed by himself during the absence of the Superintendent, requesting authority for various purchases, and that such letters have always been favorably acted upon.

The purpose of the letter referred to above was to expedite the business of settling up the accounts for the Fourth Quarter. If required, another letter will be written, signed by General Pratt when he returns to the school.

Very respectfully,



Captain 7th Cavalry, Supt.

E.A.A.

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