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## THE DAVIS COAL & COKE COMPANY

### STEAM AND SMITHING COAL FOUNDRY AND FURNACE COKE

GENERAL OFFICE

149 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

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OLD COLONY BUILDING  
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WABASH BUILDING  
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149 BROADWAY  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
LAND TITLE BUILDING  
BALTIMORE, MD.  
CONTINENTAL BUILDING

**R. K. RICE,**  
MANAGER

BALTIMORE, MD. August 8th, 1912.

*Carlisle 282*

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,  
Chief, Education Division,  
Department of the Interior,  
Office of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D C

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge yours of August 7th, with contract in quintuplicate, without bond, for 100 tons of coal to be furnished the Carlisle Indian School in accordance with our bid.

The writer regrets very much to admit at this late date that since entering bid, May 14th, it has been brought to his knowledge that B. Nicoll & Company is not a corporation, that the true style of the firm name is Benjamin Nicoll, trading as B. Nicoll & Company, New York City. I, therefore, am unable to sign the contract as handed me by yourselves without your permission, as I cannot comply, in all particulars, with the instructions which you give.

My authority, however to bid was duly authorized and the writer and my Company had no intention or desire to misrepresent our position. Furthermore, you hold our cer-

*Sub*  
*Contract mailed to R.K. Rice, Baltimore, for execution*  
*File*  
*by B. Nicoll & Co. Aug 12/12.*

FILED BY M. P. J.

J.F., Jr.

August 8th, 1912.

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tified check in the sum of \$330.00, which is evidence of the highest sort of our good faith and desire to not only take and fill the contract for a portion of your requirements, but for same in its entirety, which we feel we should have been awarded account of our lower bid.

If it is acceptable to you for the head of our firm, Mr. Benjamin Nicoll, to provide the writer as Manager of B. Nicoll & Company's Baltimore office, with authority to sign this contract, I can very easily obtain same, but as we are not an incorporated institution, I would prefer having your instructions before proceeding further.

In view of the delay which has already taken place since time of entering bid, May 14th, and which we are in no way responsible for, we sincerely trust you will bear with us in the present instance for the slight delay in completing these documents occasioned by our error, and we desire to impress upon you most completely the fact that we are not and would not endeavor to avoid any responsibility and will fulfill our engagement as outlined in our bid with pleasure. In other words, this error should bring about no embarrassment upon your Department.

Very truly yours

  
Manager.