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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

Carlisle, Pa.,  
June 26, 1907.

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

Transmits copy of letter from  
freight agent of Norfolk & West-  
ern R.R., and asks what steps  
have be taken for reimburse-  
ment for lost articles shipped  
to Jamestown Exposition.

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

June 26, 1907. *John*

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to correspondence had with your Office during the past two months in regard to articles shipped on March 20th for exhibition at the Jamestown Exposition, which articles were lost, I have now to enclose herewith a copy of a letter from G.M.Graham, Freight Agent of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Co. at Norfolk, which was received through the local agent of the Cumberland Valley Railroad Co., at Gettysburg Junction, Pa. From this copy of letter, it now appears that the responsibility for the receipt of these goods by the Exposition management has been fixed.

In connection with the matter, I should like to be advised whether or not the goods have yet been located, and if not, what steps, if any, have been taken to secure reimbursement for their value.

Very respectfully,

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

Superintendent.

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Indian Office,

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Dear Sir:--

W. A. W. Schmitt,  
G. A. Hagerstown, Md.

Norfolk, Va., June 13th, 1907.

File R-332

Jameson Ter-Comptennial Commission, shipped Maron Soft. per to  
Freight covered by Government Bill of Lading No. 101 assigned to the  
herewith all papers received with same, concerning a shipment of  
Referring to your letter of the 8th instant and returning

Norfolk, Va., June 13th, 1907.

File R-229

Mr. A.F.Schafhirt,  
G.A.Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant and returning herewith all papers received with same, concerning a shipment of freight covered by Government Bill of Lading #7 consigned to the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Commission, shipped March 20th, beg to advise that all the freight covered by your statement of billing was received at Norfolk, Va., but we have no record of having checked at Norfolk, Va., the box of specimen work weighing 82 pounds.

This shipment was consigned to Jamestown Exposition Co., Norfolk, Va., and we accordingly, upon arrival of the shipment, mailed them notice stating that there was \$2.26 charge on same. We have in our possession the above mentioned postal card with instructions on same to deliver the shipment to S.D.Wilson. This postal card is signed "Jamestown Exposition Co." by W.E.Ball, Supt., The shipment was delivered to this man Wilson, April 1st.

Since receiving your letter of the 8th instant. I have gone into this matter fully and find that Wilson is a driver in the employ of the Exposition Co., under the jurisdiction of a party named MacDowell, who has charge of the construction of the water works at the grounds.

I have no doubt but what this shipment was delivered and is now at some of the buildings at the grounds. This man Wilson is in the employ of the Exposition Co. and I have been endeavoring to get in touch with him so I could ascertain the exact disposition he made of the shipment.

I shall continue to trace the matter and trust we shall receive information that the shipment is in the hands of the proper parties at the Exposition grounds.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) G.M.Graham,  
Agent. P.  
Norfolk & Western Ry. at Norfolk.

(Copy.)

(Copy.)

Jamestown TerCentennial Commission,

Exposition, Norfolk, Va., July 1, 1907

Mr. J. C. BOYKIN,

Assistant Representative, Interior Department,

U. S. Govt. Board.

Dear Mr. Boykin:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo relative to the shipment from Carlisle, Penna., which we have been unable to locate since shipment is said to have arrived at Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Geddes, Assistant Secretary, Jamestown Ter-Centennial Commission, has presented claim to the Claim Department of the Norfolk and Western Railroad for the value of the articles according to the itemized list, and value of each, which you furnished this office some time since. The Norfolk and Western Ry's number of the claim is 39279 and the amount of the claim is \$96.15. Receipt of the claim was acknowledged by the Norfolk and Western June 5, 1907.

Very likely it will take its turn and perhaps be some time before we get anything satisfactory.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

C. E. Thatcher,

Special Transportation Agent,

Jamestown Ter-Centennial Comm'n.

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Govt. Building A, Exposition,  
Norfolk, Va., July 1, 1907.

Hon. C. F. Larrabee,  
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The enclosed correspondence will show the status of the claim concerning which you ask in your letter of June 27th.

I understand that the shipment was made on a Government bill of lading, and was consigned to the Indian Office Exhibit, that some clerk in the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railroad erroneously made the way bill to the Exposition Company, and in consequence, delivery was made to that Company, and the goods were lost by them. Thorough search has been made for the goods, without success. The Railroad is responsible for the improper billing and delivery to the wrong persons. The claim, therefore is made against the Road, and presumably the amount will be deducted from payments to be made to them. That is a matter, however, which will be settled between the Treasury Department and the Railroad Company, as I understand the situation. It is not likely that settlement will be reached in time for the money to be available for use in connection with the exhibit here.

Very respectfully,

*J. C. Boykin*

Asst. Representative, Dept. Interior.

*This letter was furnished to John R. Wise July 8/07*

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Govt. Building A, Exposition,  
Norfolk, Va., June 29, 1907.

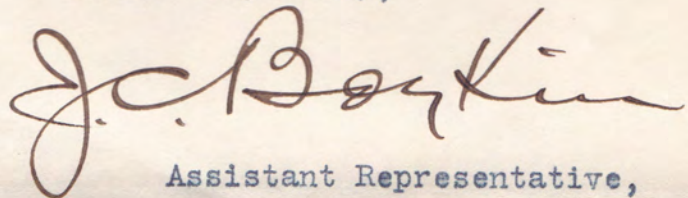
Mr. C. E. Thatcher,  
Transportation Agent, Govt. Commission, etc.

Dear Sir:

Please note the enclosed correspondence. On May 30th I addressed a letter to you requesting you to secure payment from the responsible railroad company for the lost shipment described. Please advise me what steps have been taken in the premises.

Return the papers enclosed, and oblige,

Yours very truly,



Assistant Representative,  
Dept. of the Interior.

(Copy.)

Govt. Building A, Exposition,  
Norfolk, Va., May 30, 1907.

Mr. C. E. Thatcher,  
Transportation Agent, U. S. Govt. Commission,  
Exposition, Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed by the Special Agent of the U. S. Indian Office that the value of the goods shipped from Carlisle, Pa., and improperly delivered to a carter of the Exposition Company April 1st and subsequently lost, was \$96.15. Please take immediate steps to collect this amount from the Railroad Company responsible for the goods.

I enclose an itemized list of the articles contained in the lost packages.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

J. C. Boykin,

Assistant Representative,

Dept. of the Interior.

(Itemized list was enclosed with above letter.)