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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 3, 1904.

Mercer, W. A.

Capt. 7th Cav. Supt.

Replies to "Finance Auth.
88401 bl. 148813-1904"
referring to purchase
of oak at Uintah and
Alway Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Carlisle, Pa., October 3, 1904.

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

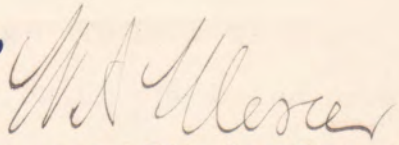
Sir:

In reply to your communication "Finance Auth. 88401 Cl-148813" I invite your attention to the enclosed letter from Captain C. G. Hall, Acting Agent, Uintah & Ouray Agency, in explanation of the purchase of coats in June, when the authority stated that it should be made after July 1st, 1904.

It would appear that both the employee who ^{was} ~~is~~ temporarily in charge of the Agency, as well as the Financial Clerk, overlooked the fact that the purchase should have been made after July 1st. This purchase was made ^{probably} with the idea that the authority applied to the last fiscal year, and that they were avoiding asking for the renewal of said authority by closing the business up before June 30th.

I join in the suggestion of Captain Hall that the certified vouchers in this case be returned to the Agency to Captain Hall, with instructions to make the purchase and render new vouchers; if such a method is deemed advisable and practicable by your Office. Kindly advise me of the action taken.

Very respectfully,


Captain 7th Cavalry, Supt.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington,

September 10, 1904.

Superintendent,

Carlisle School, Pa.

Sir:

Vouchers have been received in this Office covering the purchase made by you while Acting U. S. Indian Agent, at Unitah and Ouray Agency, of 2790 lbs. of oats, amounting to \$50.87. This purchase was made under Department letter of June 9, 1904, authorizing the purchase of said oats after July 1st, 1904. The voucher referred to shows that the purchase was made June 28, 1904. Before further action towards payment for these oats is taken an explanation is desired as to your reason for not complying with the Department's instructions in purchasing the oats during the fiscal year, 1904, instead of after July 1st. You will please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. A. Jones,
Commissioner.

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Acting U. S. Indian Agt.
Carlisle Bn Cavalry

Very respectfully,

Osage school, for which place they were purchased.

that I may be sure that no duplicate payment will be made.

It is returned to you that you send them to this office, so

cheque should be made VOUCHER July 1, 1904.

Overlooked that portion of the authority which stated the pur-

chase while in charge of the Agency, he having subsequently

the original receipt.

July 1, 1904, and I will take the cost up on my returns for

new vouchers for the payment of the same, giving them after

to return the certified vouchers in this case, and I will make

be made after July 1, 1904.

June 28, 1904, as the authority was given for the purchase to

that through error the \$250 bonds of cost were purchased

Carlisle, Pa.

Capt. W. A. Mercer,

Sept. 24, 1904.

Whiteoaks, Utah.

Utah & Osage Agency,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Uintah & Ouray Agency,

Whiterocks, Utah.

Sept. 27, 1904.

Capt. W. A. Mercer,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:-----

Referring to your letter of the 13th Inst., received during my absence in Washington, upon investigation I find that through error the 2790 pounds of oats were purchased June 28, 1904, as the authority was given for the purchase to be made after July 1, 1904.

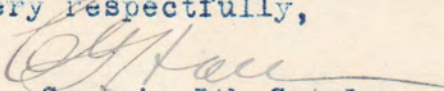
It is suggested that the Indian Office be requested to return the certified vouchers in this case, and I will make new vouchers for the payment of the same, dating them after July 1, 1904, and I will take the oats up on my returns for the current quarter.

It seems that this purchase was authorized by Judge Frost while in charge of the Agency, he having apparently overlooked that portion of the authority which stated the purchase should be made AFTER July 1, 1904.

It is requested if the certified vouchers in the first case are returned to you that you send them to this office, so that I may be sure that no duplicate payment will be made.

The oats have been received and delivered to the Ouray school, for which place they were purchased.

Very respectfully,


Captain 5th Cavalry,
Acting U. S. Indian Agt.

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