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Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

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

Submits for consideration plan
to make the necessary cement
blocks, lintels, sills, etc. for
Physician's Cottage here at the
school.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

J.R.W.
Feb. 11, 1907.

The Honorable,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

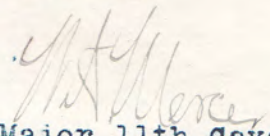
In connection with the advertisements for bids for material for the Physician's cottage, contracts for which were forwarded to your office for approval, your attention is respectfully invited to the fact that no bids were received for the Cement blocks, lintels, sills, etc. The demand for material of this kind evidently is such that dealers do not care to enter into contracts to furnish same at some future date.

In pursuance of request made Oct. 17th, 1906, your office granted "Authority 102477, Nov. 14th, 1906," for the purchase of a Cement Block-making Outfit at a cost of \$250.00. The balance of funds for the school did not warrant us to purchase the outfit in question at that time, and it is not at present certain that we shall be able to purchase the same during the present fiscal year out of the school appropriation. We have a bid for the outfit at a cost of \$200.00, and it is estimated from the best data obtainable that the cement blocks, lintels, etc. for the physician's cottage would cost, if bought in open market, at the present time, from \$280 to \$300. If we could be permitted to buy the block-making outfit and about \$80 worth of cement and sand, we can make the required blocks right here on the grounds, thus bringing the total

cost within the amount that would likely have to be paid for the blocks if bought in open market. The crushed stone necessary can also be supplied from our crusher right here on the grounds without cost. At the same time it would secure practise and training for the boys in the cement working industry, which is every where recognized as being one of growing importance in building construction and is a valuable trade for our boys to learn; besides we would also have the block-making outfit on hand for future use.

The matter is submitted to your office for consideration, and if favorable action is taken, it is recommended that the **necessary** authority be granted to buy the outfit in question, together with sand and cement at a total cost of not to exceed \$300.00, to be paid for out of the appropriation for Physician's Cottage at Carlisle Indian School, 1907.

Very respectfully,


Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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