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to amendment of
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MAJOR TREVOR GAVAN, Supt.

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

November 28, 1905.

The Honorable,

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

Sir:

In reply to Office Circular, "Accounts", October 26, 1905, calling for suggestions in regard to amendment of the regulations of the Indian Office, I respectfully present the following:

Section 194 (as amended by Circular "Accounts" 32508/5 under date of May 1, 1905) is practicably impossible to follow in a large school like this where open market purchases are made almost daily, and often under stress of exigency which renders it impossible to wait for compliance with the requirements in regard to advertising for bids, &c. If a general amendment of a less exacting character cannot be made to this section, I would recommend that exception in the case of large schools like this be made allowing purchases under \$50. to be made without bids.

Section 454 is also very difficult to comply with in the case of brooms, shoe knives, and other small tools, also knives & forks, spoons, scissors, screw drivers, &c. With such a large body of employes handling property it is impossible to exercise a supervision sufficient to hold the broken and worn out articles for a Board of Survey, or to place the

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responsibility for loss upon the proper delinquent. I would therefore recommend that such articles be expendible in small quantities by certificate of employes.

Very respectfully,

M. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cav alry, Supt.

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