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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.
Jan. 27, 1906.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Requests authority to purchase
mileage books for use of cutting
agents.

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

J.R.W.
Jan. 27, 1906.

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

Sir:

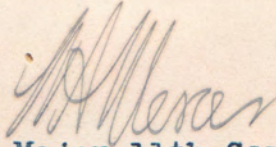
Beginning the 1st instant the Pennsylvania, the Reading, and other roads forming the Trunk Line Association, discontinued all half rate arrangements for transportation on account of this school. This very seriously affects not only the cost of Government transportation, but also the business connected with our outing system and the expenses of our outing agents in visiting pupils.

It will be possible to effect a considerable saving by purchasing mileage books wherever possible at a cost of \$20.00 for 1000 miles, or two cents per mile. The full fare rate in this state is three cents per mile. It is my purpose to avail myself of this method of effecting a saving, but before doing so I have to request that I be furnished with instructions in the premises. If authority be granted to purchase such mileage tickets, as needed, it is probable that some evidence will be required showing how the tickets were used, such evidence to be filed with the cash vouchers. It is suggested that this may be accomplished by taking a certificate from the conductor of the train showing the points from and to which mileage is used in every case, and the distance between the points. If such certificates be attached to the voucher showing purchase of the ticket

the evidence as to its use, it seems to me, would be complete.

Early action, with such instructions as you may deem necessary to give, is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. M. Mearns".

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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The payment of this sum is a payment in advance of services rendered, and is prohibited by Section 3648, Rev. Statutes which provides that "No advance of public money shall be made in any case whatever." Also see X Comp. Dec. p. 493, the effect of which is that "The purchase of mileage tickets for future travel which it is contemplated may become necessary is not authorized."