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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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FEBRUARY 18, 1891.—Presented, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, to accompany an amendment intended to be proposed to the Indian appropriation bill, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. STEWART presented the following

LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, RECOMMENDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INDIAN SCHOOLS AT CARSON CITY, NEV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, February 18, 1891.*

SIR: Replying to your telephonic inquiry regarding the amount of money needed to carry on the school at Carson City, Nev., allow me to say that the school is now in very successful operation with, at last accounts, 105 pupils in attendance. These pupils were gathered very quickly and apparently without difficulty, soon after school opened. From the information which I have I am led to believe that it is entirely possible to maintain at that place a school of 200 at least. As you are well aware there are large numbers of Indians in that section of the country who have very poor or no school accommodations, and they seem eager to avail themselves of the opportunity offered at Carson of securing for their children an English and industrial training.

There is at present, as you know, but one building, which is used for all purposes—dormitory for boys and also for girls, school rooms, dining room, hospital, etc.

It would be very much better every way, especially if the school is to be increased in size, that there should be erected first a dormitory for boys to accommodate, say, 125. This would leave the present building for the exclusive use of the girls, not only increasing the capacity of the school, but rendering discipline much easier. This building could be erected by Mr. Gibson for probably \$20,000.

There should also be a hospital, which would cost probably \$3,000 more. It would be very greatly to the advantage of the school if there should be erected a separate school building.

I think, however, that it would be well to postpone that for another year, until it has been demonstrated that the number of pupils that can be secured for the school will render such a building absolutely necessary.

Mr. Gibson said to me on my visit to the school that there is a small piece of land lying near the present school premises, not particularly valuable in itself and worth but little for agricultural purposes, but which could be utilized, if I remember rightly, as a reservoir and be

made very valuable to the school. This land, he told me, could be purchased for \$300.

The cost of maintenance of pupils at that school is fixed at \$175 per capita per annum. If we care for 150 next year this will require an expenditure for support of \$25,250. If the attendance should reach 200, the cost of support would be \$35,000. It is possible to run the school in a very creditable way and take care of about 150 pupils by overerowing and inconvenience for the sum of \$25,000.

My own judgment is that it is wise economy to enlarge the school so that it can care for 200. If you concur in this from your knowledge of the situation, I shall be very glad if you would ask the committee to change the appropriation so that it will stand :

For the support and education of Indian pupils at the Indian school at Carson City, Nev., at \$175 per annum each, and for the necessary buildings, repairs, and purchase of additional ground, and for the pay of superintendent of said school, at \$1,800 per annum, \$60,000.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. W. M. STEWART,  
*United States Senate.*

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