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a	OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.	1879
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V. C. Armstrong
 Hampton Va
 Sept 13. '79

Acknowledge receipt of
 office letter of 10th inst. -
 and state that he has
 signed the contract and
 is ready to perform both
 in letter and in spirit the
 duties therein specified.
 Also write ref. to the
 Education of the Indians
 by the Dept. to be.

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Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

Hampton, Va., Sept 15th 1879
 Hon E. A. Hoyt
 Commissioner Indian Affairs

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your communication
 of September 10th and
 in reply would state that
 having signed the contract
 forwaded by you. I am ready,
 as Executive Officer of this
 institution, to perform both
 in letter and in spirit the
 duties therein specified.
 I enclose the receipt

as "unreplanned" having no objection
from Capt. R. W. Brad that it was
done chiefly because other
institutions aimed at the work
cheaper and that complaint was
made by them of our higher
prices; no reference being made
to the ^{comparative} quality or value of the
work done here.

I cannot say that the
terms are "satisfactory" when our
outlay for the education of Indians
sent here by the government is
greater than the allowance for that
purpose from your office.

I can only repeat my
readiness as a beneficiary of this
institution to do the duties, on
the terms allowed, as stated in

the last agreement. Justice to this
institution requires that its position
in this matter be moderate, and, if
want of money be the only
difficulty then surely the position
I have taken is most likely in the
future to ~~produce~~ ^{frustrate} the effort for
Indian education at this point
while nothing ^{has been or} will be done to
abate in the least earnest and
practical effort for the welfare
of the red race.

To illustrate an spirit in this
matter I will state that we have
already assumed the expense of four
Indian youth from the West, aside
from those sent under government
auspices, and owned cheerfully
double the number had not our

alliance from government been
reduced.

Yours
with great respect
Yours obediently,

Mitchell

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