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J. R. Wise,  
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Reports relative to articles  
to be furnished for exhibit at the  
Jamestown Exposition.

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

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 28, 1907.

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

Sir:

We are in receipt of your Office letter (M) dated the 23d instant, in which reference is made to your Office letter dated November 7th last in regard to the articles to be prepared for the Jamestown Exposition by this school. Among the articles needed, your Office now states, will be a table with top dimensions 30 x 36 inches and 30 inches high, upon which two cabinets are to be placed, back to back, the same to contain the classroom work. The finish, it is stated, should be "drop black in Japan." Complying with your request to be advised whether this table can be made here, I have to state that the table can be manufactured in our shops, and there is inclosed herewith a design which we think would suit the purpose. If satisfactory please return the cut in order that we may have it in hand in building the table. It is suggested that the size, 30x36 inches, is rather an odd one and that the table would look better if made somewhat longer. However, if you so direct, it will be built with dimensions as indicated.

In regard to the articles to be prepared for exhibit, I have to state that we have practically ready, or can have on very short



notice, the following articles to set forth the industrial departments:

SEWING DEPARTMENT:

- x 1 fancy dress
- x 1 fancy shirt waist
- x 1 uniform shirt waist
- x 1 uniform flannel skirt
- 1 Madras shirt
- 3 center pieces
- 1 pair bedroom slippers
- 1 lace handkerchief
- x 1 fancy hat
- 1 pillow cover
- 1 small child's dress
- 2 corset covers

CARPENTRY:

- 1 model window frame and sash
- 1 model door frame and door
- 1 sample of inlaid work--Native Indian design

BLACKSMITHING:

- 1 working model of front buggy gear
- 1 pair pick-ups
- 1 set horse shoes
- 1 stove poker
- 1 hand hammer

COACHMAKING:

- 1 model surrey body--painted and trimmed by the painters
- 1 model wagon body " " "

HARNESSMAKING:

- 1 riding bridle

SHOEMAKING:

- 1 pair men's hand sewed shoes

TAILORING:

- 1 uniform coat
- 1 pair uniform pants

TINSMITHING:

- 1 model tea kettle
- 1 model dipper
- 1 model coffee pot
- 1 model milk pail

PRINTING:

- A dozen specimens of job and book work



The articles with the "x" before them from the sewing department it will not be advisable to send unless suitable inclosed cases for the protection of the same can be used in their exhibition. The articles are quite valuable and unless carefully safeguarded grave risk of their being taken would be involved.

We note what is said in regard to the Johnston photographs and in connection therewith have to say that a number of them will be used but that others more recently taken can and will be substituted for those of Miss Johnston. In order that we may know just what to supply please advise us how many photographs 5x7 you will desire. If wanted, we could perhaps send a few of a larger size than 5x7 suitably framed.

Respecting the work representative of the results accomplished by Miss De Cora and her classes in native Indian art, you are advised that Miss De Cora reports that she has designs for borders and centers; designs applied in color and pyrographic work on basswood notions; picture frames carved in native designs; sofa cushion covers embroidered in native designs; Pueblo conventionalized drawing of mythical creatures; decorated leather and bead work. We also now have the woollens for weaving and Miss De Cora reports it is possible we may have one rug ready or partly ready for the exposition.

Regarding something to show the native art ability of the Cherokees of North Carolina whose ancestors, it is suggested, at one time roamed over Virginia soil, I have to say that Miss De Cora reports that she has on hand a design for a frieze which was made



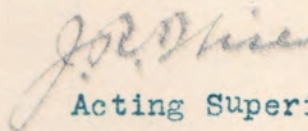
by an Eastern Cherokee. The material for this frieze, it is assumed, your Office will furnish if the same is desired. In this case we will want to know the exact dimensions of the same so that the stenciling outfit may be prepared.

Miss De Cora reports further that it may be possible to furnish other decorated articles as the students are bringing in new ideas from time to time.

In regard to her own personal contribution, Miss De Cora states that she has but little on hand ready for exhibition at this time, having sold all that she had furnished former expositions.

Regarding the classroom work, we are now collecting representative papers from the several classes preparatory to arranging them for your Office. Care will be taken in selecting such papers to see that they are the products, as far as practicable, of full-blood Indians and that they are actually representative of our classroom work and not papers made to order. As soon as practicable we would be glad to have definite instructions as to the size of the frieze wanted, the size of the room desired to be arranged and decorated for the exhibit, the amount of space to be allotted to this school, and just what article or articles above set forth, if any, you will not desire, and also whether there are any others you would want not above mentioned.

Very respectfully,



Acting Superintendent.