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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Jan. 26, 1905.

Capt. W.A. Mercer,
Superintendent.

Relative to authority for
killing stock for subsistence.

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To Supt Jan 30/05

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA.

January 26, 1905.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I find that it has been customary at this school to slaughter cows, calves and pigs without special authority from the Indian Office, and I regret to say that, acting in accordance with discretionary power given by my predecessor to the school farmer and storekeeper, there were slaughtered at this school during the months of October, November and December, 1904, 7 cows, 9 calves, and 16 pigs, for subsistence; also one bull which was too old to be of any further service, and the meat from which was unfit for use except as feed for hogs and it was disposed of in that manner.

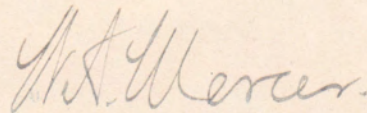
I found at the school 113 pigs which I directed to be taken up on the returns and they were accordingly reported as found at the school on my first quarter's papers.

The killing of the cattle and pigs as above stated I respectfully ask your approval of. Hereafter special authority will be obtained in advance in accordance with section 449 of the Indian Office Regulations of 1904 for the killing of all stock.

In the matter of calves, however, it is frequently desirable to kill calves for subsistence at the school and as it is often advisable to kill them at the age of three or four weeks, and as

very often it requires several weeks to get answers to applications for authority from your office I recommend that if practicable to do so a general authority be granted me to kill young calves for the purpose of subsistence, the same to be duly reported.

Very respectfully,

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

Captain 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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