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Rel. to placing
a number of
students among
Farmers

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., June 15th, 1880.

Hon R. E. Fowbridge
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir

Last year, twelve Indian boys from Hampton Institute, were placed, among the farms of Lee Berkshire Co Mass during three months vacation. The results were good. It is my desire to place some of our pupils, in this valley, during the coming vacation, but I have also an opportunity to place a number in Lee and in Northampton Mass, during the summer months. I think it well to do this, for the good it will accomplish, for our students and the Indians work generally, and would request your authority, to place as many as I may be able, not exceeding twenty five. The expense of travel, going and coming will fall upon the Department, but the expense of food and washing will be covered by the labor of the students, so that there will be no increase of cost to the Department.

As a means of building up confidence on both
sides and as a broadening and self helping measure
for the Indian Youth, this kind of work pays.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

R.H. Ball

1st Lt. 10th Cav'y

In charge