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Requests appointment of blacksmith to fill vacancy caused by resignation of A.H. Murtoff.

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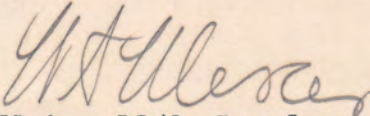
To the Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have today forwarded the resignation of the school blacksmith, Mr. Murtoff. Mr. Murtoff has been here a number of years and has been turning out some very unsatisfactory work. The fact is that the carriagemaker and carriage smith are men who only know the demands of the Eastern trade. They have had no practical experience over Western roads, particularly the long hard roads in the vicinity of agencies, and it seems to have been impossible to instruct them as to the proper needs of our western schools and agencies.

Now that we need another blacksmith I have to request that you send me one with experience in western shops, if possible, and as we are very much in need of the services of a blacksmith I have further to request that he be assigned to duty as soon as possible. He should also be a good horseshoer. That is one of the most important things we can teach our Indian boys in connection with the blacksmithing department.

Very respectfully,


Major 11th Cavalry,

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Superintendent.