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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Carlisle, Pa.

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W. A. Mercer,
Major 11th Cavalry, Superintendent

appeals to the Comptroller of the Treasury from the decision of the Auditor of the Interior Department respecting proceeds of the sale of harness to Blackfeet Agency.

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To Comptroller Jan 21/07

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA

January 15, 1907.

To the Comptroller of the Treasury,
Thru the Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and in accordance with suggestion therein, submit an appeal to you against the decision of the Auditor of the Interior Department.

As seen from the enclosure, the proceeds of Indian labor at this school are held by the Auditor to be available for expenditure for the benefit of the school only in the fiscal year in which such moneys are received. According to his ruling on this point, such moneys of this class as remain unexpended until June 30th must be covered into the Treasury and their use for the benefit of the school forfeited.

According to section 295, Regulations of the Indian Office, 1904, money derived from the sales of "articles manufactured by Indian pupils in manual and training schools" and from sale of stock, Produce, &c. raised at Indian schools, and of hides obtained from the increase of cattle belonging to agency and school herds" is "not to be covered into the treasury, but to be retained by the

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agent (or superintendent) subject to expenditure when authorized by the Secretary of the Interior for the sole benefit of the Indians from whose labor it was derived."

The funds which the Auditor of the Interior Department denies my right as superintendent of this school, to carry over from the fiscal year of 1906, consist of the proceeds of sale of harness made by pupils of this school and sold by the Department of the Interior to Blackfeet agency in June, 1906. From the quotations in the preceding paragraph, it is clear, it seems to me, that this money, amounting to \$1687.50, being derived "from the sale of articles manufactured by Indian pupils" in this school which is a manual and training school for Indians under the supervision of the Office of Indian Affairs, should be made available for the use of the school without regard to the fiscal year in which the sale was made.

I therefore appeal from this decision of the Auditor of the Interior Department, and request that I be permitted to draw a requisition on the Treasurer of the United States for the return of the sum of \$1687.50, proceeds of the sale of harness by this school in June, 1906, to my official credit and available for expenditures for the benefit of this school as duly authorized.

Very respectfully,,

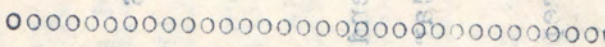
W. A. Mercer
Major 11th Cavalry,
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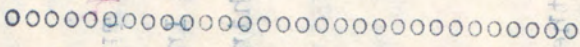


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Jan. 15, 1907.

Copy of Office letter in regard to the proceeds of the sale of harness, enclosed with appeal to the Comptroller of the Treasury.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Division of Indian Affairs,

Washington, Dec. 12, 1906.

the proceeds of harness sold by your school to Blackfeet Agency
In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo relative to

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington.

Dec. 12, 1906.

Superintendent Indian School
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo relative to the proceeds of harness sold by your school to Blackfeet Agency last summer, I have to advise you that this Office knows of no way in which the money in question, amounting to \$1687.50, can be made available for expenditure unless it be through an appeal by you to the Comptroller of the Treasury. As the harness was sold before the beginning of the present fiscal year the cost thereof was, by the Auditor for the Interior Department, charged to the Blackfeet appropriation and credited to the appropriation for Carlisle School for the year 1906.

Receipts for the sale of harness and other articles manufactured at the school are, according to the Auditor, available for expenditures incurred only during the fiscal year in which the sales are made and property delivered. If, therefore, the harness had been delivered after the first of last July the proceeds would be available for the present year but as that was not the case, the money cannot now be placed to your credit for disbursement unless the Auditor is over ruled by the Comptroller.

Very respectfully,
C. F. Larrabee,
Acting Commissioner.

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