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Capt. W. A. Mercer,
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Requests authority to employ students.

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

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May 6, 1905.

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

Sir:

Referring to my informal conversation while at the Indian Office recently regarding the employment of our Indian boys at this school to make the excavations and perform other labor in connection with the erection of buildings and making improvements at this school during the present spring and coming summer, I have the honor to request that authority be granted for the expenditure of not to exceed $1,000 to pay for irregular labor employed in the manner indicated.

It is proposed to pay our boys from 50 to 75 cents per day, according to capability and the nature of the work engaged in. It is thought possible that during a portion of the time, in order that the school work of the students may not be interrupted or interfered with any more than can be avoided, the students may be employed only for half days and paid pro rata at the rates above named. By employing students at the salaries indicated it will be possible to accomplish most of the work to be done more cheaply than if the same were done by contract or the employment of outside labor and at the same time our boys will be helped, especially those who work at the

trades on the new building improvements.

It is respectfully requested that this authority be granted to be available from and after the 4th instant. An early reply is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

W. N. Mercer.

Captain 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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