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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs with reference to the appropriation of \$2,000 for the purchase of teams, &c., for the Lawrence school.

JANUARY 5, 1885.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 29, 1884.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication of 27th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with inclosures, recommending that a portion of the \$2,000 appropriated for the purchase of teams and agricultural implements for the Lawrence school during the current fiscal year, and not required for that purpose, may be expended in the purchase of materials for the construction of wash-house, blacksmith and carpenter shops, fencing, &c., and he submits a draft of a clause which he recommends to be incorporated in the Indian appropriation bill now in committee, conferring the requisite authority for such diversion of said fund.

I concur in the recommendation of the Commissioner.

Very respectfully,

H. M. TELLER,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 27, 1884.

SIR: I respectfully forward herewith communication of the 16th instant, from Superintendent Marvin, in which he states that only a small part of the \$2,000 appropriated for the purchase of teams and agricultural implements for the Lawrence school during this fiscal year will be required. On the other hand the school is in sore need of materials for wash-house, blacksmith and carpenter shops, fencing, &c. If the materials were furnished, the school boys could do the work.

I therefore recommend that the inclosed clause be inserted in the bill making appropriation for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, HASKELL INSTITUTE,
Lawrence, Kans., December 16, 1884.

DEAR SIR: Estimates for agricultural implements, &c., under the appropriation for this year will require only a small part of the \$2,000. We do need lumber for construction of tanks at stock wells, for wash-house, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, garden fences, poultry house and yard, &c.

The carpenter can use his force in making real improvements if he has the materials. Can you secure a modification of the act appropriating that \$2,000, so as to make it available for the purposes named?

The carpenter shop is now in narrow quarters in the basement of boys' dormitory. The rooms are needed for sitting-room and store-room, and the shop is in a place to endanger the whole group of buildings.

The laundry is in a tool-house not more than half the size required. No blacksmith shop is up, though we have an Indian who could do our work, and several boys who wish to learn the trade.

We do not ask for lumber to be used up in training boys to use tools, but in teaching them how to construct buildings, &c., for common purposes. The carpenter should have seasoned lumber at command.

Please give this statement the proper direction.

Respectfully,

JAMES MARVIN, *Superintendent.*

Hon. H. PRICE,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Clause to be inserted in the Indian appropriation bill in connection with appropriation for the support of the Industrial School at Lawrence, Kans., during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886.

And the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized to expend so much of the sum of \$2,000 appropriated for the purchase of teams, wagons, and farm implements for said school in the act approved July 4, 1884, as he may deem necessary in fencing, erection of buildings, and other improvements for the benefit of that school.

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