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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON. March 31, 1905.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Sir:-

I have received your communication of the 23rd instant, asking if an appropriation made "for an addition to hospital" at the Indian school at Carlisle, Pennsylvania (Public - No. 212, p. 29), may be used in the construction of a separate building for the purpose.

You state the circumstances which seem to inhibit the construction of an "addition" to the present hospital, and request, to be sure of your position before taking action, that inquiry be made of the Comptroller of the Treasury whether the said appropriation may be used for increasing the present hospital facilities by adding another building to the present plant, although such building may not be in actual contact with the present one.

In reply, I beg to state that the department has been of the opinion that a separate building might be erected under the circumstances, without violating the law; but that there might be no question as to the right to do so, informal conference on the subject has been had with the comptroller's office, and I am informed, and so advise you, that if it was the

original intention to erect a separate building, which seems to be the fact, that the appropriation referred to may be so used.

Reference to the Indian bill (H.R. 17474) as passed by the Senate on February 28, 1905, provided "for erection of a hospital, twenty thousand dollars." This item was changed by the conferees on the part of the two houses, to the one set out in your letter.

There seems to be ample grounds for using the appropriation in the manner desired, for increasing the hospital facilities at the said school, if placed within the government reservation or lands.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Miehock.

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