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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Feb. 21, 1906.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Reports on letter of Wilford
Kennedy requesting the return to
him of money left at school at
the time of his desertion.

4 inclosures.

To Supt. 2/27/06
" Kennedy "

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

W.G.T.
Feb. 21, 1906.

The Honorable,

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

Sir:

I am in receipt of Office letter "Education 12853/1906", by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 13th instant, inclosing a letter from Wilford Kennedy, a student at this school, requesting the payment to him of money alleged to be due for work performed under our outing system.

Complying with instructions to submit report and recommendation on this matter I have to state that our records show that Wilford Kennedy, a Seneca Indian, was first enrolled as a student at Carlisle October 1, 1902, at the age of 14 years, and that he ran away from the school on November 5, 1902, a little over a month later. He was discharged December 11, 1902. On December 21, 1904, on a promise of better conduct and full compliance with the requirements of the school, he was readmitted as a student; on September 13, 1905, he went to the country under our outing system at Orangeville, Pa., in the home of Ambrose Sitler, and from this place he deserted on November 7, 1905.

There is inclosed herewith copies of correspondence had with him during October and November last which show up the case fully and make it clear that he had no excuse, so far as we were aware, for pursuing the course he did. The statements in his letter, it

will be observed, are not borne out by his correspondence with the school, other than on this one point: that he assumed to dictate to the school just what it should do without regard to regulations or obligations.

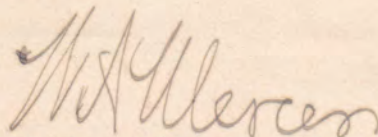
The boy's record as a student here in the way of conduct, and entirely aside from his two desertions, was entirely unsatisfactory and I am sure that he fully understood the rule as to forfeiture of his earnings in case of his leaving without permission. His bank account shows that he left a balance of \$16.16 and that during the summer vacation months he was paid by the school for work about \$23.

I am of the opinion that his money should not be sent to him and that he should be permitted to have the same only on condition that he return to the school just as he left, at his own expense and of his own accord.

Attention is respectfully invited to another report from me of this date in respect to the request of Mrs. Louisa John (or Louisa Kennedy) for the return of her son George Jimerson.

The inclosure accompanying the aforesaid letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

CERTAINLY A. MERCEUR, JOHN GAVIN, JR.

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DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
WILFORD KENNEDY
ORANGEVILLE, PA.

Copy of letter from the Carlisle Indian School addressed to Wilford Kennedy, Orangeville, Pa., urging him to remain and fulfil his obligations.

November 4, 1902.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN SERVICE
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
SLE. PENNA.

JOHN R. WISE

I have your letter asking for your return ticket and in re-

ply refer you to my last letter to you. I want you to remain where you are and carry out your obligation for the winter. If you have any good reasons for wanting to come back, you can tell them to Mr. Garfield when he makes his visit to you.

Very truly yours
John R. Wise

Acting Superintendent

W.R.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PENNA.

C o p y.

November 4, 1905.

Wilford Kennedy
Orangeville, Pa
Dear friend:

I have your letter asking for your return ticket and in reply refer you to my last letter to you. I want you to remain where you are and carry out your obligation for the Winter.

If you have any good reasons for wanting to come back, you can tell them to Mr Canfield when he makes his visit to you .

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Orangeville, Pa.,
Oct. 8, 1905.

Dear School Father:

Would it be possible for me to enter the school the first of November? If so please let me know. The reason why I want to go in is because I want to learn my trade and here I have to go about a mile in winter time and that too far for me. So I would like to go in Nov. if I can. So good-by.

Reply soon.

Yours Respt.

Wilford Kennedy.

Orangeville, Pa.
Nov. 2, '05

Dear School Father:

Please send me my ticket and have it ready so I can get there by the 6 of this month.

Also Mr. Sitler says he dont want me all winter so it no use to stay if he dont want me all winter. If you dont want me there at the school I'm welcome to many others. I have wrote you a letter before and you said I better stay all winter. So please have my ticket ready by Monday.

Well good by.

Yours truely,

Wilford Kennedy.

Reply at once.

MAIL

Assistant Superintendent

John H. Wise

Your friend

Out your obligation

sure the best thing for you to do is to remain where you are and carry

I want always to do what is best for the boys and in this case I am

held you to keep well and strong, don't you think so?

As to the mile walk to school, that will not hurt you, but rather

very few chance to get in anyway.

Pretty well fitted just now and the probability is you would not have a

plenty of time in which to work at your average task on. The shops are

strengthened. You have not heard at Carlisle very long and you will have

to remain out through the winter and it is not right for you to press that

have your letter to return to the school the first of No-

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Wilford Kennedy

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October 10, 1905.

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INDIAN SERVICE
CARLISLE, PENNA.
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA. MERCEDES, 31st CAVALRY

JOHN H. WISE

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PENNA.

C o p y.

October 10, 1905.

Wilford Kennedy
Care Ambrose Sitler
Orangeville, Pa

Dear friend:-

I have your letter asking to return to the School the first of November. When you went out this Fall, Wilford, you obligated yourself to remain out through the Winter and it is not right for you to break that agreement. You have not been at Carlisle very long and you will have plenty of time in which to work at your trade later on. The shops are pretty well filled just now and the probability is you would not have a very fair chance to get in anyway.

As to the mile walk to school: that will not hurt you, but rather help you to keep well and strong, don't you think so ?

I want always to do what is best for the boys and in this case I am sure the best thing for you to do is to remain where you are and carry out your obligation.

Your friend

John R. Wise

NVR.

Assistant Superintendent

Kersailler Ny
Feb. 6, '05.

Dear Sir; Well I would like to say a few words about ~~my~~ my money in the school at Carlisle Pa. I would like to have you draw that money for me, as it is my own hard earnings and would like to use it.

Or write them and tell them to send it to me. Give them my address and they will know where to send it.

I will give you my information

for leaving the school.

The way it was that I went out in the country and when I was out in the Country two ~~week~~ weeks my car fare I had to pay and so the two weeks I payed my fare, and then I ask how much I was to get a month an. my patron said that I was getting \$10. per month. And so I made ~~an~~ arrangements with my patron that I was to get \$15.00 per month and so the end of October my patron said that he could not afford to

give \$15.00 per month.

And so I wrote in the school for my return ticket. I told them that I could not stay ~~there~~ and be living on them, this was about a week before I came away.

And so they wrote back telling me to keep my obligation until it is filled and so they told me I had better stay in the country, and then I wrote four days ahead so as to give them time to send me my ticket, from wednesday up to saturday evening and then receiving no ticket and no answer and so making up my mind I will go some where and so monday morning I left.

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I will give to you 10% on a dollar if you get that money in the Bank which there is about \$20.00 some odd dollars there. So good by
Please let me hear from you at once.

Yours Truly
Wilford Kennedy
Versailles
Catt Co. N. Y.

PL Please send the money in return or let me hear from you at once.

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