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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

Carlisle, Pa.,
April 23, 1907.

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

Replies to letter Finance 35984-
1907 in reference to work done at
industrial departments.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA April 23, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

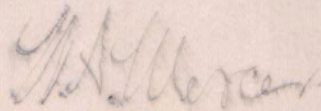
Replying to your letter Finance 35984/1907. April 20th, I have to say that I have never considered that the Carlisle school was in the market as a competitor with individual manufacturing establishments at Carlisle or elsewhere. We are very glad to have enough construction to supplement the needs of our own school and work done for the Indian Service by taking in an occasional job. This has been necessary in order to keep up the instruction along a practical line, but this work is, as a rule, confined to the employees of the Indian Service, or to those who are connected therewith, and the Reverend G.M. Diffenderfer comes under that latter category. He is by complimentary appointment chaplain of our military organization, and on Sunday afternoons preaches to our children; often supplying his own horse and buggy to bring him to the school, and in this and other ways, he is very closely connected with the work of the school until we feel that he is practically a part of it.

Upon his request that we paint and overhaul his buggy with the understanding that he pay for all material and a reasonable amount for the labor, I permitted the work to be done, and as

stated above, was glad to get the work for the shop. The instructor in carriage painting, etc. was consulted and it was on his advise and request that the permission was given. Had the shop enough of its regular work, we would not have taken in this work, or any of like character.

I do not think that any one can justly claim that we are attempting to compete with individual manufacturing industries.

Very truly yours,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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