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Indian Affairs
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John F. MacKey
Clerk Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Nov. 10, 1906.

personally requests a transfer as bonded superintendent when a suitable vacancy occurs.

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To Mackey 11/19/06

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my present rate of salary. I enclose herewith copies of letters from Indian Agents under whose supervision I have worked since entering the service. I should be glad to accept a transfer paying no more than my present rate of salary.

Thanking you sincerely for your kindness, I am,

Very respectfully,

John F. MacKey

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA November 10, 1906.

PERSONAL

Bring to attention of
Commissioner

Hon. Francis E. Leupp,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner,

Following your suggestion on the occasion of my recent visit to your office, I submit a written request for transfer from the position of chief clerk, Carlisle School, at \$1200. per annum to that of superintendent in charge of an agency when a vacancy occurs offering a larger salary.

I have held such a position before for two years at Omaha Agency, Nebraska, and from the experience gained thereby, I feel confident that I could perform the duties and bear the responsibilities of such office with no fear of dissatisfaction.

My reason for giving up my position at Omaha for that of clerk at Carlisle was that, while it caused no increase of pay, the salary being the same, I had hoped that by the re-instatement of my wife in the service in the position of matron here, an increase of income would be gained by the change.

As I have been disappointed in this expectation, the object for which I came has not been gained, and having formerly enjoyed the privileges of being at the head of an office, I find the change to a subordinate place irksome and humiliating. Not that my relations with the superintendent here are not pleasant,

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On the contrary they are perfectly friendly and cordial: but I long to return to a condition in which I can be at the head of affairs, and I find that the office duties of an agency are more congenial than those pertaining to my position in this school

Major Mercer is aware of my desires, as when asking for leave to call upon you last week, I informed him of the object of my trip. I feel confident that if referred to in this matter, he will report favorably as to my fitness for any position of trust with which you might offer to honor me.

I appreciate the annoyance caused your office by the restlessness of many employes frequently asking for transfers, and have hitherto been governed by this consideration. Of the five transfers which I have taken during my eleven years in the Indian service, two were offered to me by the Indian Office as promotions, and the three others were made upon the proposal and recommendation of the agent or superintendent to whose supervision I was transferred.

Owing to advancing cost of all commodities and the consequent increase in the cost of living, it is desirable that when I change it will be to a place paying a better salary. As there are but few positions of the class I desire which do not pay more than I now receive, and as changes occur frequently, I feel inclined to hope that your office will be able to favor me without inconvenience; and as in some of such places the wife of the superintendent is given the appointment of financial clerk, such an arrangement would be very agreeable to me, not only on account

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of the additional salary. but also from the fact that such assistance in handling the funds for the proper disbursement of which I assume responsibility would be a source of less anxiety and danger to me than that of a clerk, a stranger appointed under civil service rules, for whose trustworthiness I should have no guarantee. Further, with my wife as financial clerk I could afford to accept a transfer paying no more than my present rate of salary.

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Very respectfully,

John F. Mackey

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I don't know any-
thing about his
work. I suppose
some small recreation
school would do
well enough, if
anything is going on.
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Mr Leam?

I am at a loss to know what you wish done with this application of Mr Mackay. As he failed so completely at Ouaha as Supr, I thought that would end his aspirations to a similar place. It is possible that he might handle a small reservation better, I can not see that he is deserving of any special promotion. However you have seen his work at Carlisle, or I also I think at Ouaha, I am at a loss to recommend. Will you please to indicate what course I shall pursue.

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Sir:
Washington,
Hon. Commissioner

ENCLOSURE

UINTA & OURAY AGENCY, Utah,
Sept. 26, 1906

W.A.Mercer,
Captain 7th Cavalry,
Acting U. S. Indian Agt.

Recommends John F. MacKey
for promotion.

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Acting U. S. Indian Agent,
Capt. 7th Cavalry,
(Attached) W. A. Mercer,

Very respectfully,

I shall be glad to see him get it.

I regret to lose Mr. MacKey from this office, but the promotion you offer him is so desirable and so well deserved that and agency duties of the Omaha reservation.

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charge of the correspondence, care of the files, and much of he has, in addition to the duties of stenographer, had full offer him. During the period of his service in this office a better selection than Mr. MacKey for the position you now I will add to what I have said therein, that you could not make perform the duties of stenographer and correspondence clerk. recently transferred from the Ouray School to this office to superintendency of Omaha School to John F. MacKey, who was reply to yours of this date in relation to your offer of the

September 28, 1906.

DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR
United States Indian Service,

Uinta and Ouray Agency,

Whiterocks, Utah,

September 26, 1903.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I forward enclosed herewith official copy of telegram in reply to yours of this date in relation to your offer of the superintendency of Omaha School to John F. MacKey, who was recently transferred from the Ouray School to this office to perform the duties of stenographer and correspondence clerk. I will add to what I have said therein, that you could not make a better selection than Mr. MacKey for the position you now offer him. During the period of his service in this office he has, in addition to the duties of stenographer, had full charge of the correspondence, care of the files, and much of the work pertaining to the supervision of the schools.

I consider Mr. MacKey, by reason of his knowledge of both school and agency duties, as well as good judgement and faithful attention to duty, fully competent to take charge of the school and agency duties of the Omaha reservation.

I regret to lose Mr. MacKey from this office, but the promotion you offer him is so desirable and so well deserved that I shall be glad to see him get it.

Very respectfully,

(signed) W. A. Mercer,
Capt. 7th Cavalry,
Acting U. S. Indian Agent.

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LEMHI AGENCY, IDAHO,

May 22, 1906

E. M. Yearian
U. S. Indian Agent,

Recommends John F. Mackey
for promotion.

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LEMHI AGENCY, IDAHO, MAY 22, 1906.
Indian Agent, Lemhi Agency, Idaho, May 22, 1906.
Department of the Interior

Dear Sir:

I beg to recommend to your notice Mr. John F. Mackey, who

has for the past two years acted as superintendent for the Lemhi Boarding school on this reservation. During this time I have found him to be a sober, painstaking, and straightforward man. He is thoroughly competent and a faithful and efficient employe. He is thoroughly equipped school, and I believe worthy of more salary than that paid here. Mr. Mackey is an experienced teacher in Indian work, having taught some years before coming here. I have no hesitation

in recommending him to you as a man of ability and good character, and any favors extended will be appreciated by him

Yours respectfully,

E. M. Yearian,

U. S. Indian Agent.

DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR
Indian School Service,

Lemhi Agency, Idaho, May 22, 1902.

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Yours respectfully,

E. M. Yearian,

U. S. Indian Agent.

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PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D.

Oct. 23, 1897.

W. H. Clapp
Major U. S. A.
Acting U. S. Indian Agent,

commends services of John
F. Mackey.
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Pine Ridge Agency, S. D. October 23, 1897.
Division of Indian Service
Department of the Interior

I hereby personally known Mr. John F. Mackey for the past

two years; during which time he has been the teacher of No. 14

Day School, this reservation.

Mr. Mackey is a man of the most exemplary habits, is well
versed in the most approved methods of teaching, and has
excellent executive ability. I regard him as a model teacher
whose good work entitles him to advancement in the Indian

School Service.

(Signed) W. H. Clapp,

Major U. S. A.
Acting Agent.

DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service

Pine Ridge Agency, S. D. October 23, 1897.

I have personally known Mr. John F. MacKey for the past two years, during which time he has been the teacher of No. 17 Day School, this reservation.

Mr. MacKey is a man of the most exemplary habits, is well versed in the most approved methods of teaching, and has excellent executive ability. I regard him as a model teacher whose good work entitles him to advancement in the Indian School Service.

(signed) W. H. Clapp,

Major U. S. A.
Acting Agent.