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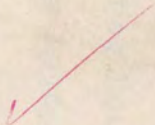
Maj. W. A. Mercer,  
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Forwards proposed rules for  
control of Pupils' individual  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 2, 1907. *J. R. D.*

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

Sir:

Referring to your Office letter (Education), dated the 25th ultimo, by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs inclosing a copy of proposed rules and regulations to govern the receipt and disbursement of moneys belonging to Indian pupils of this school, I have to state, in connection with my recent visit at your Office since said letter was received and my conferences with the Education and Accounts Divisions, that I believe the draft of rules herewith will meet the requirements fully and effectually safeguard the interests both of the pupils and of the superintendent. The proposed rules which I herewith submit as a substitution for those submitted by your Office conform as to their main feature to those now in force approved by your Office and the Department on March 25, 1905, in connection with the accountability for and handling of funds derived from the sale of inherited Indian land. In their essential features the moneys coming to our pupils are analogous to those derived from the sale of Indian lands and can be handled and accounted for in the same way with full protection of all concerned. With the adoption of these rules, which I respectfully recommend and urge, the other rules proposed by your Office which are incidental



to the main feature, will be unnecessary in connection with the system of accounting now in vogue in our office which has been greatly simplified and systematized so as to meet all the requirements as to accountability and facility for checking up and ascertaining amounts received or disposed of, etc., by both the superintendent of outing and the financial clerk.

In connection with the proposed rules herewith, I have to state that all the moneys belonging to pupils of this school were transferred from the Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pa., where they had been deposited by my predecessor and where I found them when I took charge of this school, to the Merchants National Bank of Carlisle, Pa., at the close of the second quarter, 1906, and were deposited to the individual credit of the respective pupils to whom the same belonged, and I took at the close of said quarter the individual receipt of each pupil for the money so transferred and deposited. The said Merchants Bank, which is the only national bank in Carlisle, has given corporate bond in the sum of \$40,000 to me and to the several individual accounts to be protected as security against loss. Should your Office deem it advisable, it is thought there will be no difficulty in having this bond made to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or to the United States instead of to myself.

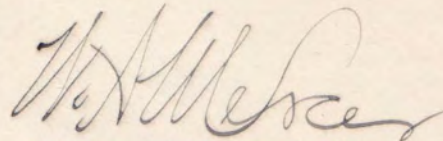
As to the bonding of the superintendent of outing and the financial clerk, you are advised that both of these employes have given corporate bonds to me, the former in the sum of \$5,000 and the



latter in the sum of \$10,000. While, under the system which it is proposed to install and carry out, these bonds would not perhaps be absolutely necessary for the protection of the interests of either the pupils or myself, the same can do no harm but on the contrary they will afford an extra safeguard.

The set of proposed rules accompanying your Office letter aforesaid is herewith returned as requested.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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