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Director of C. S. Schools

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Montana Ft. Peck School

I have the honor to ask for a permit from your Bureau to locate upon and establish a sci sol at the Fort Peck Agency, Montana, subject to the usual restrictions in such cases. In support of this request I beg leave to submit the following reasons: 1. The Methodist preacher in charge of the Agency has never done anything towards the establishment of a school at said Agency, though repeatedly requested by your office to do so. 2. The Indians have time and again raquested as to live among them for the instruction of their children. 3. The Agent, feeling the great necessity of such instruction for the civilization of his Indians, has also requested us to yield to their desires and establish for them the school they ask for. 4. The whites at or around the Agency, who feel an interest in the Indian, have made the same request. 5. The Indian Peace Policy was not inaugurated in the interest of the churches but in the interest of the Indians themselves, and therefore, if, after the assignment of an Agency to any specific denomination, such denomination fails to fulfill the obligations it assumed under the assignment, public policy and the interest of the Indians demand that such assignment should not prevent other denominations locating on the reservation and taking steps to advance the educational and civilizing interests of the Indians; and more especially, should this hold good when the Indians themselves encourage the establishment of such new denominations among them.

If my request is granted, I will cause such early action to be had in the premises as will enable us to commence the school with the new scholastic year.

Brouillot, J.B.A. to Hon. R.E. Trowbridge, D.C. 5/7/1880. B.C.I.M. Archives Montana Several 1880.

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Montana. Ft. Peck. Bureau asks school vs. Methodist

Referring to my letter of May 7 last, requesting that you grant me a permit to locate and establish a school at the Fort Peck Agency, I desire to make the following additional statement to wit:

The Methodist Church has not fulfilled the condition upon which the control of agencies was given - i.e., it has never had a Mission at Fort Peck, nor a school, which, according to the spirit of the Peace Policy, is an indispensable accessory of the Mission - though this was a formal condition of the trust,

President Grant, in his Message of December 5, 1870, expressly says that he would give the agencies to such denominations as had their <u>Missionaries</u> already at work among the Indians, and that for the agencies where had been no missionary work, he would give them to such other denominations as would establish and carry on <u>such missionary work there</u>. (See Foreign Relations, 1870, p. 17.)

This has not been done by the Church in charge of the Fort Peck Agency. Therefore said Church has lost whatever right or privilege the Peach Policy would give it, and the interest and welfare of the Indians demand that another Church, that is willing to do the work which has been neglected by the Church in charge, should not be prevented from doing so.

Brouillet, J.B.A. to Comr. R. E. Frowbridge, Washington, D. C., 7/28/1880. Indian Office Files Montana B 668, 1880.

Poureau Catholic Interior Missione Mashington, D.C. August 2, 1800 How R. E. Fromminge, Commessioner Indian Office In addition to my letters of May I and July 28, relative to a request for a period to locate a charl in the Fol Book agency I desire to subject for your consideration the dollaure winas Ks. The Methodist Church and a conference of the different Irelestant Churches with the Board of Sulvan Commissioners, told family 11 1892 declared that In regard to these agencies [in. the agencies assigned to it in the distribution of agencies well the leave Policy I it so turned oil in the allotrum of agrees that there was no agency allotted to us, in which we had a missionen at de, and our society heritaked for a colicle to Enter cuto this plan, feeling that they were not prepared to take when the relieve my more museeman work, at present, of that dass, on our inference with the Department of the believe and the himan Bureau on did not understand that the relation we were to sustain to the Hornweit, in this matter

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Montana Ft. Feck School

In addition to my letters of May 7 and July 28, relative to a request for a permit to locate a school on the Fort Peck Agency, I desire to submit for your consideration the following remarks.

The Methodist Church in a conference of the different protestant churches with the Board of Indian Commissioners, held Jan. 11, 1872, declared that "In regard to these Agencies [we the Agencies assigned to it in the distribution of Agencies under the Peace Policy] it so turned out in the allotment of Agencies that there was no agency allotted to us, in which we had a missionary at all, and our society hesitated for a while to enter into this plan, feeling that they were not prepared to take upon themselves any more missionary work, at present, of that class. In our intercourse with the Department of the Interior and the Indian Bureau we did not understand that the relation we were to sustain to the Government, in this matter, involved the placing or establishment of schools etc. We understood that we became responsible to the Government in the nomination of Agents for the Agencies assigned to us." (See Report Board Indian Commissioners for 1871, page 165.)

This church, therefore, did not agree, nor does it hold itself bound, to establish missions or schools upon Agencies assigned to it, but considers that its duty ends when it has nominated the Agents. Consequently the only right it claims in connection with the management of Indian Agencies is that of naming the Agents for the Agencies under its control.

This being fact, it follows, I submit, that this church should have no choice in the determination of what schools shall be located on the Fort Feck Agency, that the decision of the Department should be made without reference to what said church may have to say in the matter, and that even should said church new offer to establish a school, it would have no claim that would give it precedence of others, but that any other church that is willing to go there should have the right to establish its own schools unopposed by the Methodists; and further that, in the appointment of the Covernment school teachers the action of the Department should be based upon the merits of the parties offering to take charge of the schools, and upon the and not upon denominational grounds.

Brouillet, J.B.A. to Hon R.E. Trowbridge, D.C., 8/2/1880.

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Bureau Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, A.C. august 10. 1880. Now R.E. Trombridge, Commissioner Irlian affairs, I have the honor to request a copy of the correspondence between your office and the Methodist Board relative to my application for a permit to locate upon and establish a school at the Fort Beck agency. Jan dis reg reefly, Jour obesient revent I 13 A- 13 rouilles

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