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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA

Sept. 3, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

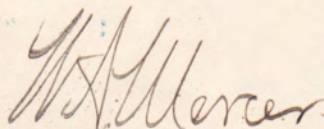
Sir:

It has been reported to me by one of our ex-students that last May, in a school building in Seattle, Washington, a man under the name of King delivered a lecture on Carlisle and received subscriptions that my informant believes amounted to nearly \$200, ostensibly in support of the school at Carlisle. The same man was seen by the same party at Everson, Wash., three weeks later engaged in similar practice, but at that time was under another name. He had a little girl with him whom he exhibited on the stage representing a Carlisle girl who was dressed in Indian costume, evidently for effect.

I regret that this information has reached me so late, but I believe some one is committing a fraud on the public in obtaining money under false pretenses, Carlisle being supported wholly by the Government appropriations. All offers of subscriptions have been refused and the public should understand that subscriptions are not needed or wanted, and this man's career as a fraud should be cut short. I do not know where to find him but wish you would take whatever steps may appear best to you to inform the people of Seattle and Everson that they have been defrauded in this manner and have the man overtaken and his career of fraud stopped.

It is barely possible that he is delivering lectures on Carlisle and instead of a stated price for admission asks voluntary donations in payment for his lecture, but the fact that he made rather large collections and that when my informant, an ex-student of Carlisle and wife of one of the employes of the school, tried to meet him he avoided her. She made every effort to see him but without success. This taken in connection with his change of name at other places leads me to believe, as my informant does, that he was receiving subscriptions ostensibly for the support of Carlisle school.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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