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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Aug. 25, 1905.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Returns letter of Miss Clara
L. Smith with remarks and recom-
mendation.

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To Smith 8/31/05

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

August 25, 1905.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter "Education 66209-1905", dated the 22d instant, I return herewith the letter inclosed.

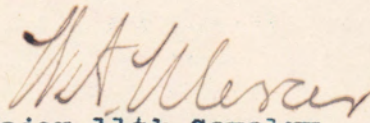
Miss Clara L. Smith is one of many who were recommended by me for transfer, believing that they were not loyal to the present management of the school. I have no reason to change my original belief in Miss Smith's case and I am still of the opinion that it is for the interest of the school and of the service that she be transferred. As to what point she is transferred to, I of course should be glad to see her accommodated as far as it is possible to do so, but as I informed her, that is entirely a matter for your Office. I do not believe it would be a good plan to commence her work here only to end it a few weeks later. I therefore recommend that she be transferred at once.

As for her not knowing anything about the contemplated change, I would say that for various good reasons, as explained in my letter of May 29, 1905, I did not believe it best to notify the parties recommended for transfer, individually, but I know that the proposed transfers have been of general knowledge and generally discussed at the school for some time, and suppose that Miss Smith had as much warning in that respect as any of the other teachers

recommended for transfer.

In this connection, I invite your attention to a letter of Miss Smith dated August 21st, forwarded by the Acting Superintendent on the 23d, in which Miss Smith states that if it is not convenient to reassign her to some other nearer school she will go to Pierre, South Dakota.

Very respectfully,


Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Clara L Smith
Erie Pa

Aug 17.

Wants some place near
them Mt Pleasant. or
to go back to Carlisle.

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To Smith " "

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Erie, Pa., Aug. 17, 1905.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,-

Acting upon the suggestion, and with the permission of my Superintendent Major W. A. Mercer of Carlisle, in a letter received yesterday, I hereby make application to you to see if the office could possibly change my transfer to some point not so far distant, as Mount Pleasant, Mich. or else retain me at Carlisle for a few months until I could look around. As the receipt of my transfer was the first intimation I had had of any change it gives me but little time. I have

been in the past.

Hoping to hear something favorable
soon, I am

Very Respectfully,
Clara E. Smith.

just returned from summer school
in the west, and it would be a
great expense for me to go back again
just at present. But I must have
a position and will just be obliged to
go if no other arrangements can be
made on such short notice.

I stated my case in full to the Major,
and he told me to write the Office,
saying, "I have no doubt if it is
practicable to comply with your wishes
they will do so. I think the applica-
tion would better come from you
than from me." I do hope you will
withdraw my transfer for a while and
assure you I will be as faithful and
conscientious in the future as I have