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About

Government Relations with Native Americans, Mission school supplies, Agency supplies, Office of Indian Affairs, J.Q. Smith

Transcription

Department of the Interior

Office of Indian Affairs

Washington July 9th 1877

Edmond Mallet

W.T. Indian Agent

Tulalip Agency

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Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th inst, in which you ask instructions as to the disbursement of the \$3000. appropriated by Congress for the support of an Agricultural and Industrial School at Tulalip Agency. Of this sum your state \$1800. has been appropriated to the pay of Teachers, leaving but \$1200. for subsistence, clothing etc. of the children, and that in fact there are two schools, one for Girls and the other for boys, for the maintenance of which the appropriation is not sufficient.

By reference to the monthly school reports I find that there are about fifty (50) boarding pupils equally divided between the sexes; this return is made upon a single blank, indicating but one school.

Please report whether there are separate

schools in separate rooms, and with different teachers, and if so here after transmit separate monthly school reports for each.

In view of the demands upon the appropriations for non-treaty schools this office cannot afford you any additional aid for educational purposes. The products of the school farm, and to a limited extent (subject other demands of the agency) also that of the agency farm may be used for the subsistence of the Boarding school, and each subsistences and annuities as the boarding pupils may be entitled to independent of the school appropriations, may be issued directly to or for their use in the school, in which case the parents should not receive a duplicate of each issues. A slight excess of each pro rata amount may be issued to maintain the school if consistent with other exigencies and your judgment approves it. For the mode of expending the balance of the appropriations for subsistence and clothing of the pupils you are referred to "Instructions to Superintendents and Indian Agents" commencing page 3 of which a copy was mail to you July 1st inst. this reference also applies to your question relative to needed repairs to the school-house, as to which you were advised by Office letter

of the 14th ult. The necessary kitchen utensils you require may be included in your estimate for subsistence, clothing, etc. to be submitted, and if the Croquette set and football will conduce to the attractions of the school, there is no objection to your purchasing them; I fear there will be little margin left for agricultural implements, but in view of the limited amount of funds at your disposal for carrying on this school you should make such a careful estimate as to the various needs that each will receive its due proportion and the whole work be made as efficient as the means admit.

As a further aid I send you two dozen "Easy reading lessons" for the use of the younger pupils; of the receipt of which please advise.

Very respectfully,

Signed J.Q. Smith

Comr.

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Identified Persons

J.Q.Smith; Major Edmond Mallet

Identified Places

Tulalip Agency; Tulalip Indian School

Recipient

Major Edmond Mallet

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