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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
March 16, 1906.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Recommends that the lease of
Alexander tract be approved and
represents that the funds available
are ample to pay for same.

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

March 16, 1906.

*Mr. Datch says that the authority has been received.
Mar. 2, 1906.
See auth. 98143-*

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

Sir:

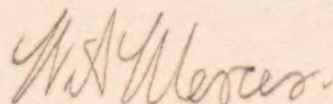
Referring to your letter "Education 8611, 16590/1906" dated March 14, 1906, in which you state that you regret to inform me that in looking into the matter of funds with the view of granting my request of January 23d for the approval of the lease of the Alexander tract it is found that the funds of our school available for the purpose have either been spent or hypothecated, and that unless I can show conclusively that I have sufficient funds on hand the lease of the tract cannot be approved. In reply I have to say that I have this day sent you a statement of funds completed up to date and including additional amounts received from the sale of manufactured products since the last financial statement was made, and it will be seen by this exhibit that we have ample funds on hand for everything authorized or requested up to date and also for many other necessary expenditures for which I will ask authority a little later. I therefore recommend that the lease for the Alexander tract be approved. In addition to the fact that the field is needed as an additional play ground for the children it also carries with it a valuable option which, in the light of propositions that I shall submit later to your Office in connection with the proposed use of that ground, I consider very valuable.

According to the cash statement referred to above the balance available at date for additional expenditures is \$4788.83. This is in addition to the item of \$1700.80 for transportation of pupils which will not be sufficient to meet the demands between now and June 30th. I shall therefore hold on to a portion of the balance of \$4788.83 until I have received notice that my request for an extra appropriation of \$3500 which I understand formed an item in the general deficiency bill which is already passed and of which I should like to receive early information. Should we receive the additional amount asked for for transportation, this amount of \$4788.83 would all become available for expenditure for necessities which have not yet been brought to your attention.

If your Office finds a sale for us for the harness on hand and to be manufactured from stock which we now have, the amount available for this year will be increased by about \$1200 more.

I desire to bring to your attention also the fact that the \$200 required to pay for the lease of the Alexander tract, if approved, is entered in the statement as a contemplated expenditure and therefore deducted from the amount of funds on hand, and the available balance of \$4788.83 is exclusive of that amount.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.