

Subject:
Lease of
Alexander tract
near school.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., March 2, 1908.



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

Sir:

Referring to your Office letter (Finance) dated February 27th and letter (Finance) and telegram dated February 29th (12529, 14426/1908, File 321), in regard to the cancellation of the lease of the Alexander tract, I wish to say that although we fully concur in the recommendation of Special Agent W. W. McConihe that said tract is not very greatly needed and that said lease be terminated, we felt, after going over the matter carefully, that as a business proposition it would not be in the interest of the school or the Government to cancel the lease at this time.

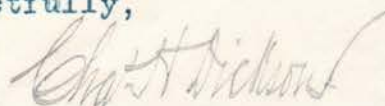
It is true that the tract in question is not very much needed as a parade ground or a playground for the pupils and it is not required for pasturage. It is estimated, however, that it should be possible to cut and remove from the tract at least from 15 to 20 tons of hay before June 30th when the present lease expires. As it is necessary every year to buy forage for our dairy herd and school teams we figure that it will be in the line of economy to continue the lease as but three months' rental amounting to \$100 could be saved if notice were served now to cancel the lease. The crop of hay should be worth at least \$125 in addition to the

labor involved in harvesting the same.

The agreement provides that the lease may be terminated by the party of the second part by giving one month's notice (not 30 days), and in accordance with practice prevailing quite generally it was felt that the Alexander sisters would likely construe this to mean that the notice would have to be served on or before the first of any given month in order to terminate the lease at the end of that month; hence my telegram of the 28th ultimo was sent with request for a prompt reply, it being deemed best not to leave any ground for misunderstanding or to have any friction with the lessors if it can be avoided.

The lease will not be renewed after June 30th as per your Office instructions.

Very respectfully,



Supervisor in Charge.

JRW-S