

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
CARLISLE, PA.

J. C. ECKELS, PRES. G. W. COOK, CASHIER.

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Carlisle, Pa. March 10, 1908.

Hon. James R. Garfield,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:-

Under your present ruling regarding the accounts of the Carlisle Indian School, it is necessary for me to write my name opposite the deposit of every little account made by the individual Indians of the school on the sheets as provided by the them. These accounts run very small and there are a great many of them, and I was confronted with the request this morning by them for me to sign my name about nine hundred times to accounts as listed, which total about \$631.91. I am sure that you will agree with me that this is unnecessary and entails a hardship upon me which should be removed.

Yours truly,

G. W. Cook Cashier.

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WASHINGTON.

March 13, 1908.

Subject: Receipting for
deposits by Indian pupils.

Merchants National Bank,
Carlisle, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 10, 1908, referred by the Department under date of March 11, 1908, relative to receipting for each individual deposit of pupils' money, you are advised that this Office does not desire to entail any unnecessary burden upon you in this matter, and has advised the disbursing officer in charge at Carlisle in accordance with copy of letter of even date enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Larrabee
Acting Commissioner.

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Charles H. Dickson,

Supervisor in charge of Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

The Office is in receipt by Departmental reference of March 11, 1908, of a letter from the Merchants National Bank, of Carlisle, dated March 10, 1908, stating that you require the cashier to sign his name opposite the deposit of every account made by any Indian pupil, and that as the accounts are small, the requirement is an unnecessary hardship upon the cashier of the bank. In this connection you are advised that in order to relieve the bank, you may list as many deposits as practicable on a single sheet, and permit the cashier to sign the sheet after first making a certificate covering the total deposits listed. For example, the certificate might be worded thus: "Received deposits as listed above, amounting to \$....., on this day of" If this scheme appears to be impracticable, you may permit the receiving teller of the bank to sign the deposit slips, or the roll which you prepare,

instead of requiring the cashier to sign in each case.

Very respectfully,

JCH-FHE.

Acting Commissioner.