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Mr. James R. Wheelock,  
Through Officer in Charge,  
Carlisle Indian School.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

Your recent resignation  
without date, as Assistant Disciplinarian  
and Band Leader at a salary of \$840 a year  
at the Carlisle School is hereby accepted,  
effective August 13, 1918.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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(Copy to Carlisle)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

August 8, 1918.

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



Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the resignation of Mr. James R. Wheelock as Band Master and Assistant Disciplinarian at this school, which I recommend be accepted.

Mr. Wheelock has accepted a commission in the Army as Second Lieutenant and will be a Band Leader. He is a splendid musician and band leader, but as to his other qualifications I am unable to say. However, he is very obliging and appears to want to do what is right. His one main fault is that he owes a good deal of money and as a consequence his numerous creditors are continually requesting assistance in collecting money due them. He appears to dislike this and hopes some day to get all his debts paid.

Respectfully,

*Claud V. Peck*

Trav. Aud. in Chge.

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JOHN FRANCIS, Jr.  
SUPERINTENDENT



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

Hon. Cato Sells,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith my resignation as Band Master and Assistant Disciplinarian at Carlisle Indian School, to accept Commission of Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, same to take affect August 13th, 1918, at the close of business.

Very Respectfully,

*J. R. Wheeler*

Band Master.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

*CA*

July Thirteenth,  
Nineteen-Eighteen.

*No answer  
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Hon. Cato Sells,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Commissioner:

I want to say to you from the start of this letter that I am discouraged, not with the condition of things here but my own future outlook. There seems nothing that I can look forward in the way of promotion in the service. My work as a band leader has been very successful and for that reason the department feels that that is where I belong and can stay there always at \$77.00 per month. I want to say to you that I am qualified to be superintendent of some of the smaller schools, and that is what I want, I want responsibility, I want a chance to put in practice what I have gained through personal contact with the world--I am qualified also for the position of Chief Clerk, the service needs men who knows the Indian, his needs, I'd like to go to some of those Indians furthest from civilization and show them what an Indian who has been among the white folks, can do. I don't want "easy job" I want work, difficult task, but I want to have it so that I can use my own ideas in improving conditions. I would be pleased to come to Washington to see you and have personal interview, I am

Very Respectfully,

*J. R. Peelo*



# EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Name of employee James R. Wheelock

Name of school U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, Date May 1, 1918  
CARLISLE, PA.

Native ability	<u>Good</u>	Position	<u>Assistant Disciplinarian and Band Leader</u>
Acquired ability	<u>"</u>	Salary	<u>\$840</u>
Initiative	<u>"</u>	Race	<u>Indian</u>
Openness to suggestion	<u>"</u>	Sex	<u>Male</u>
Adaptability	<u>"</u>	Age	<u>43</u>
Habits as to—		Years in service	<u>6</u>
Appearance	<u>Good</u>	Married or single	<u>Married</u>
Courtesy to others	<u>"</u>	Physical condition	<u>Good</u>
Manners and speech	<u>"</u>	Musical ability:	
Kindness to pupils	<u>"</u>	Vocal	
Industry	<u>"</u>	Instrumental	
Loyalty	<u>"</u>	Interest in work	<u>Good</u>
		General efficiency	<u>Good</u>

## COMMENT.



## INSTRUCTIONS.

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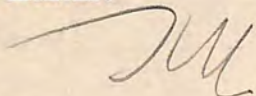
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Poor indicates below 70.

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Books read during past twelve months:



Periodicals for which employee is a regular subscriber:



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JUN -5 1918

Riverside Hospital Association,  
12th and Walnut Streets,  
Riverside, California.

Gentlemen:

There is forwarded herewith a check from Mr. James R. Wheelock for \$5.00, with his explanation for not having heretofore settled his account in full with your Association:

"Replying to your letter of 23d instant relative to the account with Riverside Hospital, Riverside, California, that I had not overlooked it but have not been able to make any payments on account of notes and other debts incurred when I operated a professional Indian Band being pushed for payment. I have other small accounts that I have been forced to let it stand in order to meet some of the larger accounts. I am paying each month small amounts here and there but some I have not been able to touch upon. My salary here does not justify big payments on debts but if given time I aim to get out of debt as soon as possible, the small salary man feels the high cost of living, no doubt your office understands that thoroughly.

I am mailing you a check of \$5.00 which you can forward to Riverside and will send that much each month until the entire amount is paid, that is the best I can do. I regret that you were inconvenienced with the matter, I am, Very Respectfully,  
J. R. Wheelock.

Respectfully,

*Signed) C. F. Hauke*

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Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

May 24, 1918.



Mr. E. B. Merritt,  
Asst. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

" Replying your letter of 23d instant relative to the account with Riverside Hospital, Riverside, California, that I had not overlooked it but have not been able to make any payments on account of notes and other debts incurred when I operated a professional Indian Band being pushed for payment. I have other small accounts that I have been forced to let it stand in order to meet some of the larger accounts. I am paying each month small amounts here and there but some I have not been able to touch upon. My salary here does not justify big payments on debts but if given time I aim to get out of debt as soon as possible, the small salary may feel the high cost of living, no doubt your office understands that thoroughly.

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Very Respectfully,

*J. W. Wheelock*



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Mr. James R. Wheelock,

MAY 23 1918

Through Supt. Carlisle School.

Sir:

There is forwarded herewith a statement submitted on May 7 to this Office by the Riverside Hospital Association apparently indicating that you are indebted to that association in the sum of \$41.64 for medical services rendered you while an employe of the Sherman Institute.

You are requested to advise the Office immediately by letter of the action you have taken or intend to take to settle the indebtedness so alleged.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

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Riverside Hospital Association,  
12th & Walnut Streets,  
Riverside, Cal.

MAY 23 1918

Gentlemen:

The Office is in receipt of your letter of May 7 saying that Mr. James R. Wheelock is indebted to your association in the sum of \$41.64 for medical services rendered while he was an employ of the Sherman Institute.

While this Office cannot undertake to procure the settlement of an indebtedness that may have been incurred by an employe under its jurisdiction, the matter has been brought to Mr. Wheelock's attention in a letter of even date for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

5-CDW-21

Assistant Commissioner.

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## Riverside Hospital Association

M. J. CURRIE, R. N., SUPERINTENDENT

CORNER TWELFTH AND WALNUT STREETS

PHONE MISSION 125  
 AUTOMATIC 1125

Riverside, California, May 7 1918.

Hon. Commissioner of  
 Indian Affairs  
 Washington D.C.



Sir,

James R. Wheelock, who was employed at the Sherman Institute as Band and Musical Instructor, was taken ill and brought to this hospital November 10<sup>th</sup> 1914 and was operated upon for removal of appendix. He was given every attention that any other patient receives, and made well. I have repeatedly sent him a bill for such services rendered, and have been unable to collect from him. In fact he ignores my letters & account. I am advised that the Government does not permit an employe to continue in its service who does not pay his bills. I will thank you if you will please take



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Riverside, California, 7- 191—

this matter up with Mr James R Wheelock,  
who now, I am informed is an employe  
at the Carlisle Indian School, and  
compel him to settle his account  
with this institution

Respectfully yours  
Mary J Currie R N  
Superintendent



## EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Name of employee James R. Wheelock,  
 Name of school U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, Date Nov. 1, 1917  
CARLISLE, PA.

Native ability	Good	Position	<u>Assistant disciplinarian and band leader</u>
Acquired ability	Good	Salary	<u>\$840</u>
Initiative	Good	Race	<u>Indian</u>
Openness to suggestion	Good	Sex	<u>Male</u>
Adaptability	Good	Age	<u>42</u>
Habits as to—		Years in service	<u>5</u>
Appearance	Good	Married or single	<u>Married</u>
Courtesy to others	Good	Physical condition	<u>Good</u>
Manners and speech	Good	Musical ability:	
Kindness to pupils	Good	Vocal	
Industry	Good	Instrumental	
Loyalty	Good	Interest in work	<u>Good</u>
	General efficiency		<u>Good</u>

## COMMENT.

Mr. Wheelock has been with us but a short time. However, in that time he has made a very marked improvement in our band. He has the ability and desire to do good work and should be very successful.



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Books read during past twelve months:

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The following to be filled out in the Bureau in Washington:

[Name of bureau.]

[Appointment, reinstatement, transfer, promotion, etc.]

[Title of position, and salary.]

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Entered on duty (or took effect) \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_  
[Last item to be initialed by official as to new appointee.]

# OATH OF OFFICE.

(Section 1757, United States Revised Statutes.)



I, James Riley Wheelock,

[Miss or Mrs. (if appropriate) and full first name.]

do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

James Riley Wheelock

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th

day of September, A. D. 1917.

E. W. Biggett

Notary Public.

NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires March 10, 1921.





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Mr. James R. Wheelock,

Through Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

You are hereby reinstated in the Indian Service and appointed to the position of assistant disciplinarian and band leader at a salary of \$840.00 a year at the Carlisle Indian School, Pennsylvania, effective when you subscribe to the accompanying oath of office and enter on duty which you are directed to do immediately.

There is transmitted herewith a personal record blank which should be executed by you, wherever applicable, and returned to this Office through Superintendent Francis, preparatory to your entrance on duty.

Very truly yours,



Assistant Commissioner.

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(Copy to Carlisle).



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7. The above terms and conditions shall be binding upon the receiver as well as the sender of this telegram.
8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

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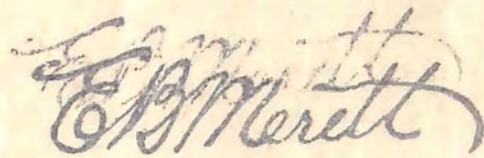
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September 4, 1917.

Francis, Superintendent,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Wire before two o'clock <sup>today</sup> your recommendation concerning  
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appointment Wheelock band master.



Assistant Commissioner.

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REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT.

Aug 23<sup>d</sup> Hazerstown, Ind. [Post-office address.]

Aug. 23 [Date.]



To the Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

SIR: I resigned {voluntarily} {by request} on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1916, from the position of Musical Director, in the Sherman Institute {school} {agency}, salary \$807.44

In accordance with the regulations printed on the back of this form, I respectfully request reinstatement at a salary of \$900 a year, to any of the following positions for which I may be eligible and qualified:

Band Teacher, Disciplinarian, Printer or Clerk

I will accept such reinstatement in the following school or schools or agency or agencies, or in the following general locality: Any where - Prefer reservation if appointed as Clerk

My race is {White} {Indian} {Negro} (as checked); quarters will be required for 3 dependents; I am married; I have at present the following relatives in the Government service, in the positions set opposite their names: Don't know of any in the service.

I originally entered the Indian Service on \_\_\_\_\_, since which date I have been transferred \_\_\_\_\_ times by direction of the Indian Office, and \_\_\_\_\_ times at my own request. I have resigned and been reinstated \_\_\_\_\_ times. I have passed the following Civil Service examinations, with the dates and grades as nearly as I can remember them: \_\_\_\_\_

I was first appointed as assistant Printer at Carlisle in 1899 - in 1901 as Band Leader - resigned 1903 - re-appointed at Sherman in 1914.

This application is made in good faith, for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_; and, unless I shall have withdrawn my request in the meantime, I agree to accept any reinstatement offered in accordance with the conditions expressed herein.

Very respectfully,  
Age, 42 years. [Signature] James Riley Wheeler [Full name.]

NOTE.—Applicants for reinstatement must keep the Indian Office informed of their post-office and telegraphic addresses during their year of eligibility.

329 W. Wash. Street. [Telegraphic address.]

P.O. Box 311 - Hazerstown, Ind. [Post-office address.]



## RULES GOVERNING REINSTATEMENT.

A reinstatement is never a right inherent in a former employee; it must be

1. A recognition of faithful services in the past, or
2. A second and final chance to one who has failed at some point.

Indians who have served in any capacity are eligible for reinstatement in a position of a similar or lower grade at any time. Others who have served in classified positions may be reinstated only during one year from the date of their separation from the Service; after one year has elapsed they may become eligible again only by passing the appropriate Civil Service examinations.

Temporary employees are not eligible for reinstatement.

Employees in the grade of mere laborer are unclassified, and may be appointed without regard to Civil Service requirements. In their cases each appointment is a new one, and is not in the nature of reinstatement; consequently, there is no limit to the time which may elapse between one appointment and another; such employees should make application direct to the Officer in Charge of the school or agency where appointment is wanted.

The Civil Service Act provides—

“that whenever there are already two or more members of a family in the public service \* \* \* no other member of such family shall be eligible to appointment.”

The Attorney General has decided that the “family” consists of those who live under the same roof with the head of the family; but when they branch out and become heads of new establishments they cease to be part of the father's family. The Indian Office passes upon eligibility under the foregoing law, but it is incumbent upon the applicant to notify the Office of the entrance into the Government service of any member of his family after the applicant has received notice that his name has been listed for reinstatement.





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Cash by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>  
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You

Hon. Catskills,

Care. of Indian Affairs,  
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir:

Yours received. I regret that you did not see fit to give me the position at Colicla. This is therefore to apply for reinstatement to the Indian Service - as Museum Director, Clerk, or any other position that I can fill satisfactory.

*End* I resigned last September so I have this privilege within the year limit. I trust that you will give me consideration and that an appointment

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will be made for me very  
soon. I am

Very Respectfully  
J. B. Wheelock

P. O. Box 311

Hagerstown, Md.



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Mr. James R. Wheelock,

Box 311,

Hagerstown, Md.

AUG 10 1917

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

Referring to your letter of August 3d, you are advised that the position of band instructor has been filled at the Carlisle Indian School.

Very truly yours,

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*(Signed) E. B. Meritt*  
Assistant Commissioner.

(Copy to Carlisle)

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Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 3, 1917.



Hon. Cato Sells,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I placed an application as Band Instructor  
at Carlisle Indian School. I would be pleased to know if any appoint-  
ment has been made for that position, I am

Very Respectfully,

Post Office Box 311.

*J. Wheelock*

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Education-  
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Mr. James R. Wheelock,  
Hagerstown, Maryland.

AUG -8 1917

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

Referring to your letter of June 21 concerning the position of disciplinarian and band leader at the Carlisle School which you are willing to accept at \$900, you are advised that it would be impracticable to increase the salary to that figure. An appointment to the position at the authorized salary has been made.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells  
Commissioner.

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A WONDERFUL ORGANIZED BAND  
OF FIFTY PIECES

THE HAGERSTOWN MUNICIPAL BAND  
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE  
HAGERSTOWN BOARD OF TRADE, INC.



UNDER THE DIRECTION OF  
JAMES RILEY WHELOCK  
FORMERLY CONDUCTOR OF  
CARLISLE INDIAN BAND

June 22, 1917.



Mr. John Francis, Jr.  
Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Received your kind letter sometime ago and I wish to say to you that I appreciate the friendly tone contained in that letter.

I had a letter from the Commissioner this week in which he states that on account of the salary being small that he doesn't think that the position would appeal to me. I want to say to you that fact is the very reason why I am willing to give up \$1500 position, because I know that Carlisle cannot get competent man for the salary that it is authorized to pay, any piano <sup>player</sup> or orchestra leader can pass the examination for the position, but that does not say that he can teach band, it will then take him two or three years to learn to teach the boys and in the meantime Carlisle and the Indians must suffer his incompetency. Carlisle has experienced this very thing--when I resigned in 1902, Mr. Stauffer, who was a violinist and

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FORMERLY CONDUCTOR OF  
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piano player was appointed to the position, he did not even know how to tune band instruments or the relation of one instrument to another, or even how to form a band in marching order, he stayed quite a number of years all the time the band was going down and the music in general at the school at the lowest point when he left Mr. Tyrell, the experienced, let the band continue on the tobagan slide, until this year you know that it was anything but creditable, he was not physically fit for the job. In days gone by when the band was the talk of the country, and the football team at its height, Carlisle was the greatest school in the country, of recent when the two great publicity organizations became ordinary and without class, the interest in the school died and the public wondered when the school would be closed. General Pratt made the school famous through the press and in order to get the press to recognize his work it was necessary for him to have something unusual to offer the public. He sent the Band to the Chicago World's Fair, sent his football team to Pacific coast, both organizations were winners because they had men at the head that knew their business, and every paper in the country noted them every time they



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came out for anything. In the two years I was at Sherman I made California take notice of Sherman Institute Indian Band, in fact it was regarded as second to none in the state, but it required lot of hard work, that is the secret of my success, never satisfied to be second to anything if by working hard I can be first.

While at Sherman I developed Mendolin-Orchestra, 40 boys and girls, Glee Club, 40 boys, gave a minstrel show, produced a comic opera for the Commencement, besides had regular orchestra of 18 boys for Sunday night services, and a band of 45 pieces. To do this required 10 hours work a day. In addition to this I assisted the Superintendent of Industries and made out all shop and building details for the boys, and established the new course of studies and records for them, Mr. Conser will verify to this. I tell you this to show the work that is necessary to accomplish anything in the Service, and you don't find very many employes doing this sort of work. You will pardon me for writing you this lengthy letter but I am mighty anxious to see Carlisle on top of the heap. With best wishes, I am,

P.S. You might be interested to know that Hagerstown Municipal Band won the State Band Contest at Cumberland last Thursday.

Very Respectfully,

*J. R. Wheelock*



A WONDERFUL ORGANIZED BAND  
OF FIFTY PIECES

THE HAGERSTOWN MUNICIPAL BAND  
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE  
HAGERSTOWN BOARD OF TRADE, INC.



UNDER THE DIRECTION OF  
JAMES RILEY WHELOCK  
FORMERLY CONDUCTOR OF  
CARLISLE INDIAN BAND

June 21, 1917.

Hon. Cato Sells,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 20th received. You misunderstood my letter of June 11th. I stated that on account of the salary at Carlisle being small that it would be hard to secure competent instructor and on that account I am willing to accept that position at the salary now in vogue. I want to do my bit in re-establishing Carlisle--I am receiving here \$1500 per <sup>year</sup> as Municipal Music Director, but I owe Carlisle my education and I am willing to make little sacrifice to repay what I have received from there, and will accept the \$900 that is authorized for that position. I trust that I have made myself clear this time, I am

Yours truly,





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Frank J. Hart Southern California Music Co.,  
332-334 South Broadway,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of June 7, you are advised that Mr. J. R. Wheelock is no longer an employee of the Indian Service and consequently it will be impracticable to bring to his attention the question of his indebtedness to you.

Respectfully,

*(Signed E. B. Meritt)*

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Assistant Commissioner.

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LOS ANGELES, CAL. June 7, 1917.

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Indian Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

We are taking the liberty of writing you with reference to an account we have against your representative at Hagerstown, Md.

In August, 1914, Mr. J. R. Wheelock purchased a Clarinet from us for \$35.00, on terms of \$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month. The account was never taken care of in a satisfactory manner, and at the present time he is still owing us a balance of \$9.11.

We have taken the matter up with him on numerous occasions, and while he does not deny the obligation, at the same time he states that he will take care of it when he gets good and ready.

We do not believe the United States will stand for such an attitude on the part of one of its employees, and we appeal to you to take this matter up with Mr. Wheelock.

Hoping you will lend us any assistance within your power to adjust this long standing matter, we remain

Yours very truly,

FRANK J. HART  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MUSIC CO.

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JUN 20 1917

Mr. James R. Wheelock,  
329 W. Washington Street,  
Hagerstown, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

I have your letter of June 11, concerning the position of band master at the Carlisle Indian School.

I cannot see my way clear to increase the salary of this position sufficiently to make it attractive to you as it is necessary to curtail expenses at our schools as much as possible owing to the per capita now fixed by law. It has been necessary this year to close a number of schools on account of the increasing cost of supplies, and the cost of supplies for the coming year is going to be higher. In view of these conditions it would be impracticable to raise the salary of the position.

Sincerely yours,

*(Signed) Cato Sells*

Commissioner.

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June 11th, 1917.



Hon. Cato Sells,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE.

Dear Sir:

Some few days ago I submitted to you my application for the position of Band Master at Carlisle Indian School at Carlisle, Pa.

While at Sherman Institute, Riverside I heard you deliver an address to the employes there <sup>and said</sup> that the only thing that you recognized in any employee or applicant is "efficiency" On the strength of that speech I am taking you at your word and apply for the position on my merit, not asking any political endorsement or recommendations from people in position to give me such endorsement or recommendation.

I am employed here as musical director by the Board of Trade at a salary much larger than I would be able to get in any Indian school other than the salary of Superintendent, but I feel that I should be in Indian Service and Carlisle needs me. The salary that the position of Band Master in any of these school is not large enough to secure capable man-- because a man passes high in Civil Service examination does not say that he is fit man for the job--the policy of training

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people for their job after they get in the service at the expense of the Indian children is all wrong--this is frequently done tho since you became Commissioner that practice is slowly but surely being discontinued. The practice of putting retired army men in Indian service is not for the best interest of the cause--a man who is not physically fit to be in the army is not fit to be in the Indian Service because to accomplish any good in any Indian school requires the hardest kind of work. The people who work for the dollars have no business in the service and much credit is due you for the way you have rid of such employes and I certainly hope that you will remain at the head of Indian Affairs until you have rid of every one of such people. I have watched the progress that the Indian Department has made since you came in the office and I am like most people who have noticed the advancement, <sup>made</sup> must say: "well done let the good work go on."

I trust that you will give me due consideration and give what I have said as having come from my own personal observation and know it to be true facts. • I am

Very Respectfully,

329 W. Wash/ Street  
 Hagerstown, Md.

*J. R. Wheelock*



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JUN 12 1917

Mr. James R. Wheelock,  
329 South Washington Street,  
Hagerstown, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

I have your letter of June 3 and shall be glad to give your application for appointment as band master at the Carlisle School careful consideration when steps are taken to fill the vacancy permanently.

Sincerely yours,

*(Signed E. B. Meritt)*

Assistant Commissioner.

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(Copy to Carlisle.)

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June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917

Hon. Cato Sells,  
Comm. Indian Affairs,  
Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir-

I desire to file  
my application for the  
position of Band Master,  
made vacant by the death  
of Mr. Tyrell at the Carlisle  
Indian School, Iowa

Very Respectfully  
J. R. Wheelock

329 W. Wash. St.  
Hagerstown, Md.

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JOHN FRANCIS, JR.,  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

June 7, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

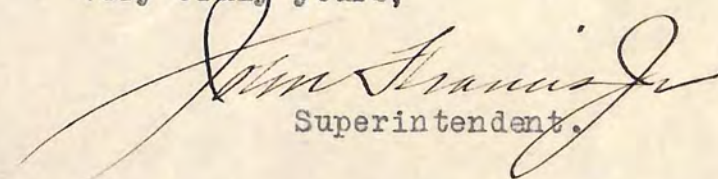
Sir:

There is enclosed herewith the application of Mr. James R. Wheelock for the position of bandmaster at this school viz., George F. Tyrrell, deceased.

I have advised Mr. Wheelock of the fact that an examination was held for this position on May 15, 1917, based on the resignation of Mr. Tyrrell, but that I have transmitted his application to you for your consideration.

Mr. Wheelock is an Indian and has real ability as a band leader. The Hagerstown band, of which he is now director, gave a concert at this school in April and it was apparent that Mr. Wheelock had developed a splendid musical organization there. The Office is fully advised of his splendid record as bandmaster at Carlisle and also at Sherman Institute.

Very truly yours,

  
Superintendent.

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June 3

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Mr. John Francis, Jr.  
Supt. Indian School,  
Cohick, Penna.

Dear Mr. Francis:

I desire to place  
my application for the  
position of Band Master  
at Cohick Indian School -  
I trust that you will give me  
favorable consideration &  
that you will recommend  
my appointment to the  
department. I am

Very Respectfully,  
J. R. Whittaker

329 W. Wash. St.

Hagerstown, Md.