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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
Carlisle, Pa.,
April 20, 1907.

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

Transmits copy of bond given by
the Merchants National Bank of
Carlisle, Pa., principal, and
The American Surety Company of
New York, Surety, depository for
funds belonging to individual
Indian pupils of this school.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA April 20, 1907.

Johnson

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your Office letter, Education 36-1907: 11826/1907: 21056/1907: 30774/1907, dated the 4th instant, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, prescribing rules for the handling of individual Indian moneys belonging to pupils of this school, and enclosing a blank bond for execution by the Merchants National Bank, and such Surety Company as it may select, I have to enclose herewith the proposed bond in question executed by the President and Cashier of said bank as principals, and by The American Surety Company of New York as surety.

The bond appears to be properly executed and is in the form prepared by your Office and approved by the Department, and I trust that I may be advised at an early date of your approval in order that final arrangements may be made for the handling and accounting of these moneys.

In regard to the rule requiring the Cashier of the bank to receipt separately for each item of deposit from time to time as made, I have to state that the Cashier feels that this is an unnecessary requirement and he has informally expressed the hope that the same will not be insisted upon permanently.

I note what you say to the effect that the great objection to the plan proposed by me of having the cashier receipt at the end of each quarter lies in the fact that in case the bank should become

involved in any manner prior to obtaining such receipts and after the deposits had been made, we would have no evidence of the amount of the bank's accountability. On this point I wish to say that each pupil has an individual deposit book which is taken to the bank whenever a deposit is made and the date and amount of such deposit is entered therein. The bank books are then brought back here to the school office and are held on file here, being placed in the pupils' hands ^{only} when they desire to make withdrawals. Furthermore, whenever deposits are made, the same are accompanied by duplicate lists (and these can and will hereafter be made in quadruplicate) showing the name of each pupil, number of bank account, and amount of deposit in each case, and also total amount. If the Cashier's receipt is taken on these lists and the entry is also made in the deposit book, we will have a double receipt as evidence for each item of deposit at all times. It is hoped that eventually, the rule requiring the cashier to sign opposite each item may be modified by requiring his receipt only for lump sums every time a deposit is made. In this connection, it might be explained that only yesterday a list of deposits was made containing nearly three hundred separate items, the same comprising mainly moneys advanced by patrons on account of railroad fares for pupils who composed the outing party sent out the forepart of this month.

Very respectfully,

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

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I do not approve any change from original plan. H.S.

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April 25, 1907.

Superintendent Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing the bond dated the 11th instant executed by the President and Cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Carlisle, Pa., and the American Surety Company of New York, relative to the deposit and withdrawal of Individual Indian Money belonging to the pupils of the Carlisle Indian School.

In answer you are advised that the bond will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for filing, and you are now directed to turn over any Individual Indian Money in your hands to the Merchants National Bank, taking receipts therefor as indicated in the draft of the voucher forwarded you under date of the 4th instant.

Answering that portion of your letter in which you say it is hoped that eventually the rule requiring the cashier of the bank to sign opposite each item may be modified by requiring his receipt only for lump sums every time a deposit is made, you are advised that it is not deemed desirable to make any change in the manner of receipting for funds at this time.

Very respectfully,

HVB

Acting Commissioner.

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April 25, 1907.

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your Department the bond, dated the 11th instant, executed by the President and Cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Carlisle, Pa., and the American Surety Company of New York, relative to the deposit and withdrawal of Individual Indian Money belonging to the pupils of the Carlisle Indian School.

Very respectfully,

HVB

Acting Commissioner.