

3369

51167

OFFICE OF
Indian Affairs
Rec. JUL 29

1904

1167/30

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., July 28, 1904.

Mercer, W. A.

Capt. 7th Cavy. Supt.

Submits amended contract with
Carlisle Gas & Water Company for
supply of water.

3 me

To Secy July 30 '04
To Supt. Aug. 12, 1904.

7

Quett

53138

Indian Office,
Incl. No.

1904

Faint, mostly illegible typed text, likely a letter or report, containing details of a contract and its terms.

Faint, mostly illegible typed text, likely a second page of a letter or report, continuing the details of a contract.

Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., July 28, 1904.

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

Sir :

I submit herewith, in triplicate, contract entered into between The Carlisle Gas & Water Company of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and myself in behalf of this school, for the supply of water for the school and request that this contract be substituted for a similar one entered into between my predecessor and the same Company and submitted to your Office June 2nd, 1904, and upon which I requested by wire on the 26th instant that action be suspended until I had opportunity to consider the conditions.

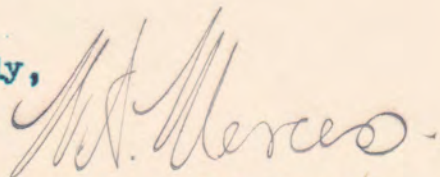
I find that the Gas & Water Company are no longer bound by the old contract under which water has been supplied up to the present time, and which was originally intended to supply the place as a military garrison and contemplated only such a supply as could and would be used through seven hydrants. Undoubtedly, the amount of water now used at the school for all purposes is far in excess of that contemplated in the original contract with the Carlisle Barracks, and the Company insist that they will not continue the supply under the old contract. My predecessor recommended that a new contract be entered into with the Company and that a 6" pipe be laid to connect with the Company's main near the school. This, in addition to the present 4" pipe, would give an adequate supply under all circumstances. Your

Office authorized the purchase of 6" pipe to be laid at the expense of the school appropriation, and the purchase has already been made.

Under the terms of the enclosed contract the Carlisle Gas & Water Company propose to charge three and one third cents per one thousand gallons, the amount to be paid for according to meters to be put in by the Company under suitable rules of inspection. The price per one thousand gallons charged the ordinary user of the water by this Company is ten cents. They furnish the same amount to hotels at about six cents, and to manufacturing concerns for about 5.4cents. The price at which the water is offered to the school is exceedingly low, and so far as the method of payment by meters and the price are concerned, I was satisfied with the terms of the contract as recommended by my predecessor; but upon examination I find that the Company held and believed they could terminate it at will. If such were the case we would have no guarantee that the present low price offered in the contract would not be increased at their pleasure. I therefore deem it most important that the contract referred to be amended to read that it shall remain in full force and effect for ten years, and have made such correction and provision in the present contract, which I submit for your action, and which I recommend be substituted for the one submitted by my predecessor.

I have the honor to request early and favorable action.

Very respectfully,



Captain 7th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)

1 Enc.