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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Education
65362 - 1908

F.I.P.

SUBJECT:

October 1, 1908.

Emma Webster's
discharge, etc.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

Your letter of the 26th instant has been received, reporting your action with regard to Emma Webster.

Your recommendation is approved regarding the retention of the \$1,85 deposited with you to pay Emma's transportation home. For your information a copy of Office letter of this date to Mr. Cooper, who instituted this correspondence, is enclosed.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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SUBJECT:

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My Friend :

Referring to your several letters concerning Emma Webster, you are advised that Superintendent Friedman has advised the Office that he has sent her a check for the money remaining to her credit at the school, including the balance of the deposit which was to cover her return fare to Carlisle, and that during the summer he sent her other amounts on her request, for immediate use.

It appears also that Mr. Friedman interested himself in obtaining a position for her and expressed his willingness to release her from the school. It therefore seems to the Office that your letters in her behalf were unnecessary, as she was in direct correspondence with Mr. Friedman and he was very prompt in his attention to her requests. As Miss Webster agreed to pay her transportation home if allowed to go home for a visit, and the money was used for that purpose, Supt. Friedman has been advised that he need not reimburse her.

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complete her term of enrollment, as correspondence with her would indicate, and from which I beg leave to quote.

Several days after her return to her home, she wrote a letter, stating that she found her parents in want, and both of them almost blind and requested that money should be sent to her at once. In reply, the following letter was written to her.

"I have your letter of the 26th, and am very sorry to learn of the conditions you describe. You are at home on leave of absence and under the rules, have no money to spend. However, you have always been a good girl here and I will make an exception in your case and enclose you a check for \$10.00. This, of course, will be made up from your earnings, when you return to School".

During the second week of August, Emma again wrote me from De Pere, Wis., again requesting that money should be sent to her, and stated that she would probably have to leave School, to go to work. I replied as follows:

"Several days ago I wrote you at Oneida, stating that I had been in receipt of a letter from the Department, asking me to recommend a girl for the position of assistant cook at the Lac du Flambeau School at a salary of \$300, and I advised in that letter that you should wire me whether you would accept or not. Your letter since then informs me that you are not at home, so am writing you this and I want you to let me know at once whether you would accept or not, so that I can notify the Department of your decision.

In regard to your leaving school, I shall write you again, if necessary, after your reply to this!"

Under date of the 29th of August, Emma again wrote me as follows:

"I am very anxious to know when I am going to Lac du Flambeau Sch., as I have already accept this position. Let me know as soon as possible.

I wish you sent my money, as I will need it very much, if I have to pay my fare".

On Sept. 1st, I replied, stating:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, but must

inform you that I have not heard anything about your position at Lac du Flambeau, since I submitted your name to the Department. I understand from your letter, that the position has been offered you and that you have accepted, but as you are still on our rolls here, I am sending you but \$35.00 of your money, which should be sufficient to pay your fare and other necessary expenses. As soon as I hear definitely that you are appointed to the place, I can then discharge you from the school and we will send you the remainder of your money.

Trusting that this may be satisfactory to you, etc., etc."

Under date of the 11th instant, Emma wrote me as follows:

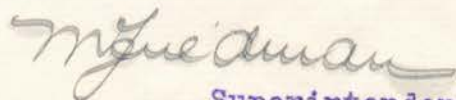
" I received your letter and enclosed I found my check for \$35. I am very glad to hear from you but I am very anxious to know if Mr. Sickles does want a girl this fall. If not, please notify me again soon, as I want you to give me a place to work in some school."

In reply to this I suggested that she should write to Mr. Sickles concerning the action that had been taken.

Under date of Sept. 21st, she again requests that \$10.00 should be sent to her so that she could take her mother to the Fair at West De Pere.

Complying with instructions of Office letter above referred to, I am sending a check to Emma today, to cover the amounts of \$100.53 and \$20.42, - a total of \$120.95, but I respectfully recommend, that in view of all the facts in the case, and that she is discharged before the time of her enrollment has expired, that she should not be reimbursed for the \$19.58 that was used in paying for her transportation to her home.

Very respectfully,



Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

Education
55169 - 1908
59597 - 1908
F.I.P.

SUBJECT:

September 23, 1908.

Money due Emma Webster,
an Oneida pupil;- earn-
ings, etc.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

The Office is in receipt of a communication written by Henry K. Cooper of West DePere, Wisconsin, for Abram Webster, relative to Mr. Webster's daughter Emma. The statements made in this letter are , briefly, as follows :

That Emma's period of enrolment at the school expired two or three years ago ; that there are funds remaining due her in the bank, which she desires to have sent to her ; that she paid her transportation home , amounting to about \$40, and understands that this or the amount of her own money used for transportation to her home should be refunded by the Government ; that you expected her to return to Carlisle in the fall, but that she is needed at home ; that she is 25 years old and is able to work out and earn her living when not obliged to stay at home to care for "the old folks".

The letter is somewhat mixed up, but it seems that the \$40 referred to was to cover her railroad fare back to the school.

Please make a report on these statements, showing what amount of money was to the credit of Emma Webster on your students' accounts

books, including the \$40 or whatever amount was reserved for transportation ; what the agreement was regarding her return to the school, and whether or not her money has been withheld.

Your attendance report for the 4th quarter show that she is about 22 years old ; that she was readmitted in 1905, and that she was in the sixth grade. On this showing I am inclined to the opinion that she has had about all the educational opportunities that the Government owes her ; that ordinary aptitude , under the circumstances, should have advanced her in eight years beyond the sixth grade, and that she should be dropped as a pupil and her money sent her. If she paid her own way home, your recommendation as to whether the amount should be returned to her is desired. If she left a deposit to cover her return expenses to Carlisle, the circumstances seem to warrant its repayment to her along with the balance remaining to her credit at the time she left the school.

Please advise the Office on all these points at your early convenience, and tell what action has been taken on her request to you if such was made. Answer to Mr. Webster will await receipt of your report.

Very respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.

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Hon Commissioner, Indian

Affairs Washington D.C.

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Yours of 14th inst
received, Am very sorry to
give you so much trouble
and hope to be excused making
such a blunder in my letter,
respecting Abama Webster
daughter, she attended school
at Carlisle Penna, and has
her money deposited in the
Bank.

Most Respectfully yours
W. C. Henry E. Cooper

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

✓ Education
55169-1908
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August 14, 1908.

Subject:
Asks name of school
where daughter of Abram
Webster is enrolled.

Mr. Henry K. Cooper,
West Deperre, Wis.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that before any action can be taken on the request of Abram Webster you must give the Office the name of the school in which his daughter is enrolled.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

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Washington D.C.

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By request of Abram Webster I write you, respecting his daughter Emma who is now at home, with the old folks & intends to stay home as her period of enrollment has expired two or three years ago. There are funds remaining due her in the bank, asks to be sent to her together with the money she paid for her transportation, if she is not ^{mistaken} it is expected to be refunded the same to her by the Government, amount out for her transportation \$40.00 for both ways, from the fact Superintendent supposed I was coming back to school, but have no such intention now, am now twenty five years old; am now ready to work and care for myself, whenever the old folks are well enough so I can leave them, and work out, but shall be obliged to stay most of the time at home, my folks are getting old and feeble, and need my help. Write again and let us hear from you in regard to the matter referred to, all for this time. Most Respectfully yours H. C.
Abram Webster
West Devere Wis

H. Henry K. Cooper