

INDIAN SCHOOL AT CARLISLE, PA.

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LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*Copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior submitting an additional estimate for appropriation for the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa.*

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JANUARY 30, 1891.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
January 29, 1891.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, of the 27th instant, submitting an additional estimate of appropriations for the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa.

Respectfully yours,

O. L. SPAULDING,  
*Acting Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, January 24, 1891.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith, in triplicate, a communication from R. H. Pratt, captain, Tenth Cavalry, and superintendent Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pa., dated the 19th instant, in which he refers to the proposed appropriation of \$100,000 for the Carlisle school for the ensuing fiscal year, and the desire of this officer that he should prepare himself to accommodate 1,000 pupils during the fiscal year 1892.

In order to accommodate said number of pupils, the superintendent states that the sum estimated for will be sufficient for their support but that if the transportation expenses of pupils to and from said school are to be paid out of said appropriation, the sum will be inadequate and should be increased to \$110,000.

He also invites attention to the fact that \$10,000 was appropriated

to be expended this current year in the erection of an additional girls' dormitory. In view of the proposed large increase of pupils, he suggested that he ought to have a building of very much larger proportions than \$10,000 will erect, and says that a building that will accommodate comfortably 300 girls, which might carry without very much discomfort 75 more, would cost \$20,000, and therefore recommends an additional \$10,000 to add to the appropriation of \$10,000 already available.

Concurring fully in the suggestions and recommendations of the superintendent, I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to amend the estimates now before that body for the Carlisle school, by the addition of the sum of \$10,000 for the support of pupils at said school for the ensuing fiscal year, and that provision be made for the additional sum of \$10,000, to be applied in the erection of a girls' dormitory at said school.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Indorsement.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*January 27, 1891.*

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that the additional appropriation asked be provided by Congress.

JOHN W. NOBLE,  
*Secretary.*

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
*Carlisle, Pa., January 19, 1891.*

SIR: Referring to the proposed appropriation for Carlisle the ensuing year, and to your desire expressed on a number of occasions that we should prepare ourselves to accommodate a thousand children next year, I have to respectfully invite your attention to the fact that the appropriation asked for the support of the school and expense of transportation and bringing in students is only \$100,000. I have said all along that we can carry 1,000 students on \$100,000, and, as I explained to you, I did not mean at any time that that would include their transportation. I suggest, therefore, that, if you still desire to carry out these expressed wishes, you ask that the sum for support and transportation be increased to \$110,000.

I invite your attention also to the fact that \$10,000 was appropriated to be expended this current year in the erection of an additional girls' dormitory. In view of your proposed large increase of our population, I suggest that we ought to have a building of very much larger proportions than \$10,000 will erect. I would say a building that will accommodate comfortably three hundred girls, which might carry without very much discomfort seventy-five more; such a building would cost \$20,000. The present girls' building, in that case, could be utilized for the overflow of boys consequent upon this proposed increase. It would be necessary then to ask for an additional \$10,000 to add to the appropriation of \$10,000 already available.

Submitting these matters for such action as you and the honorable Secretary may see fit to take,

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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

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