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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Subject:

Recommends cancellation of lease of Alexander tract. OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Feb. 19, 1908. Carlisle, Pa.,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Washington, D. C.

Sir:

During my investigation of this school my attention was called to a tract of land adjoining the school farm on the south which contains 21 acres which is leased from the Alexander sisters at the rate of \$400 per annum, payable in four quarterly payments. This lease is subject to abrogation on one month's notice to the lessor.

In this connection attention is invited to a letter from the superintendent of this school dated January 23, 1906, in which he set forth the necessity of securing this parcel of ground for drill and athletic grounds for the smaller boys and more or less of a playground for the girls, and also for the purposes of a drill ground for military maneuvers, mounted or on foot.

From all I can learn, this ground has not been used for military maneuvers and neither has it been used for a playground for the children, and the price paid for it is exorbitant and in my opinion is an extravagance which should be discontinued. parade ground within the inclosure of the Carlisle school proper is more than ample for the military maneuvers, and there is ample ground within the five-acre inclosure which is used for athletic purposes which can be used for a playground for the small boys and girls. The land is not required for pasturage as the Henderson parcel is used for that purpose under a similar lease. I respectfully recommend that the superintendent of this school be directed to cancel the Alexander lease on giving 30 days notice to the lessor.

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Carlisle-Pa Feb 28-8.

Commissioner Indian Affairs,

Washn, r.C.

Your letter Finance . twenty seventh haycrop alexander tract to be harvested before June thirtieth estimated worth at lease one hundred twenty dollars recommend Continuation present Dease until expiration june thirtieth would not renew. Wire answer as termination notice should be served tomorrow at latest. SPECIAL pixon, Supervisor.

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TELEGRAM.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Washington, D. C., February 29, 1908.

To Dickson, Supervisor Carlisle, Fa.

Continue present lease Alexander tract until June thirtieth as recommended. Your telegram twenty-eighth.

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(Send by Postal)

Larrabee Acting

Commissioner.

CHARGE INDIAN OFFICE, G. R. REFER IN DEPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Finance. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 12529/1908. File 321. OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

February 27, 1908.

Subject: Relative to discontinuance of lease of certain land.

The Superintendent,

Carlisle School, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

This Office is in receipt of a report from U.S. Special Indian Agent, W.W. McConihe, calling attention to that tract of land containing 21 acres adjoining the school farm, and leased by the school from the Alexander sisters at the rate of \$400 per annum, and recommending that the lease for this land be cancelled after one month's notice as per agreement.

The Special Agent says that from all he can learn this ground has not been used for military manoeuvres nor as a playground for the children; that the parade ground within the enclosure of the school proper is more than ample for the military manoeuvres, athletic purposes, and a playground for the small pupils; that this land is not required for pasturage, as the Henderson tract is used for that purpose under a similar lease; that the price paid for the 21 acres is exorbitant, and that in his opinion it is an extravagance which should be discontinued.

The object of this letter is to give you an opportunity

to be heard on the subject before taking final action in accordance with the Special Agent's recommendation.

An immediate report is desired.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

CHS - Wx.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. February 29, 1908.

Subject: Rel. Alexander tract.

The Supervisor in Charge.

Carlisle School, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to our correspondence with reference to the cancellation of lease for the Alexander tract of land now used by your school and particularly to your telegram of the 28th instant recommending continuance of this lease until June 30th, you are informed that the Office to-day has sent you a telegram authorizing this continuance until June 30th, as recommended.

misunderstanding by which the lease would fail of termination on June 30th, next, and not because there appeared to be such necessity for haste as was indicated in your message. The agreements with the Alexander sisters is made for one year and expires by limitation June 30, 1908. It is, therefore, unnecessary to give formal notice of termination but it may be done as an act of courtesy to the ladies interested. The agreement provides for the termination of this lease by the party of the second part (the Superintendent of the Carlisle School) on thirty days notice, hence the office does not understand the last part of your telegram saying that this notice should be served to-morrow (to-day) at the latest.

commendation of the Special U. S. Indian Agent and your telegram of the 28th instant it is the desire of this Office that the lease with Alexander sisters be terminated June 30th, next.

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee

CHS/RS

Acting Commissioner.