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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
May 29, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Mercer,
Superintendent.

Transmits resignation of H.E. Gansworth, Field Agent for Boys, and makes recommendations relative to filling vacancy. *names*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PENNA.

May 29, 1905.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I inclose herewith the resignation of Mr. Howard E. Gansworth, Boys' Field Agent. Mr. Gansworth has been an efficient employee but thinks his interest lies in entering civil pursuits. I recommend that his resignation be accepted to take effect the 14th day of June next.

It is necessary that a man with experience in the Indian service, particularly in the school service, and who has tact and judgment as well as several other qualifications, be secured to fill this position. I know such a man in Mr. John F. MacKey, superintendent and special disbursing agent of the Omaha Agency, Nebraska. I will consider the school fortunate if it can obtain the services of Mr. MacKey, as in him I would have one who could be promoted to the head of the Outing System should, or when, a vacancy occurs, and for that reason the appointment to fill Mr. Gansworth's position should be of one who is capable of performing the duties of the head of the system, and of course such a one should have the preliminary experience of the subordinate position.

However, as the position of Boys' Field Agent pays but \$900 per annum and Mr. MacKey's present salary is \$1200, it is necessary, in order to give him a fair return in the exchange of positions, that

his wife be given employment; and fortunately, I have a position here which she can fill most creditably, that is, matron for the girls. Mrs. MacKey was in the service as matron at the Ouray school and, in my opinion, she was a very good matron. She has great force of character and is a good disciplinarian, two qualities absolutely necessary to handle three or four hundred girls.

The present matron, Miss Veitch, has informed me that she desires transfer to a clerical position in the Indian service and is only waiting my convenience and an opportunity in order to make the transfer.

The former matron received \$900 per annum. When Miss Veitch was promoted the salary was reduced, but if Mrs. MacKey, who is an experienced woman, takes the position I desire that the salary be restored to \$900. As there are but a matron and one assistant with the girls now and I consider it absolutely necessary that there should be at least three employees in that dormitory, I would, if it is possible to effect it, have Mrs. MacKey appointed matron at \$900 and then replace Miss Veitch, should she obtain a transfer, by an assistant matron, giving Mrs. MacKey two assistants.

I believe that Mrs. MacKey has been out of the service for more than a year, as she resigned to go with her husband at the time he left Uintah to take charge of the Omaha Agency.

In connection with the request for the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. MacKey I want to emphasize the fact that the successful administration of this school depends, in a great measure, in having

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Capt. W. A. Mercer.

loyal employees, and in Mr. and Mrs. MacKey I would feel certain that I would have two employees who would be devoted to the interests of the school in accordance with the policies and desires of your office and my attempts to carry out the same. I trust that you will see your way clear to arrange for their employment in the positions above named.

I inclose a letter from Mr. MacKey which it may be well for you to read in connection with my application for their appointment.

Very respectfully,

Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Omaha Agency, Neb.

May 22, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Mercer, 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent, Carlisle School,

Carlisle, Penn.

My dear Captain:

I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 17th instant, offering me the position of Boys' Field Agent and my wife that of Girls' Matron when vacancy occurs.

In reply, I thank you most heartily for your consideration in our behalf, and beg to state that I shall be glad to accept. The period which I spent under your administration at Uinta Agency two years ago was the happiest I have known during my ten years in the Indian service, and I shall be glad to resume similar relations with you at Carlisle at the earliest possible date. Mrs. MacKey will also be highly pleased. In view of the unpleasant conditions attached to the position of Agent here, I would be willing to accept a transfer even at a reduction of salary. If, however, my wife resumes her position in the service, our combined salaries will be more than mine at present, and I will thereby be the gainer financially by the change. I know I should find the work of Field Agent congenial and I

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assure you that I would try my very best to make my work satisfactory to you.

When you and Mrs. Mercer make your trip to Washington, we hope that you will stop off and pay us a visit. We should be most happy to see you, and would be glad if you would stay a good long while. This is a beautiful country at this time of the year, and you would enjoy it greatly. Be sure and make arrangements to this end in your plans. Mrs. MacKey joins in kindest regards to Mrs. Mercer and yourself. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

John F. MacKey

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Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Newtown, Pa.,

May 16th, 1906

Captain W. A. Mearns,
Superintendent.

Sir:

I have been in the Indian Service a much longer time than I anticipated remaining in it - when I entered it four years ago. A convenient time has now arrived for me to leave it - and, therefore, I do hereby tender my resignation as Boys' Field Agent - to take effect - the 14th day of June, 1906.

I desire to thank you for the favor and consideration you have shown me which helped to make my work pleasant - and enjoyable.

Very respectfully,
Howard E. Gaisworth.