

S. C. ARMSTRONG, PRINCIPAL;

J. F. B. MARSHALL, TREASURER.

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute,

Hampton, Va., Jan 26 1875.

Capt R. B. Hart,

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 21st is received. I will take not over six of the Indians in your care, for the three year course of study here at an annual charge of \$150. ^{per piece.} the conditions as follows.

For board, fuel, washing lights mending &c	\$
@ 10.00 per month, office,	120.00
Clothing for the year say	40.00
Books Stationary & incidentals " say	10.00
	<u>170.00</u>

Working 1 1/2 days each week (one school day & half of Saturday) @ 08 cts per hour, (if they are good active workmen, they will earn

each month \$4.80 cts:—this for 8½ months

School continues from Oct. 1st to the middle of June following: during vacation from June 15th to Oct 1st they, if really valuable houses, will be paid \$10.00 per month; if less so \$8.00 per month besides board. We don't want them at all in summer unless they are pretty good men in all respects: they can do some steyding summer evenings, if not too tired.

At \$8.00 per month they would in the summer earn about \$28.00. Adding this to term time earnings, it would make for the year $\$40.80 + 28.00 = \68.80 . Much of the work given to them would be of practical value to us: we should not miss it if we didn't have it. But men must have a motive to effort: not to give it is a blunder. $\$170.00 \text{ less } \$68.50 = \$101.50$

The principal cost of this scheme is tuition. To secure scholarships of \$70.

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one for each student is my greatest wish.

It would be for I think to charge
\$50.00 for the tuition of each one per
year: calling it, if the Indians wish
will \$150.00 apiece.

I would not, in any account
negotiate with the Govt. a Indian Dept.
for taking Indians on these terms. They are
special: I am interested and wish to
see what can be done for them. I believe the
experiment would be an important one: well
worth trying.

There would be some difficulty
in case of bad behavior. We send negroes
down as a severe punishment: what terms

be done with an objectionable Indian?

What would you say?

I intend to go to
 Thomasville Georgia where my wife is
 the middle of next month; for two or three
 weeks but it's a good way from St.
 Augustine. I mean to return about the 10th or
 15th of March; I shall expect to do so & I
 might bring the Indians from Savannah & possibly
 I could accompany even with a party ^{on my side of}. When
 would you wish them to come if terms are
 agreeable? Could you not bring them
 here? I mean you account of them I should
 expect them to be satisfactory students.

Yours very truly
 S. C. Armstrong