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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,  
Dec. 15, 1904.

Capt. W.A. Mercer, 7th Cav.,  
Superintendent.

Relative to securing man for  
position of Supt. of Printing  
at the school.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PENNA.

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December 15, 1904.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

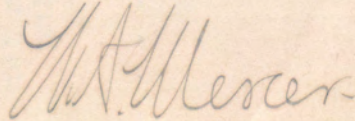
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Acting Commissioner's letter dated the 14th instant relative to the appointment of a man at \$600 or \$660 per annum to fill the position of Superintendent of Printing at this school. I note what you say to the effect that you think it will be difficult to secure a good printer with some literary taste at the salaries indicated; also that you know of no man now in the service to transfer to the position.

In pursuance of your suggestion that we can probably be suited from the list of eligibles for the Government Printing Office through the Civil Service Commission, if the salary is made \$720 or \$840 per annum, I have to request that you make an effort to secure a suitable man at \$720 per annum if practicable. With quarters furnished here and other advantages tending to reduced cost of living it is felt that this salary should be ample to secure a suitable person. If, however, this is found to be impossible I have to request that the salary be fixed at \$760 or, if necessary, at \$840 per annum.

I trust that the office will make its very best endeavors to

secure a suitable person for this position as it is one of considerable importance to the school.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. A. Mercer".

Captain 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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