

INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

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FROM—

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior, for buildings for the Indian school, Carlisle, Pa.

MARCH 19, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
March 17, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the 12th instant, forwarded by the Secretary of the Interior, submitting additional estimates for the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., for the service of the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

W. WINDOM,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., March 12, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith, in duplicate, a communication from Capt. R. H. Pratt, superintendent Indian school, Carlisle, Pa., dated the 25th ultimo, in reference to a needed appropriation in the sum of \$10,000 for a small girls' dormitory, with the capacity for the accommodation of one hundred pupils, with all the necessary conveniences, such as assembly room, bath-room, closets, heater, etc.

He also represents that he is still in debt \$5,000 on two buildings erected in 1887, viz: A large boys' quarters, 300 feet long by 36 feet, three stories, capable of accommodating two hundred and fifty-six students, and a substantial brick gymnasium, 130 feet by 60 feet; that the two cost something over \$22,000 over and above their own labor and material of old building.

He also states that the funds used, amounting to \$17,000, were furnished by the students and friends of the school, and that there was no cost to the Government except the old material; that the buildings would easily have cost \$30,000 if erected under contract without their labor; that he finds the school in need of so many other necessary conveniences, with which to tax the generosity of his friends, that he deems it just to have this \$5,000 debt paid by the Government, and respectfully requests that the matter be submitted to Congress with a view to securing an appropriation for its payment. He also states that it is proper for him to add that during the history of the school over \$30,000 have been given to it by friends of Indian education.

In connection with this estimate, I have to state that from personal observation, while on a recent visit to the school, I am of the opinion that the dormitory for small girls is actually needed, and I recommend that the amount estimated for be granted, and that the estimate be laid before Congress for consideration.

In regard to the \$5,000 indebtedness on the two buildings mentioned, I am of the opinion that the generosity of the friends of the school should not be further taxed, and that provision should be made for the extinguishment of the same by Government aid. The item is submitted for favorable consideration.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
March 14, 1890.

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury for the favorable consideration of Congress.

J. W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
Carlisle, Pa., February 25, 1890.

SIR: Referring to your plan to secure an appropriation of \$100,000 for this school, outside of funds for transportation of students, with a view to our carrying 1,000 pupils next year, and conforming to our united judgment in regard to the erection of a small girls' dormitory on a line with the small boys' quarters and between the chapel and guard-house, I respectfully request and recommend that Congress be asked to appropriate \$10,000 for a building large enough to accommodate 100, with all the necessary conveniences, such as assembly-room, bath-room, closets, heater, etc.

In connection with the improvements asked for the school this year I respectfully submit that I am still in debt \$5,000 on two buildings erected in 1887, a large boys' quarters, 300 feet long by 36 feet, three stories, capable of accommodating 256 students, and a substantial brick gymnasium, 130 by 60 feet. The two cost something over \$22,000 over and above our own labor and material of old building.

The funds, amounting to \$17,000, were furnished by our students and friends of the school, and there was no cost to the Government, except the old material. These would easily have cost \$30,000 if erected under contract without our labor.

I find the school in need of so many other necessary conveniences with which to tax the generosity of our friends that I deem it just to have this \$5,000 debt paid by the Government, and I respectfully request that the matter be submitted to Congress with a view to securing an appropriation for its payment.

It is proper for me to add that during the history of the school over \$80,000 have been given to it by friends of Indian education.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. PRATT,
Captain, Tenth Cavalry, Superintendent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

Proposed amendment to the bill making appropriation for the Indian service for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1891.

SUPPORT OF INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

For the construction of a small girls' dormitory for the accommodation of one hundred pupils, with all the necessary conveniences, such as assembly-room, bath-room, closets, and heating apparatus, \$10,000

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the balance due on a large boys' quarters and gymnasium, constructed in 1887, at the Carlisle school, Pa., \$5,000