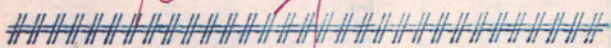


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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
Carlisle, Pa.

March 26, 1907.

W. A. Mercer,

Major 11th Cavalry, Supt.,  
acknowledges receipt of Office  
letter giving decisions con-  
cerning Athletic, Band, and  
Printing Office funds.



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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA      March 26, 1907.

*J.R.W.*

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your Office letter, Accounts, 19166/1907; 21327/1907; 24232/1907, dated March 22, 1907, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in regard to accounting for the Athletic, Band, and Printing Office funds, and also in regard to the repair and painting of a private automobile, and the use of penalty envelopes by the athletic director, as recently reported to your Office by Special Indian Agent, W.S.Olive.

In reply, I have to say that the decisions reached by your Office as to these several matters, and especially those relating to the athletic and band funds, are not only satisfactory, but gratefully acknowledged as it will greatly simplify the work of conducting athletics and maintaining the school band on an efficient basis.

In connection with the Band, I wish to say that an association has been formed and the leader has been elected treasurer. He will handle all moneys on account of the band and the same will not need to pass through my hands. I will of course, as heretofore, supervise all disbursements and see that the accounts are regularly checked up and audited.

Your decision regarding the "Printery Fund" was not of course unexpected as the funds coming into the printing office perhaps partake more of the nature of "Class IV" funds, and should be properly accounted for. Unless, however, some general arrangement for the

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purchase of printing office supplies can be allowed by your Office, a great deal of extra work will be entailed. Though the sums expended are not large, the print shop is almost daily in need of some small supplies or articles of repair. It will be next to impossible to anticipate the needs of this shop far enough in advance to keep all such needed articles in stock, and, as a rule, time will not permit of the delay involved in procuring the necessary authority from your Office to make the purchases.

I would, therefore, suggest as a most desirable arrangement to meet this situation, that your Office grant me authority from time to time to expend not to exceed a large amount, say \$100.00, out of "Miscellaneous Receipts, Class IV" funds with which to purchase emergency supplies and articles of repair for the print shop.

I deem this arrangement a most desirable one, and in fact almost absolutely necessary, and I trust your Office will permit it. With your approval, I will submit, at the beginning of the next quarter, a request for such authority.

Very respectfully,

*M. A. Mercer*

Major 11th Cavalry,  
Superintendent.

JRW/EFW

Mr. Slater :-

Carlisle  
seems to have had a  
shaking up over  
Mercer's methods  
of handling the funds  
belonging to his  
band, athletic club,  
printing office, etc.,  
and he has received  
definite instructions  
as to how to account  
for all the funds.

The new arrange-  
ment, however, is  
going to necessitate  
much extra work  
on account of the  
printing office and  
its continuous

demands for numerous small supplies and articles of repair throughout the year, and Mercer has been depending on his "printery fund" (which he has not been accounting for) to provide these little things without saying anything to us about them. This is Mercer's claim, and now he suggests, as a most desirable arrangement to meet the situation, that we grant him authority from time to time to expend, say,

\$100. of Class 4 to  
 purchase emergency  
 supplies and articles  
 of repair for the  
 print shop.

Pursuant to his  
 suggestion, Mercer's  
 first \$100. request  
 has been sent in, and  
 here it is.

Now, if that  
 arrangement is  
 satisfactory to you  
 it will be the easiest  
 way for me; but it  
 does seem as if some  
 more intimate know-  
 ledge should be had  
 of these expenditures  
 from time to time

and I therefore  
think we might  
let him buy from  
time to time, as he  
suggests, but require  
him to submit vouchers  
for approval.