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PAWHUSKA, ST. LOUIS MISSION SCHOOL
1925

20-23

January 3, 1926.

Sister M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Boarding School.
Pawhuska, Osage Co.,
Oklahoma.

Dear Sister:

Enclosed please find check in the sum of \$55.00, donations received from the following by Rev. William Huffer:

- Mr. G.C. Bolton, guardian of Mary Kenworth \$25.00
- Mr. J.G. Shonn, guardian of George Littlestar 5.00
- Mr. J.H. Ward, guardian of Angella McKinley 25.00

I am very sorry that I cannot send you more, but I think that you fully understand the reason. I wish you every blessing and happiness during the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE
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Osage Indian Agency,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.
January 5, 1925.

Mr. Charles A. Lusk,
Secretary Catholic Indian Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith voucher covering attendance of Osage children at the St. Louis Boarding School, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, for the quarter ended December 31, 1924, amounting to \$822.82.

There are also enclosed monthly and quarterly school reports of this school for the month of December, 1924, and the second quarter, 1925, respectively.

This voucher is sent to you for proper execution and submission as a claim to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as per the terms of contract No. 1772, approved June 16, 1924.

Respectfully,

W. H. Miller
Clerk & S.D.A. in Charge.

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January 9, 1925.

Rev. Mother Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

In one of your late letters you stated that some question had been raised as to the form of Voucher used by you in connection with payments due under this Bureau's contract for your school. For this reason I am inclosing the correct form of Voucher. It has the approval of the Indian Office.

The number of days in a quarter varies, as you know--the quarters ending September 30 and December 31, having 92 days; the quarter ending March 31, 90 days and the quarter ending June 30, 91 days. The amount due is found by multiplying the number of days in attendance by 50, the quarterly per capita rate, and dividing the product by the number of days in the quarter.

In your letter you expressed yourself as somewhat aggrieved over the delay in receiving the quarterly payments under the contract, and seem to feel that we were responsible. I feel, therefore, that I should acquaint you with the procedure in securing payments of claims under our school contracts. A claim against the government cannot be collected like a bill against a private individual. In the latter case all you have to do is to present the claim to the individual and if he is able he pays it promptly. It is an entirely different affair when you come to treat with the government in a matter of this kind. In the first place there has to be a Voucher prepared and certified to by the government superintendent or agent, and sent by him accompanied by the quarterly report, to the Indian Office, where it is examined. After its allowance by that Office, it goes to the Comptroller General of the Treasury. There it is scrutinized very carefully. After its allowance in that Office, it goes to the Warrant Division of the Treasury, and thence to the U. S. Treasurer for the issuance of the check for the amount allowed. I am not able to say by how many officials the claim is handled, but there are quite a few. Moreover such a claim is not taken up and examined the day it reaches the respective Offices; it is only considered in turn, and there may be times when from a week to ten days may elapse before it is reached. From what I say, you will see, I think, that it is not a matter of days but of weeks between the filing of a claim and its payment. We do our very best to expedite the settlement of all our school claims, but the wheels of the government, like the "wheels of the gods", turn very slowly, and it is next to impossible for us to make them move faster.

I hope that this explanation will satisfy you that we are not at fault in the delay of your payments reaching you. We realize fully that this delay at times must embarrass you considerably. You may rest assured that we are on the job all the time and are doing our level best to get these payments to you at the earliest day possible.

I am writing this letter because the matter of the settlement of the claims under our contracts is attended to by me solely.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL/JR

Pawhuska

January 10, 1925.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington,
D. C.

Sir:

Based on the accompanying certified Voucher and Report,
claim is hereby made by this Bureau, under contract of July 1,
1924, for \$822.82, for care and education of Osage pupils in St.
Louis Mission School, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, during the quarter end-
ed December 31, 1924.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CS/LR

St. Louis School
Lawhuska, Oklahoma

January, 11, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

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*Request made by
App. to Mother Katharine*

Dear Father Hughes:-

Your note and the check for \$55.00 was received yesterday, and to say we were disappointed is putting it mildly. I have been depending on that collection, and I do not see how we can get through with less than \$500.00. We still owe for the guttering around the whole building, \$395.00, and nearly \$400 for the three metal ceilings. I had to borrow this amount of money to pay the men who did the work. How are we going to manage?

Our income just pays our running expenses. You know we have to feed the children well if we expect to hold them, Please, Father, see what you can do to help us. Perhaps you can prevail on Mother Katharine to help us, to the amount of \$500.00, If we get that much I will try to get the balance.

We have all been down with the flu, one Sister had pneumonia and we had to have a trained nurse for two weeks. Our chaplain was in bed for nearly a week, Thank God we are all able to be around again. The children are all real well since the Christmas holidays.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible, for I am worried over this affair and want to know just what to do.

Wishing you all success in the New Year, and your blessing for us all I am, dear Father

Yours sincerely in the Sacred Heart.

Sister M. Scholastica.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
Form 40

Pauchaska
NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Civil

In reply refer to
Certificate No. 063046-1

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Interior Settlements and
Claims

Claims Department Division

Jan. 29, 1925.

Claim No. 014216 Washington, D. C. _____, 192

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
3021 H St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Your claim(s) for maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils attending the St. Louis Boarding School during the 3rd quarter 1925, under contract for the fiscal year 1925; I.O. claim #363049.

has (have) been settled and the sum of Eight hundred Twenty-two dollars and Eighty-two cents, has been allowed per above certificate number, payable from the appropriation(s)

Indian Monies, Proceeds of Labor (Osage School, 1925).

Pauchaska School

3/24/25

Treasurer's Check No. _____
claim(s) 37

, inclosed herewith, is in settlement of said

J. R. McCARL,
Comptroller General,

\$ 822.82

By F. F. Conway

NOTE.—If a claimant desires a review of this settlement, or any item thereof, he should not accept payment of the amount allowed as to such item. An application for a review of the whole or any item of this settlement should be filed, with a statement of the reasons therefor, within one year from the date hereof, in the Division of the General Accounting Office issuing the settlement certificate, and same will be transmitted to the Law Division, Office of Comptroller General, for review. The inclosed check should not be cashed if its amount includes any item as to which review is applied for, but undorsed should accompany the application for review.

2-11507 G. P. O.

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Finance.

Refer in reply to Claim No: 863049
Unit: Osage
Contract No: 1772

Pawhuska [ENCLOSURE] 363049

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General Accounting Office,
Claims Division.
WASHINGTON January 12, 1925.

The accompanying account of BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS, for maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils attending the St. Louis Boarding School during the 2nd Cr. 1925, under contract approved June 16, 1924,

has received administrative examination in this Office and is transmitted to you for settlement.

Total amount claimed \$ 822.82

Differences: $\frac{1614 \times 650}{92} = 822.82$

Subject to correction by verification of extensions and computations the account is approved for \$ 822.82

Except as noted, the items have been authorized as required by Indian Office regulations, and whenever practicable, the prices or rates have been verified by comparison with Office records, quotations offered, or rates established in accordance with law.

Payment should be made to Claimant, 2021 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.,

*Pawhuska School
Dec. 24/24 pr.*

and the expense charged to:
INDIAN MONIES, PROCEEDS OF LABOR, OSAGE SCHOOL, 1925

Report of attendance attached.

To Claimant: With action indicated by this sheet voucher has passed beyond the jurisdiction of the Indian Office. Any correspondence in reference to case should be addressed to the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully,

LRW
Examiner:

Commissioner.
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

20-4
February 5, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I enclose herewith U.S. Treasury Check #13794,
for \$222.82, endorsed to your order, covering payment due
your school, under contract of July 1, 1924, for the
quarter ended December 31, 1924.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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20-23

February 9, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I have your letter of January 11. I know how terribly disappointed you must have been.

Confidentially, I hope that Bishop Kelley will be able to solve the problem at Pawhuska. It is strange that the wealthy Osage Indians cannot support their own school. You can understand that as soon as the name of the Osages is mentioned to any white Catholics, they throw up their hands in surprise. I believe that with proper cooperation from the pastor, you could solve your problem.

I am writing Mother Katharine and forwarding a copy of your letter. I cannot say what Mother Katharine may be able to do. The Bureau has no money at present and I do not see any prospect of securing it. I would advise you to write Bishop Kelley. I am also writing him.

I am sorry to hear of the sickness by flu and pneumonia of the Sisters and Father Negahnquet. I am glad to know that you are all well again and that the children are well.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. McGr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

St. Louis School
Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Feb. 14, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

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BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.
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Letter to Mother Katharine 2/16/25

Dear Father:-

Some more troubles coming. The inclosed recommendations were sent to us after the men from the Fire Prevention Association came here and examined the building. I told them at the time, that if there were any alterations or changes to be made they were to consult the Catholic Indian Bureau, or Mother Drexel who were the owners of this property.

We have attended to the items checked, anything else we can not undertake.

Had putting the new roof on last year, been left to us, it would have been a metal roof then, but Father Edwards told Father Huffer that he would see that the roof was put on, so we had nothing to do with it, except now Father wants to take the salary of the Sisters who teach in the parochial school, to pay himself for having the work done.

If we were not so hampered and restrained here, we might be able to put this school on a paying basis, but it would be quite an undertaking, and I think too much to put into a building that does not belong to us. yet I believe it can be done.

Please pray that everything will be all right,

Devotedly yours,

Sister Scholastica

[ENCLOSURE]

COPY FOR:

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL
JOHN CONNOLLY, MARSHAL
OKLAHOMA CITY

FEBRUARY 10, 1925

Mother Catherine Drexall,
Saint Elizabeth's Convent,
Cornwall Postoffice, Pa.

Dear Mother Catherine:

I am inclosing you copy of inspection that I made on the Convent School at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, of which I have been informed you are the head. You will see in this copy of the inspection I am forwarding to you, recommendations that I have requested you make in this school in order that it be placed in first class shape from a fire standpoint. I have submitted this matter to Bishop Kelley of Oklahoma, and he is heartily in accord with my recommendations.

There has just been passed in this term of the State Legislature, a bill, House Bill No. 67, which makes it mandatory upon the superintendents or Boards of Education or Boards of Trustees of the different schools throughout the state that they comply with the requirements of the bill in that they must remove all fire hazards from any school building. I do not have a copy of this bill on hand at this time, or I would be glad to furnish you with one.

I trust that you will reply to this communication at your very earliest convenience, letting me know as to what action you will take on this matter.

Very respectfully,

(SIGNED) JOHN CARROLL
Ass't State Fire Marshal.

JRC:GS

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COPY FOR: *Mother Katharine*
to Mother Scholastica
to Bishop Nease
5/29/25

ENCLOSURE

Oklahoma City, Okla.
February 3, 1925.

Hon. John Connolly,
State Fire Marshal,
Building.

Dear Sir:

On January 22, 1925, I inspected the Catholic Convent School located about one mile south and west of the city of Pawhuska, Okla. and the following is a report of my inspection.

This is a three story, stone and wood constructed building, built about 1895, and occupied as a girls' convent. There is an enrollment in this school at this time, of sixty pupils, with an average attendance of forty-five, with a fire drill practiced about once a month. The school is in charge of Sister Scholastica, Principal. Mr. Ben Crawford is employed as a farm overseer, and is the only male employee at this school.

In the attic, there are twenty-three beds in the dormitory, with a steel stair fire escape leading from the attic door on the west, and a steel ladder escape on the east side of the building. The hallways and stairways are all woodwork and the halls are very narrow, and also the stairs are very narrow.

On the third floor there are forty-three beds in the dormitory. There are partitions built across the hallway that makes a very bad condition. And in the dormitories there are the old time wall gas brackets.

The second floor is occupied as a class room, the first floor as a dining room and kitchen and laundry.

There is no water supply near this building. There is no fire equipment in the same, with the exception of two or three unapproved fire extinguishers of the old style make. All doors leading from this school open to the inside.

Recommendations: The walls of this building are in the very best of shape. No cracks or sagging appearing anywhere on the outer walls, which leads me to believe that the foundation is in the very best of shape, and in order that we may overcome the hazardous conditions on the inside of the building, would recommend that the building be entirely overhauled, and the inside of same made of fire proof construction, with wide, spacious halls; that the exit doors be rearranged to open to the outside, and to be equipped with panic bar locks; that there be placed at least two 2 1/2 gallon fire extinguishers on each floor and the building be equipped with an approved type of fire escape as an added measure of safety. This property is under the supervision of Mother Katharine Drexal at St. Elizabeth's Convent, Cornwall Postoffice, Pennsylvania, and the above recommendations will have to be taken up through her in order that any changes might be made.

If the foregoing recommendations are complied with, this building will be, in my opinion, one of the best equipped and safest school buildings in the State of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

Ass't State Fire Marshal.

JRC:GS
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COPY FOR:

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CONVENT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
St. Elizabeth's
Cornwells Heights, Pa.

February 21, 1925.

Dear Mother M. Scholastica:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Fire Department of the State of Oklahoma giving a report of the inspection of the convent school at Pawhuska.

I also received a notice from your Bishop, The Right Reverend Bishop Kelley, saying that this bill was "now before the Legislature and is certain to pass."

My experience when in Oklahoma was not at all reassuring as to the honesty of some of the business men in this state. Therefore, I think you would have to find out positively whether the bill has been passed.

It would seem unreasonable to me to demand the fire protection required by the Assistant State Fire Marshal. You have "a steel stair fire escape from the attic door on the west side and a steel ladder escape on the east side of building," according to this man's statement. Besides there are stairs in the rear of the building, narrow, it is true; stairs leading from the attic to the ground floor; there is a front stairway for the 2nd and 3rd stories; and on the first story there is the exit of the front door, and the basement has an exit also. I would not wonder at all if this was not gotten up by some state politicians who want jobs for themselves or for some of their friends.

Dear Mother, will you kindly experiment by a fire drill how long it will take to empty all at once your 23 beds occupied in the attic and the 40 beds occupied down stairs. You can make experiments with imaginary fire in different parts of the house and report how long it takes in each case. I would think 3 minutes would do it, if the children were properly drilled.

If this be true, will you kindly write The Right Reverend Bishop Kelley stating this fact and asking him if, by securing the influence of some state politician, this building be exempt from making the alterations proposed. I am positive in New York some of the clergy have reported their cases to the State Department so that they have been exempt from the exactions required.

If this can not be done, I make the following proposition to you, dear Reverend Mother. You know we are paying for non-Osage pupils in quarterly payments \$833 1/3. If we are obliged to make the alterations which the State Fire Department wishes to enforce, we could, if I live, lay aside the sum of \$1666 2/3 which is due September and November 1925 - \$833 1/3 for September and \$833 1/3 for November 1925. You would then not open a school for non-Osages in September 1925.

The Right Reverend Bishop tells me that he has appointed a priest whom he thinks will be very helpful. With the assistance of this priest and visitations of your Sisters to the Indians' homes, whose home surroundings would not make them unhappy in sleeping in dormitories - and I can not help thinking there are many of those yet on the reservation - you could secure your quota of 75 Osage Indians for which you have a contract of \$200 a year, per capita or \$15,000. And if you could only secure 60 Osage Indians - as I doubt whether you could accommodate 75 - at \$200 a year, per capita or \$12,000, this is far better payment than we are making you for non-Osage Indians, as you get double the amount, which, of course, I realize is not a very big sum for the support of a pupil, but which is very much better than \$100 per capita.

What is to become of these non-Osages whom you now have in the school next scholastic year? Could they not get into other Catholic schools on the reservation or have you not instilled enough Catholicity into them to have them safely enter the Government schools in Oklahoma where the Catholic priests attend to instruct the Catholic children? I think Chiloco, Quapaw and Seneca are some of these.

I would not wish these poor non-Osage Indians to be ruthlessly deprived of any chance of Catholicity. Dear Reverend Mother, kindly tell me what you think about all this.

From Monsignor Hughes I learn that you are urgently in need of \$500 to pay for work done on the building last year. Now we might be able to give you this \$500 if you can adopt the plan above suggested and not open a school for non-Osages in September 1925.

Dear Mother, these past years you were so bound by circumstances you did not feel yourself free, I think, to have mothers' meetings, gatherings of your former pupils, to go out into the camps, teach Sunday School, etc. The Osages loved the Sisters of St. Francis and I am sure the devotedness of the Sisters of Loretto has won the confidence of the Osages and will more and more win them.

I am sending a duplicate of this letter to your Right Reverend Bishop and also to Monsignor Hughes in order that they may be able to co-operate with you, if necessary, in the plan suggested.

With warmest love to all the Sisters who were so kind to us during our stay at Pawhuska, I am, dear Mother,

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) MOTHER M. KATHARINE DREXEL

COPIED BY R.R.

20-23

March 10, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Tachuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I enclose herewith check for \$523.33 covering pay-
ment due your school for care and education of non-Scage pupils
during the three months ended February 28, 1925.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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Also letter to P. p. Diversants
MAR 27 1925

by Rev. Mr. P. P. Diversants
I received the account of an Indian
dinner given me March 12th; that there
is my paternal grandfather to about 60 notables
of our city, worthy not of the fold, though with
reception from the part of the parish.
The gentleman who signed the check for me was J. H. McLaughlin Esq. a
Mason, a man in a 1000, a friend of the
Indian has some skill not a Catholic, not affiliated
with any church. I wish I had a coat like
he has. I am leaving here Sunday to go
to Europe. This will be my first trip to
Italy; I have had myself commissioned
by the Bishop of San Antonio to
procure a distinction from the Holy See

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for Mrs. Maria Anderson, the wife of
and raised in my parish of St. Charles, now
living in Saginaw. I wrote her life in
detail from birth to date and hope that
the Archbishop of Canada in his letter would
have entered into details about ^{her} ~~her~~ ^{life} ~~life~~.
Will you do that for me and her, advise
your letter to me Rev. Edw. F. O'Sullivan
To Monique Joseph Killmann
437 W. 47th St. New York.

but your letter should be addressed to
the Bishop of Saginaw
Rev. Director. Will her Bishop please
be statement of the benefactions of Mrs. Anderson
she will be the Rev. Mrs. O'Sullivan, mentioned details
and recommend ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~give~~ ^{give}
a distinction of merit by the Holy Father for her
own sake because she is deserving and for
the good of the missions of the Indians in
the U. S.

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I am giving to one your in Washington
D.C. if possible can, for I want to be
in Holland before winter and have still
to collect some ^{more} ~~more~~ here to give
a haul letter, since I succeed to give
necessar a clean slate, outside of the
big church debt of \$22,500⁰⁰ payable in quarterly
I have two full blood ladies here for whom
I seek a smaller stipend in Rome,
so going to Rome I will hand
letter to the Bp. of San Antonio about his life,
2^d a very beautiful though short letter of apology
I also addressed to the Bp. of St. Louis
3^d a letter from you to the Bp. of St. Louis
and the formal letter of the Bp. of St. Louis
to the Holy See.
I am confident I will return with
something worthwhile for Mrs. McCall.

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Thinking you to be to see that I would
leave mission, but for if ever they
go, well, Rome, and if I am to then
take up the end of the Indians here
just as of 500 so I will come back
directly from Rome to be here about
the middle of May when Cardinal
Hagen comes to Guatimula. His reception
with my absence will be extremely
interesting, but with me here in the absence
of an long absence it would cost the
climate. However I think of this not for
myself, but for the Cardinal, for my Pope, Keller
and for my Indians, who will always be my
favorite children, wherever I go.

With best wishes and a little prayer

Edw. F. Moran the younger
Commonly called Father Edwards.

P. S. Perhaps I should add, that about
Christmas last, Bro. Kelley asked me to
leave here for another parish, I asked for
a year then for 30 days, but preferred he send
my successor here; he is a very laborious priest,
but Indian work is not in his line. I never
asked for my favors from Bro. Macdonald, and
will not ask any more, but I would love to
be in the Voyage station somewhere after
September 15th when I return; they love me
and I love them after 26 1/2 years.
Vate. G. G. G.

20-23

March 21, 1925.

Rev. Edward Van Waesberghe,
c/o Msgr. Joseph Stillmans,
437 West 47th Street,
New York City.

Dear Father Edward:

I have your letter of March 17 requesting that I send a letter of commendation concerning Mrs. Morine Prudon McGill, addressed to Right Rev. Arthur J. Drosserts, Bishop of San Antonio, the Ordinary of Mrs. Prudon McGill. I will gladly do this. I am writing by the same mail.

You further request that I send the letter which is addressed to Right Rev. Bishop Drosserts to you in New York. Naturally I cannot do this. Only the Bishop can decide whether he wishes to forward his letter to you.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

Pawhuska

30-15

March 24, 1925.

Honorable Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I would respectfully ask that this Bureau be granted a contract, payable out of Tribal Funds for the care and education of 75 Gage Indian pupils in the St. Louis Mission School, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, at a per capita of \$200 per annum, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925.

Very truly yours,

Rt. Rev. McGr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSM/AR

March 25, 1925.

Major Victor M. Locke, Jr.,
The Portland,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dick:

With reference to our talk on Sunday in regard to the St. Louis Mission School at Pawhuska, I desire to make this statement.

This school is conducted by the Sisters of Loretto in a building that is the property of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored people, of which Mother Katharine Brexel is the superioress. The Sisters of Loretto have the use of the building free of rent.

The requirements of the Department of the State Fire Marshall of Oklahoma, in the matter of certain changes that are needed, in his opinion, for the elimination of fire hazards in the school are given in the inclosed copies of the Report of the Assistant State Fire Marshall of his inspection of the building and of his letter to Mother Katharine Brexel, bearing date of February 3, and February 10, respectively.

To carry out the recommendations of the Fire Marshall will entail a very large expense. The Sisters of Loretto find it extremely difficult to make both ends meet in the carrying on of their school and they are without the means to make the changes called for. Mother Katharine Brexel is not willing to provide the funds and is very decidedly of the opinion that the demands of the Fire Marshall are unreasonable. She says this after having made an inspection of the building within the past few months. In a letter from her to the superioress of the St. Louis School which I have before me, Mother Katharine says the building has a steel stair fire escape from the attic door on the west side and a steel ladder escape on the east side of the building; that there are stairs in the rear of the building, narrow, it is true; stairs leading from the attic to the ground floor; there is a front stairway for the second and third stories; and on the first story there is the exit of the front door and the basement has an exit also.

Mother Katharine tells me that the superior of the school informs her that a fire drill lately had in the school showed that it took less than three minutes for all the occupants of the building to vacate it.

Mother Katharine is extremely anxious that the St. Louis School should be exempted from the Fire Marshall's requirements and has asked us to help her to bring this about. We, of course, are only too glad to render her any help we can. With your connections in Oklahoma, I feel certain that a helping hand from you will be a big factor in bringing about what the Rev. Mother wishes. If you will exercise your good offices in the matter you may rest assured that you will have the deep gratitude of Mother Katharine, the Sisters of Loretto, Father Hughes and myself.

I assume that you will see Bishop Kelley. Father Hughes has written the Bishop that you will call upon him and asked his cooperation in any

Major Victor W. Locke, Jr.,

efforts that you may make in the matter.

With kindest regards and all good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Lusk,
Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

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Osage Indian Agency,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.
April 3, 1925.

Mr. Charles A. Lusk,
Secretary Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith voucher covering attendance of Osage children at the St. Louis Boarding School, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, for the quarter ended March 31, 1925, amounting to \$753.33.

There are also enclosed monthly and quarterly school reports of this school for the month of March, 1925, and the third quarter, 1925, respectively.

This voucher is sent to you for proper execution and submission as a claim to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as per the terms of contract No. 1772, approved June 10, 1924.

Respectfully,

W. H. Wright
Superintendent.

Archives and Institution of Catholic Indian Missions

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April 3, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I have filed with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a plica-
tion for a contract for ~~200~~⁷⁵ Osage pupils in your school for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1926.

Following the usual course, this application will be forwarded to
Agent Wright for submission to the Osage National Council. I suggest that it
would be well for you to see your friends on the Council and urge them to sup-
port a resolution consenting to the granting of this contract.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

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April 6, 1925.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Based on the accompanying certified Voucher
and Report, claim is hereby made by this Bureau, under
contract of July 1, 1925, for \$763.33, for care and
education of Osage Pupils in St. Louis Mission Boarding
School, Pachuska, Oklahoma, during the quarter ended
March 31, 1925.

Yours very truly

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

Scholastica
St. Louis School
Hambuska, Oklahoma April, 7, 1925.

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Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Washington, D. C.,

Rec'd APR 10 1925 Amt.....
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Dear Father :-

We have just received your letter in which you say you have filed application with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for a contract for 200 Osage pupils for the St. Louis School for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926.

I do not understand why you would increase the number from 75, what we have always had, to 200. We really have not room for more than 60 pupils in all. I do not think they have ever had more than 100 pupils, since the house was opened, and when they did, the children slept two and three in a bed, 200 pupils look good on paper but it does us no good, for we cannot get even twenty

I would suggest that they give us the contract for forty or fifty Osages and pay us 35 dollars a month per capita for as many as we can get up to fifty. We cannot get or keep the Osage children unless we feed them better than we can offer them for \$16²/₃ per month, which is what we are getting at present, per capita.

Please let us know about the 200 pupils and also what you think about asking for \$35 per month for each pupil from September 1st to May 31. We cannot keep them after the last of May any way. By this arrangement we will not get any pay for June, July Or August.

I will be willing to go to the Agency and see about this if you think it will do any good.

We have 48 pupils in all at present 16 Osages, 25 Non Osages and 7 others. Of these seven four are free and three pay \$25 per month.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

With all good wishes for a joyous Easter from us all, I am
Yours sincerely in our Lord.

Sister Scholastica

COPY FOR:

April 7, 1925.

Major Victor M. Locke, Jr.,
The Fortland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

In response to our letter to Bishop Melley advising that you would call on him in regard to the Fire Marshal's requirements for fire protection to the St. Louis' Mission School, he writes:

"I shall see Major Locke if he catches me at home; but I am out around the State a great deal now and unless he makes an appointment he may find me away.

"I am not sure that I approve of the idea of asking the State Fire Marshal to withdraw his demands about St. Louis' School. There have been some very serious fires in this State, and the people are stirred up about them. Since the terrible disaster at Babb's Switch a fire occurred in the Catholic Indian School at Purcell. If it had taken place at night there would have been a loss of life. I know that Mother Katherine thinks the demands of the Fire Marshal are unreasonable; but I know the temper of the people and feel sure that the Fire Marshal is on trial."

We, of course, hope you will be able to arrange to see the Bishop. It is evident, however, that the Fire Marshal is having his troubles, and hence we think you should go easy on him.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusky,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

Pawhuska

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April 13, 1925.

Rev. Mother Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

Your letter of April 7 has been received. The application for contract for your school called for 75 pupils. The statement in my last letter that we had asked for 200 pupils was a typist error.

The item in the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act that provides for the removal of the contract for your school limits the per capita compensation to \$200 per annum. The text of this item is as follows:

"For the education of Osage children, including repair of buildings, to be paid from the funds held by the U.S. in trust for the Osage tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, ~~\$20,000~~ provided, That the expenditure of said money shall include the renewal of the present contract with the St. Louis' Mission Boarding School, except that there shall not be expended more than \$200 for annual support and education of any one pupil."

It will thus be seen that you will have to be content with a contract for 75 pupils at a per capita of \$200 per annum.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CCL:JR

April 22, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Agnes' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

The inclosed copy of letter to Mother Katharine
Prexel regarding the Fire Marshal's demands in the matter of
providing additional fire protection for your school is self-
explanatory.

I trust you will be willing to act upon the sug-
gestion I indicate in my letter to the Reverend Mother that
you furnish her with such modifications of these demands as
should be submitted to the Fire Marshal.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

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Order Filled
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St. Louis School
Hanksville, Oklahoma
April, 28, 1925.

Mr. J. L. Lusk,
Washington, D. C.

*copy to mother Katharine
Sisters*

Franciscan Missions

Dear Mr. Lusk;

I do not know just what you mean by furnishing Rev. Mother Drexel with such modification of these demands as should be submitted to the Fire Marshal. Had the putting on of the new roof, last year been left to me, it would have been a fire-proof roof then, instead of a shingle one. Father Ruffer and Father Edward managed the whole thing.

I do not see how they can force Mother to put on a new roof, but I have nothing to say about it. I do say though, that there should be repairs made on the walls and ceilings of the laundry and the fourth floor. In both of these departments the plastering is all broken, and is in a bad shape owing to a leaky roof for years. It would be quite dangerous in case of fire.

I wrote to Rev. Mother Katharine nearly three weeks ago, about that septic tank the Health Department has ordered to be put in this school, she has not answered yet. That is one thing that should be done.

I do wish something could be decided on, for if these improvements are not made I do not care to remain here and open school next September.

It has been reported that the Franciscan Sisters want this place back again. If they do, and can do better here than we are doing, we will be more than willing to give it to them. If the change is made I would like to know it as soon as possible. Perhaps they would come and have all the work done and pay for it themselves; we could not to that. Our Rev. Mother would be glad to have the Sisters here for other missions.

Do you know why we are kept waiting so long for our 3rd quarterly Osage payment? We have been waiting almost a month. With our small income it makes it very inconvenient. Will you please look into this and try to get the money for us as soon as possible.

I will write to Rev. Mother Katharine to-day, but I do not know what I can say that will help her any.

Very sincerely yours,

Sister M Scholastica

*transmitted
Sept 20, 1925*

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
Form 40

Receipts
NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

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In reply refer to
Certificate No. 077112-1

CIVIL
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Interior Settlements and
Claims

Claims Department Division

Claim No. 314215

Washington, D. C., April 20, 1925

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Your claim(s) for maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils attending St. Louis Mission Boarding School during the 3rd quarter 1925, under contract for the fiscal year 1925, I.O. #364646, \$763.33

has (have) been settled and the sum of seven hundred sixty three dollars and thirty three cents, has been allowed per above certificate number, payable from the appropriation(s)

Indian Monies, Proceeds of Labor, (Osage school, 1925.)

*Pawnee School,
March 31, 2nd quarter*

*5/1/25
Treasury Check for \$763.33
to Walter McCallister*

Treasurer's Check No.
claim(s).

, inclosed herewith, is in settlement of said

J. R. McCALL,
Comptroller General,

\$ 763.33

By *B. Richards*

NOTE.—If a claimant desires a review of this settlement, or any item thereof, he should not accept payment of the amount allowed as to such item. An application for a review of the whole or any item of this settlement should be filed, with a statement of the reasons therefor, within one year from the date hereof, in the Division of the General Accounting Office issuing the settlement certificate, and same will be transmitted to the Law Division, Office of Comptroller General, for review. The inclosed check should not be cashed if its amount includes any item as to which review is applied for, but undorsed should accompany the application for review.

Pawhuska [ENCLOSURE] 30.4

5-202 Refer in reply to Claim No: 364846
Finance. Unit: Osage
Contract No: 1772

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON April 7, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division.

The accompanying account of **Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,**
for maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils attending the
St. Louis Mission Boarding School during the 3d Cr. 1925, under con-
tract approved June 16, 1924,

has received administrative examination in this Office and is transmitted to
you for settlement. Total amount claimed \$ 763.33

Differences: $1374 \times 50.00 = 68700.00$
90 = \$763.33

Pawhuska
March 31

Subject to correction by verification of extensions and computations the ac-
count is approved for \$ 763.33

Except as noted, the items have been authorized as required by Indian Office
regulations, and whenever practicable, the prices or rates have been verified
by comparison with Office records, quotations offered, or rates established in
accordance with law.
Payment should be made to **Claimant, 2021 B Street, N. W.,**
Washington, D. C.,

and the expense charged to:
INDIAN MONEYS, PROCEEDS OF LABOR, OSAGE SCHOOL, 1925.

Report of attendance attached.

To Claimant: With action indicated by this
sheet voucher has passed beyond the jurisdic-
tion of the Indian Office and should be
referred to the General Accounting Office,
Claims Division, Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully.
(Signed) E. B. Meritt

LRW
Examiner:

Acting Commissioner.

St. Louis School
Hanksville, Oklahoma

May, 8, 1925

MAILED MAY 11 1925 AM

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father;-

The inclosed letter has just been returned to us. Will you please give it to Mr. Lusk, or if he is not there will you please read it and see if you can attend to the matters mentioned, especially the one about our third quarterly Osage payment. We sent the report and statement on April first, and so far have not heard from it. We are in great need of this money just now, to pay our grocery bills.

Father, please do not have anymore boxes of second hand clothing sent to us. We have received several packages and so far have gotten nothing out of them all except two pairs of shoes. Some of the boxes have nothing but men's apparel in them, these we hand over to the Salvation Army people.

Do you think that Mother Katharine is going to do anything for this school? If she is I wish she would let us know.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible. Sometimes say a little prayer for

Yours sincerely,

Sister Scholastica

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May 9, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I enclose herewith U. S. Treasury check, No. 15,153, for \$763.33, indorsed to your order, covering payment due your school under contract of July 1, 1924, for the quarter ended March 31, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. McGr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CEL:JR

Copy to Mother Katharine
5/29/25

May 29, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Okla.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

Your several letters of February 14, April 28 and May 8 it seems have not been answered: (1) because we were waiting for an answer from Mother Katharine and (2) because Mr. Lusk, who takes care of these details, was taken ill. His illness is not serious, but confines him to his home.

I enclose copy of my letter to Bishop Kelley of today. Your letter of February 14 holds out the hope that if you were not hampered as you were with Father Edward you might be able to put the school on a paying basis. Now that you have a new pastor in Father Victor Van Durme, you may be able to get the 75 Osage children into the school, which at \$200 a year means \$15,000.

Referring to your letter of April 28, the modification of the demands meant a statement of changes in the demands made by the Fire Marshal which might be satisfactory to him. For instance, can the present roof be fire-proofed?

I am writing today to Mother Katharine Drexel, calling her attention again to your request for a septic tank. I cannot answer for Mother Katharine. But my impression is that she expects her letter of February 21, which provides that you shall not have any non-Osage children next year, informs you of all she is able to do toward improvements. Add to this a considerable increase, if not an increase to 75, in the number of Osage children and I believe you can meet the situation. You might request the Bishop to secure advance of the money to pay for the improvements.

I am desperate because the Bureau has no money in its treasury to provide for this purpose. I hope you will not decide to leave. But if you do, kindly inform me immediately. It would be tragic not only to close the school but to lose the Osage contract, with its possibilities. If the contract is once cancelled, I am positive it can never be gotten again.

The rumor which you repeat that the Franciscan Sisters want St. Louis School, I believe is pure bunk. The Sisters of Loretto are the evident Providence of God. I cannot imagine where you got the idea that the Franciscan Sisters want the place except someone twisted the statement in the letter of Mother Katharine of February 21, that the Osages love the Sisters of St. Francis and that the devotedness of the Sisters of Loretto has won the confidence of the Osages and will more and more win them.

The delay which occurs in the payments under the contracts is unavoidable. The Bureau has been informed by the department where the delay occurs (not the Indian Department) that our efforts to hurry up the payments are offensive to them. This is the one department in the Government where even the Cabinet Officers cannot speed them up. So we have to put up with the three or four weeks delay.

In your letter of May 8 you enclosed a letter. As you did not state what it was, I cannot identify it.

I am returning herewith copy of a report of February 3 of the Assistant State Fire Marshal to the State Fire Marshal. The booklet of recommendations, together with

Mother M. Scholastica - May 29, 1925.

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the recommendation form showing the numbered items, I am today sending to Mother Katharine Drexel.

No more boxes of second-hand clothing will be sent to you. Some missionaries have had to complain as you do. But others have been rewarded handsomely.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Blaw-Husker

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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WASHINGTON

Rec'd JUN 2 1925 AM 4
A.S. *W.P.*
V. *W.P.*
N. *W.P.*
C. *W.P.*

JUN -1 1925

My dear Monsignor Hughes:

There are inclosed herewith seven copies of the proposed contract between this Office and your Bureau for the care and education of seventy-five Osage Indian pupils in the St. Louis Mission Boarding School, on the Osage Reservation, Oklahoma, at \$200 per capita per annum.

Please execute this contract as has been the custom of your Office heretofore and return it to this Office for further consideration.

Cordially yours,

Charles H. Blaw-Husker
Commissioner.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Pawnee

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June 2, 1925.

Honorable Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of
June 1--36,144, 1925--I return herewith, duly executed,
contract in ~~set~~ duplicate, for the care and education
of 75 Geage pupils in St. Louis' Mission School, Geage
Reservation, during the fiscal year ending June 30,
1926.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. McGr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

June 2, 1925.

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Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I have today signed contract for the care and education of 75 Orage pupils in your school, at a per capita compensation of \$200 per annum, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

Bureau file.

1905 W. 18 Street,
Oklahoma City.
June 3, 1925.

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Monsignor:

I have yours of May 29th.

I do not see any solution to the trouble about the school in Pawhuska. I have no money and could not continue the school at the expense of the Diocese neither could I change the attitude of the Osage Indians toward boarding schools which resulted in the closing of the Government school. I am convinced of the failure of these Indian Schools. Catholic Indians of Oklahoma have fallen away from the Faith in great numbers. Priests assigned to their care might change the situation but I have no priests. I am beginning to think that, in the matter of the care of Catholic Indians, we have made one serious mistake after another-- or the cause is hopeless. I am afraid that a study of the graduates of Catholic Indian Schools would disclose ninety per cent out of the Church. How it has been in other States, I do not know.

Faithfully Yours

Francis C. Kelley

Bishop of Oklahoma

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Osage Agency File
 M-14972-25
 RMP

Osage Indian Agency,
 Pawhuska, Oklahoma.
 June 6, 1925.

Mr. Charles A. Lusk,
 Secretary Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith voucher covering attendance of Osage children at the St. Louis Boarding School, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, for the quarter ending June 30, 1925, amounting to \$579.89.

There are also enclosed monthly and quarterly school reports of this school for the month of May, 1925, and the fourth quarter, 1925, respectively.

This voucher is sent you for proper execution and submission as a claim to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as per the terms of contract No. 1772, approved June 16, 1924.

Respectfully,

J. G. Wright
 Superintendent

Archives and Institute of Catholic Indian Missions

20.25

June 9, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I inclose herewith check for \$833.33, covering
payment due your school for the care and education of 25
Osage pupils in your school, for the three months ending
July 31, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

Pawhuska

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June 9, 1925.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington,
D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Based on the accompanying certified Voucher and Report, and the explanatory statement hereinafter given, claim is hereby made by this Bureau, under contract of July 1, 1924, for \$586.26, for the care and education of Osage pupils in St. Louis' Mission School, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, during the quarter ending Jan. 30, 1925.

The amount claimed in the Voucher is \$579.89, based on an average attendance of 11 55/92. This average was arrived at on the assumption that the quarter has 92 days, when in fact it has 91 days. The actual average attendance is 11 66/91. Multiplying this by the quarterly per capita rate gives the amount as herein claimed.

Yours very truly,

St. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

June 10, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I have received a letter of June 3 from Bishop Kelley in which he expressed great discouragement. He says that he does not see any solution of the trouble about the school in Pawhuska, that he has no money and could not continue the school at the expense of the diocese, neither could he change the attitude of the Osage Indians toward the boarding school which resulted in the closing of the Government school, that he is convinced of the failure of these Indian schools, that the Catholic Indians of Oklahoma have fallen away from the Faith in great numbers, that priests assigned to their care might change the situation but he has no priests and, finally, that he is beginning to think we have made one serious mistake after another-- or the cause is hopeless. He expresses the fear that a study of the graduates of the Catholic Indian Schools would disclose ninety per cent out of the Church. How it has been in other States he says he does not know.

You and I and the poor Indians are certainly blessed in having a Bishop who is awake to the sad failures of the past. We may have this consolation that if we can hold our outposts until our Commanding General can marshal his forces and bring up his materiel, the cause will be won.

I am anxiously awaiting a reply to my letter of May 29. How much of a solution does Mother Katharine's letter of May 21 offer you? How much more money would be needed to tide you over this year? I may be able to get this amount from the Archbishops. Make the amount the least possible.

Talk the whole matter over with Father Van Durno. Can we count on him really to get out among the Indians. If he does is it possible to get in the Indian children? Do not quote the Bishop's letter to anyone. The only reason which justifies me in repeating its contents to you is that you may receive a similar letter and be hopelessly discouraged. This is the Lord's work. If we do our part prayerfully, He will not be found wanting.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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JUN 18 1925

St. Louis School
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
June 14, 1925,

11 For Bishop Kelly
11 for Bandana
11 for Mother Scholastica

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Hughes;

Your letter of May or rather June 10 received. On May 26 Mother Katharine wrote that she would allow us \$450 or \$500 at most for the septic tank, but that she will pay for only twenty non Osage pupils for the year beginning Sept, 1925. Mother also asked for estimates on repairing the broken plastering on the fourth floor and the laundry. You know, Father, the roof had leaked for years and the plastering on the top floor, especially, is in very bad shape, and of course dangerous.

The best bid on replacing all broken plastering with metal ceilings and sides, was \$640. I sent this estimate to Mother on June seventh. This includes six rooms on the upper floor and the laundry.

If Mother will allow us \$1300 for these two items, and you can send us \$500 to have the doors changed and get fire extinguishers etc etc, I think we can manage, unless they insist on having a new roof, that of course we could not assume

I do not think the present roof can be fire proofed, but I cannot think they can force you to put on a new roof as there is no danger, practically, from anything except lightning. As we use only gas, there are no sparks at all going up the flues, in fact the flues are used for nothing except the fumes from the gas stoves.

The High School and others here in Pawhuska have only tar paper roofs and they do not seem to be making any change.

Father, do you think they will make any objections to our opening school if we do not make all the alterations they ordered? Please let me know about this just as soon as possible.

We are willing to open school on these conditions and do our best to get pupils. We cannot depend on Father Van Durme for anything. He says he is going to work for his own parish and school, first and last. Our present chaplain, Rev Ph. H. Hartmann, says he will call he can get us pupils, and being new on the job he thinks he can do big things. I am sure he will do all he can, and I hope he will succeed in getting us some Osages.

Now, Father, please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience, and do pray much for us and our work.

Sincerely in our Lord,

Sister Scholastica

ENCLOSURE

COPY FOR: BUREAU

*check Mother's Book 6/18/25
copy of Sr. Scholastica's letter to
"Our letter to Sr. Scholastica"
"Scholastica's letter to"
6/18/25*

CONVENT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ST. ELIZABETH'S, CORNWELLS HEIGHTS, PA.

May 26, 1925.

My dear Sister M. Scholastica:

With regard to the installation of the septic tank, we will allow \$450 if that will do or \$500 at most but we shall pay for only 20 non-Osages for the scholastic year beginning in September, 1925, as we are really unable to make any extra allowance for this expense.

Will you kindly submit estimates for the broken plastering done over in metal or tin and we shall see what can be done about assuming the expense thereof.

With the installation of the septic tank and the repair of the broken plastering, I shall rely on you to extricate us from the expense of new fire escapes and other improvements suggested by the Fire Marshal's report, as they really do not seem necessary for the safety of the children under the present regime of fire drills and careful supervision.

It occurs to me that you may be able to fill the school eventually with Osage children. I noted in the report of the visit of His Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, that some of them had to be addressed through an interpreter and this would seem to indicate that all of them are not so highly civilized as they are thought to be.

Your year's report is very gratifying and speaks well for the work of the Sisters with the children under their care. The baptisms are particularly gratifying as well as the vocations to the religious life.

Regretting our inability to do more for St. Louis, but I am sure you understand that our own institutions are now numerous and the demands many I am, dear Sister Scholastica,

Affectionately in B. S.

(SIGNED) M. M. KATHARINE

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[ENCLOSURE]

COPY FOR: BUREAU

June 7, 1925.

Rev. Mother Katharine,
Cornwells Heights, Pa.

Dear Mother Katharine:

Your letter of May 26 was received some days ago. I had estimates made of the cost of metal ceilings for the laundry and the fourth floor rooms. I am sending you the best bid. You remember the fourth floor ceilings are mansard or come down to the wainscoting on the sides and ends, and the metal will come down that far. The estimate does not include the painting of this metal. I believe we can do that, a little at a time, part this year and part next year, as we can afford it.

The repairing of this plastering is absolutely necessary as it is falling all the time and there is danger of it falling on the girls in bed. This looks like a big price, but every foot of the plastering is broken and will have to come down, or be covered with metal.

The men are ready to start work on the septic tank, which is to be built of cement. Will you please send us the check so they can go ahead with the work.

Please let us know about the metal ceilings, just as soon as possible, the man says it will take at least three weeks to do this work, and I want to have it done before I go away for retreat, which will be sometime in July. If there is not some one to look after the work it will not be done as it should be.

I am sorry about the reduction in the number of non-Osages, but you know best what you can do. I do not see any prospects of getting more Osage children, however we will do all we can to increase the attendance, and if it is God's will I hope we will get many more.

We have a dear old Priest for chaplain, Father Hartmann, he is to have charge of Hominey, and he says he is going to help us get pupils.

Please remember us and our needs during the month of the dear Sacred Heart. If we can get things fixed up and get a good attendance I feel sure we can run the place without appealing to your generosity in the future. You know, Mother, the whole interior of this building was ruined by the leaky roof for years.

Hoping to hear from you real soon, I am

Yours devotedly in the Sacred Heart,

(SIGNED) SISTER SCHOLASTICA.

P.S. Mr. John Heavil, whose estimate I am sending, says that after the metal ceilings are in they cannot force you to do anything to the roof.

S.H.S.

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8/27/25, M. H.

St. Louis School
Panhandle, Oklahoma

June 17, 1925,

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Hughes;

I just learned to-day that Father Van Durme has gone to the Catholic Indian Bureau at Washington to try and get the money from there to repay the Immaculate Conception Church for the sum of money that Father Edward paid for having the roof put on this building a year ago last October. Father Van Durme says that Father Edward paid \$1800 from the parish fund for this purpose.

The contractor for this work, told me that the roof cost \$1400. He, Father Edward would not let Father Huffer take up a collection here, he said he would collect the money and have the roof put on. I know \$670 was collected from the Osages here and in Hominney for that purpose, and our Rev. Mother donated \$ 500, or allowed that much on the bill Father Edward owed for salary to our Sisters for teaching in his school. I do hope Father Van Durme will not get the money, for it is not due the parish, and besides, I think they could do a little for this school.

I told you in my last letter that I did not think we could count on Father Van Durme for much, and now I say we may be thankful if he does not work against us.

If Father Van Durme is still there, please do not let him know that I have written this to you, for you know we have to try to get along with him, You may write to our Rev. Mother at Loretto Convent Nerinx Kentucky, and she will tell you that what I have written is true about Father E. Collecting \$670 and the donation of 500 by Mother her self.

Mother Katherine has not sent us the money for the septic tank nor let us know what she is going to do about the broken plastering

I am beginning to think that the Bishop is about right, that the Indian question is a hopeless one. Let us wait a few weeks longer and pray that a solution of some kind may be found.

Sincerely in our Lord,

Sister Scholastica

June 17, 1925.

Rev. Philip Hartmann,
R. 4,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Father Hartmann:

I hope that with your assistance the Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross, at St. Louis's School, Oklahoma, may be able to get a number of Osage children in to school. The Sisters have a contract for 75 Osages. They have been able to secure only about 15.

In order to provide for your expenses of winning Osages, I am willing to pay you \$5.00 for each new Osage pupil gotten actually to attend the school. The Sisters will be able to tell you who are the old pupils of whom they are sure. You will be doing an apostolic work. You will be saving the Osage school. I would ask you to keep confidential this offer. If stated it would soon be exaggerated.

Yours fraternaly,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LM

June 12, 1905.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother M. Scholastica:

I have your letter of June 12. I will make a definite promise to you which I hope will permit you to make the necessary changes. I will guarantee you that you will receive the sum of \$3000. \$500 of this I understand has been promised by Mother Katherine Drexel. I understand in addition that you expect from Mother Katherine \$240, the lowest bid on the metal covering for the ceilings and sides. That makes \$1340. You asked for \$500 for the doors to be changed, to get fire extinguishers, etc. Instead of \$500 the Bureau will send \$600. I will write Mother Katherine asking her to decide finally what she can do. I will inform you of Mother Katherine's decision. Therefore, the \$3000 will be payable to you upon demand, either by Mother Katherine or the Bureau.

There is a condition which must be fulfilled if you are to take advantage of this offer. This condition is that you must be sure that the State Fire Marshal and the Bishop will be satisfied with the changes. You will please write the Bishop and ask him kindly either to get the agreement of the Fire Marshal or give you directions to do so. I note with interest the statement in your letter of June 7 to Mother Katherine Drexel, that Mr. John Nevil, the contractor, says that after the metal ceilings and sides are in they (the State Fire Commissioners) cannot force you to do anything to the roof. It will be fire proof. The fact that you use only gas and that, therefore, there are no sparks from the flues, is convincing.

You will please understand that the Bureau has not really ~~this money~~ but must borrow it. I am violating a rule of ordinary prudence in borrowing, but the situation is desperate. We must save Pawhuska and the valuable Orange contract.

I am returning herewith the original of the letter Mother Katherine sent to you on May 26, and a copy of your letter of June 7 to Mother Katherine.

Yours in Christ,

St. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:AG

COPY FOR:

1205 West Eighteenth St.
OKLAHOMA CITY
June 18, 1925.

Sister Superior
St. Louis School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Sister:

For some time I have been anxious to secure information regarding the Indian Missions of Oklahoma. So far as I can see the Catholic full-blood Indians and many of the mixed bloods have fallen away from the Faith in spite of the fact that so many of the Indians have had the advantage of Catholic schools. Would you be kind enough to answer the following questions at length?

1. Have you list of the Indian graduates of your school, or of those Indians who spent a maximum of one year therein?
2. Can you tell me the approximate number of the former pupils of Indian blood who have fallen away from the Faith or who do not practice their religion?
3. On your conscience, will you tell me your honest opinion of the value of Catholic schools for Indians as it is shown by results, remembering that out of 150,000 Indians in Oklahoma not more than 3,500 is given as the Catholic Indian population of the State?
4. What, in your judgment, is wrong and how could the situation be remedied?

Please be frank with me. Do not try to make out a good case or a bad case. Give me the facts and offer your advice freely and without reservation. This is a case of looking after precious souls. Let their interest alone count.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

(Signed) Francis C. Kelley,
Bishop of Oklahoma.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUN 24 1925

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Monsignor Hughes:

There are enclosed herewith two copies of
Contract No. 1758, between this Office and your Bureau
for the care and education of 75 Osage Indian pupils
in the St. Louis Mission School during the fiscal year
1926.

Please acknowledge receipt of this con-
tract.

Very truly yours,

E. M. Mout
Assistant Commissioner

Archives and Institutional Repository - Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

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Pawhuska, Okla June 26, 1925

Rev. Mgtr. Von Baghies

Washington, D. C.

Mt. Rev. dear Mgtr: Your kind and generous offer to help me to defray expenses in trying to increase the ^{of pupils} members of St. Louis School, in the coming year is very encouraging. It shows you are interested. If I succeed (Director Schubert thinks I will) I shall report to you, and if then you are willing to pay part of my actual cash expenses, I shall be grateful. If on the other hand, I shall wholly or partially fail, you will not hear from me. I shall make every effort, not on account of your offer, but to do some good, and to encourage these children here, who are certainly most deserving. The difficulties and obstacles are, as you are well aware, many, but maybe God will bless my optimistic enthusiasm.

Fraternally yours

P. H. Hartmann

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Copy for Bureau

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Pa-huska, Oklahoma,
June 25, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Rt. Rev. dear Mgr.:

Your kind and generous offer to help me to defray expenses in trying to increase the number of pupils of St. Louis School, in the coming year is very encouraging. It shows you are interested. If I succeed (Sister Scholastica thinks I will) I shall report to you, and if then you are willing to pay part of my actual cash expenses, I shall be grateful. If on the other hand, I shall wholly or partially fail, you will not hear from me. I shall make every effort, not on account of your offer, but to do some good, and to encourage those Sisters here, who are certainly most deserving. The difficulties and obstacles are, as you are well aware, many, but maybe God will bless my optimistic enthusiasms.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) Ph. H. Hartman.

Copied by L.C.

Archives

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June 25, 1925.

Honorable E. B. Meritt,
Asst. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meritt:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of June 24--40110, 1925--inclosing two copies
of approved contract between this Bureau and your Office
for the care and education of 75 Waikiki pupils in St.
Louis' Mission School, Sushetka, Oklahoma, during the
fiscal year ending June 30, 1926.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Cook,
Secretary.

CCL:JR

Archives and Institutional Repository, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

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June 25, 1925.

Father J. Scholastica,
St. Louis' Mission School,
Paducah, Kansas.

Dear Father Scholastica:

There is herewith inclosed, for your information
and guidance, copy of approved contract for the care and education of 75
George pupils in your school, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Lusk,
Secretary.

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ENCLOSURE 1738
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This Agreement, made and entered into this twenty-fifth day
of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, by and
between Charles H. Burke

....., COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, for and on behalf of the
United States of America, party of the first part, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian
Missions, Washington, D. C.

.....
party of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said parties have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents
do covenant and agree, to and with each other, as follows:

ARTICLE I. The party of the second part, for and in consideration of the compensation
hereinafter named, agrees:

1. To support, maintain, and educate under this contract, at the Industrial Boarding School
on the Oauge
Oklahoma Reservation, known as the St. Louis Mission
Boarding School, with a capacity and the necessary
appliances for the healthful accommodation of all the pupils enrolled
twelve (12) during twelve (12) months, commencing July 1, 1925
in a manner satisfactory to the party of the first part, an average, if practicable, of twenty-
five (25)

..... Indian pupils, the total number attending the school at any
one time not to exceed its capacity.

2. To enroll no pupil under this contract who is under six or over twenty
years of age, provided, however, that any pupil over twenty years of age and under
twenty-three years of age who was attending said school during the fiscal year ending
June 30, 19, may be continued in said school during the current fiscal year.

3. All Indian children, before being accepted as pupils by the party of the second part, shall
be certified to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs by the agency physician, or other authorized
physician, as in good health and sound physical condition.

4. To procure pupils under this contract, if otherwise eligible under this contract, only from
children of duly enrolled members of the Oauge

.....
tribe of Indians, now under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Oauge
Agency Boarding School.

5. To enroll no pupil under 6, or over 20 years of age, except as provided for in section 2, article 1, without special permission therefor from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

6. To provide for said school a sufficient number of employees to conduct it to the satisfaction of the party of the first part, presenting satisfactory evidences of the qualifications of each instructor, all employees to converse with pupils under their charge in English, and to be able to speak and write in the English language fluently and correctly; to instruct the male pupils of said school in gardening and farming and care of stock, or such other industries as are suitable to their reservation; to instruct certain of the male pupils in mechanical trades; to instruct the female pupils in cookery, laundering, needlework, dairy work, and general housewifery; to teach all the pupils in the ordinary branches of an English education; to teach the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics on the human system, as required by act approved May 20, 1886; to observe with appropriate public exercises all national holidays; to instruct pupils as to the duties and privileges of American citizenship.

7. To supply the pupils of said school with suitable and sufficient clothing, subsistence, lodging accommodations, ~~medical attendance~~, medicines, school books, stationery, school appliances, and all other articles necessary to their personal comfort; and also to supply the school with mechanical tools, seeds, and all other articles necessary in a properly conducted industrial school.

8. To have school-room exercises on five and industrial exercises on six days in each week, legal holidays and five days at Christmas excepted, and excepting also a vacation not to exceed ~~two~~ months within the fiscal year, unless otherwise expressly agreed, provided that period is covered by this contract, during which vacation there need be no school-room exercises, and the pupils may, in the discretion of the party of the second part, be relieved from industrial work, and permitted to visit their homes at no expense to the party of the first part for transportation either going or returning.

9. To report concerning said school as required, and on blank forms to be furnished by the party of the first part.

10. Not to transfer this contract or any interest therein, as provided by section 3737 of the United States Revised Statutes, to any party or parties, it being understood that if this contract or any interest therein shall be transferred by the party of the second part, by that act the party of the first part will be relieved from all obligations under the contract; but all rights of action for breach of the contract by the party of the second part will be reserved to the party of the first part.

ARTICLE 2. The party of the first part, in consideration of the faithful performance of the aforesaid agreements and stipulations by the party of second part, agrees:

1. To pay said party of the second part at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50)

per quarter as compensation for every pupil in attendance under the provisions and restrictions of this contract, and authorized to be received under section 4, article 1 hereof, payment for each quarter to be computed on the average attendance of pupils in such quarter, ~~it being~~ agreed, however, that any fractional quarter created by section 6, Article 1, shall, as far as relates to compensation, be considered a full quarter, and the average attendance during the remaining portion of said quarter shall be considered as the average attendance for the full quarter.

and that there shall not be paid to the party of the second part, under this contract, as compensation for the fiscal year, a sum aggregating more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

2. To make payments under this contract from any or all the funds of the _____
tribe of Indians _____

_____ as may be decided by the party of the first part.

3. To make these payments to the party of the second part at the end of every quarter, on vouchers in duplicate duly certified to by the superintendent of the Cape Indian

Boarding School....., that the said Industrial Boarding School has been maintained and managed according to the true intent and meaning of this contract.

ARTICLE 3. The party of the first part reserves the right:

1. To abrogate this contract in the following manner and for the following reasons: (a) On a notice of fifteen days, given in writing to the party of the second part, provided that the party of the second part has failed to comply with the agreements and stipulations of this contract, the fifteen days' notice to be counted from and to include the day on which the notice is served personally by a duly authorized officer of the United States Government on the party of the second part, or is left by such officer at the schoolhouse of the Industrial Boarding School above mentioned. (b) On a notice of sixty days, given in writing to the party of the second part, and for any reason satisfactory to the party of the first part, the sixty days' notice to be counted from and to include the day on which the notice is served personally on, or is left at the schoolhouse of, the party of the second part, in the manner provided above for serving notice of the abrogation of this contract for failure of the party of the second part to comply with the agreements and stipulations thereof.

2. To make inspections of the said school, and to require the party of the second part at any time immediately to dismiss from the service of the school all school employees who may be considered by the party of the first part not qualified for the respective positions occupied by them in the school.

ARTICLE 4. It is expressly agreed and stipulated by and between the parties to this contract:

1. That this contract may, by mutual consent, be changed, altered, modified, amended, or abrogated, in whole or in part, provided such change, alteration, modification, or amendment does not affect the rate or amount of compensation or fund out of which payment is to be made, or eligibility of pupils.

2. That no Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, officer, agent, or other employee of the Government, shall be admitted to any share or part in this contract, or derive any pecuniary benefit therefrom.

3. That where the word "eligible," in relation to children or pupils, occurs in this contract it is mutually understood that said children or pupils are those provided for under section 4, article 1 hereof.

ARTICLE 5. This agreement is made subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year hereinbefore written.

Witnesses:

H. V. Jumps

F. Christy

For the party of the first part.

Chas. J. Lusk

Olle Jones

For the party of the second part.

Resigned *Chas. H. Rumble* [SEAL.]
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

Mr. Strong
Director [SEAL.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, D. C., JUN 10 1925, 19

The foregoing contract is hereby approved.

Resigned *John H. Edwards*
Assistant Secretary

It is hereby certified that the following changes were made in this contract before signing and sealing:

In Article 1, Section 7, the words "medical attendance" were crossed.

Witnesses:

H. V. Jumps

F. Christy

For the party of the first part.

Chris S. Lusk

W. Jones

For the party of the second part.

Signed: Charles H. Burke
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

By *Wm. Hughes*
Director.

Envelopes - Hughes

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July 6, 1925.

Rev. Ph. H. Hartman,
Pawnee,
Oklahoma.

Dear Father Hartman:

Your letter of June 25 to Father Hughes has been received by me in his absence, and forwarded to him. He will be, I am sure, very much pleased to learn of your determined effort to secure more pupils for the St. Louis School. I trust your work in this regard will bring about excellent results.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
Form 40

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

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In reply refer to
Certificate No. **086998-1.**

to State
Civil.

Interior. Settlements and
Claims

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Claims Section Division

Claim No. **014215**

Washington, D. C., **July 11,** 192**5.**

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.
2021 H. St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Your claim(s) for
maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils
attending St. Louis Mission Boarding School during
the 4th quarter 1925, under contract for the
fiscal year 1925; I.O. cl. No. 366030. **\$586.26**

has (have) been settled and the sum of **five hundred and eighty-six**
dollars and **twenty-six** cents, has been allowed per above certificate
number, payable from the appropriation(s)

Indian Moneys, Proceeds of Labor.
(Osage School, 1925).

There is added **\$6.37** on account of an error in computation
correct computation is **1057 x \$50 = \$528.50**

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Paahusky School
June 30, 1925

Treasurer's Check No. _____
claim(s).

, inclosed herewith, is in settlement of said

J. R. McCARL,
Comptroller General,
B. Richards

\$ 586.26

By: _____

NOTE: If a review of this settlement, or any item thereof, he should not accept payment of the amount allowed as to
such item. An application for a review of the whole or any item of this settlement should be filed, with a statement of the reasons therefor,
within one year from the date hereof, in the Division of the General Accounting Office issuing the settlement certificate, and same will be
transmitted to the Law Division, Office of Comptroller General, for review. The inclosed check should not be cashed if its amount includes
any item as to which review is applied for, but undorsed should accompany the application for review.

Enclosure 10-4

ABS: _____
 Paid: _____
 No: **5-202**
 Con: **Finance.**

Refer in reply to Claim No: _____
 Unit: **Osage**
 Contract No: **1772**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division.

The accompanying account of **BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS,** for maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils attending the St. Louis Boarding School during the 4th Cr. 1925, under contract approved June 16, 1924,

has received administrative examination in this Office and is transmitted to you for settlement.

Total amount claimed \$ 579.89

Differences: $\frac{1067 \times 250}{91} = 2930.66$ -- Add - - - - - 6.37

Subject to correction by verification of extensions and computations the account is approved for \$ 586.26

Except as noted, the items have been authorized as required by Indian Office regulations, and whenever practicable, the prices or rates have been verified by comparison with Office records, quotations offered, or rates established in accordance with law.

Payment should be made to **Claimant, 2021 H Street, N. W.,**
Washington, D. C.,

and the expense charged to:

INDIAN MONIES, PROCEEDS OF LABOR, OSAGE SCHOOL, 1925.

Report of attendance attached.

To Claimant: With action indicated by this sheet voucher has passed beyond the jurisdiction of the Indian Office. Any correspondence reference to case should be addressed to the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully,

Examiner: **LRW**

Commissioner.

St. Louis School
Hanksville, Oklahoma

July 15, 1925,

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Also to Fr. Hughes and Mother Katharine
with copies of envelope.

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Father Hughes;

I have delayed answering your letter of June 18, till I could tell you what the Bishop thinks about the Fire Marshal's demands. So far he has not said much, and as he has gone away for an indefinite vacation I suppose we will have to decide without him. I will send you the Fire Marshal's letter to the Bishop.

I talked to Mr. Gorman, the best Insurance lawyer here, and he says not to pay any attention to these recommendations, that they cannot enforce them. On that advice we are going ahead and do what we can, and if they force us to close the school we will know that we did the best we could.

We have the doors changed and are now waiting till we get the money to buy the fire extinguishers. Will you kindly send us the \$660.00 you promised, just as soon as you can.

The men are almost finished putting up the metal ceilings and sides on the fourth floor, and will begin on the laundry in a day or two. After that we must have all this metal work painted, and that is what we will use the rest of your donation for, as far as it will go. We may have to wait till next year to finish the painting.

I do hope Mother Katharine will send the money for the metal work, so we can pay the men when the work is finished.

It will soon be time for the retreat and I do hope to get all this affair settled before I leave home.

Thanking you, dear Father, for all your kindness and asking a little prayer for the success of this work, I am

Gratefully in our Lord

Sister M. Scholastica

COPY FOR: FATHER HUGHES

ENCLOSURE

1905 West Eighteenth St.,
OKLAHOMA CITY

June 27, 1925.

The Rev. Mother Scholastica,
St. Louis' School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Reverend dear Sister:

Bishop Kelley directs me to thank you for the information you sent in reference to the State Fire Marshal. His Lordship is taking up the matter with the Fire Commissioner and will inform you of his decision.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Rev. B. R. St. John,
Secretary.

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COPY FOR: FATHER HUGHES

[ENCLOSURE]

1905 West Eighteenth St.
OKLAHOMA CITY

June 29, 1925.

The Rev. Sister M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Indian School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Rev. Mother:

I am returning the letter of Msgr. Hughes.

I personally saw the Fire Marshal who made the report on St. Louis School and he promised to make out new instructions more in keeping with what you have to spend. He promised to bring it to me tomorrow afternoon or Wednesday morning.

I thank you for what you wrote regarding the Indian question.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

(Signed) Francis C. Kelley,
Bishop of Oklahoma.

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COPY FOR: FATHER HUGHES

1905 West Eighteenth St.,
OKLAHOMA CITY

July 1, 1925.

The Rev. Sister Scholastica,
St. Louis Indian School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Rev. dear Sister:

Bishop Kelley requested me to forward to you the enclosed
letter with reference to your school.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) R. R. St. John,
Rev. R. R. St. John,
Secretary.

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COPY FOR: FATHER HUGHES

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
JOHN CONNOLLY, MARSHAL
OKLAHOMA CITY,

[ENCLOSURE]

June 30, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Francis Kelley,
Bishop of Oklahoma,
1905 West Eighteenth St.,
City.

My dear Sir:

With reference to our conversation yesterday concerning the repairs on the Catholic Convent school building located at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, this is to notify you that the department of State Fire Marshal will accept the report of the contractor who made the survey, and suggested the line of repairs that would remove the present hazardous condition existing in the building; and this department, when the repairs are completed, will inspect the premises again and give their further approval after the same is completed.

There is just one suggestion I would like to make, however, and that is, that the beds now in the attic be moved from that dormitory, to some other part of the building, and this attic could be used for store room purposes.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John Carroll,
Ass't State Fire Marshal.

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July 23, 1925.

Sister M. Scholastica,
St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Sister:

Your letter of July 15, to Father Hughes, with inclosures, regarding the repairs to be made on your school to meet the Fire Marshal's requirements, has been received.

Copies of your letter and the inclosures have been sent to Father Hughes and Mother Katharine.

I inclose check for \$660, in accordance with Father Hughes' pledge, to be applied to the cost of making the repairs in question.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

I am returning the inclosures of your letter, of which copies
have been retained for our files.

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St. Louis School
Lawhaska, Oklahoma
July 28, 1925.

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By

Mr. Chas. I Lusk,
Washington, D. C.

Copy to Fr. Hughes

Dear Sir:-

Your letter and check came yesterday. The money comes in good time, and we are most thankful for it. The metal ceilings are about finished and the painters will begin to-day. They have contracted to paint the seven rooms, two coats of paint for \$160.00. I think that is reasonable enough.

Our chaplain, Father Hartmann, has gone to Hominy to-day. He is trying to get the Indians there together and see if he can do something for them. They have no church there so Father is trying to find a place and get it fixed up so he can say Mass for them, I believe it is worse than starting a mission in China. I hope and pray that Father will be able to do some good among them, and also get us some girls.

We have not yet received our last quarterly Osage payment. The report was sent on June first. Will you please inquire why it has not been paid? We have outstanding bills waiting for this money. *Marked July 31*

We are going to try to have a concrete porch put up on the east side of this building, instead of the ladder fire escape which is not approved. The completed porch with steel stairway will cost about \$2500.00. Our friends have promised to help us. If we succeed, it will be a great convenience to us and will add much to the appearance and the value of the building.

Thanking you for the check, I am

Yours gratefully

Sister M. Scholastica

File Notation

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July 29, 1925.

Rev. Mother Scholastica,
St. Louis School,
Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sister Scholastica:

I have instructed the Washington office to forward to you promptly check for \$660 as promised. I have written Mother Katharine to remind her of your urgent need of the money for the metal work. I assume that this was included in her promise.

I would appreciate copy of your reply to Bishop Kelley's letter of June 16, in which he asked your frank opinion of the value of the Catholic mission work among the Oklahoma Indians. A frank statement of facts will furnish the only reasonable basis for better work. Poor dear Father Ketcham received no encouragement in his zealous work except from the good Sisters and a few priests. We are blessed in having so zealous a Bishop as Bishop Kelley.

It will be necessary to conform to the requirements of the State Fire Marshal, unless Bishop Kelley consents to modifications. The Bishop is right in his insistence that our schools must not expose the children to extra hazards.

Assuring you that your zeal and charity are highly edifying and wishing you blessing and peace in your retreat, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

July 30, 1925.

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Sister M. Scholastica,
St. Louis Mission School,
Pawhuska, Okla.

Dear Sister Scholastica:

I enclose herewith U.S. Treasury Check #16100,
for \$586.26, endorsed to your order, covering payment due
your school, under contract of July 1, 1924, for the quarter
ended June 30, 1925.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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File 25, 1925
St. Joseph's School
Pawnee, Okla.
Aug. 21, 1925
Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes
Washington, D. C.
Dear Father
Please pardon
the delay in sending you
a copy of my letter to our
bishop. I was in Kansas
City for retreat and did
not get home till yesterday.
It is main time now
so I will not write more
this time
Please pray for us all
Sincerely in our Lord
Sister Scholastica

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St. Louis School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma,
June 23, 1925.

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[EXCERPT]

Rt. Rev. Francis J. Kelly,
Oklahoma, City Oklahoma.

Dear Bishop Kelly:-

I hardly know how to answer your letter of June 16th. As I have been here only two years I know very little about the matter. The Franciscans were in charge of the school from its foundation in 1889 to 1915 when our Sisters took charge.

From the records we find that the Franciscan Sisters enrolled 260 pupils, full bloods and mixed, and we have an enrollment of 110 Osages. Seven years ago Mother Katharine opened a list of twenty-five non Osages, for which she pays us \$100.00 a year per capita. We have on that list, enrolled 85 pupils from nearly all the tribes except the Osages.

Out of the Franciscan Sister's pupils that we know about, only eight or ten are practical Catholics. Of course there are many of them that we do not know who may be good Catholics.

Among our own pupils, who professed to be Catholic, not more than one third are living up to their Faith. They are generally small when they come to us, and do not know there is a God. Many of them, especially the Osages, stay only a short time, one or two years at the most, then they go away to a more fashionable school or they get married out of their Church. If we could hold them till they finished the eighth grade at least, they would be better able to withstand temptations.

Altogether, the situation is not a very encouraging one, but what is wrong and how it can be remedied is hard to say, but I will in simplicity tell you what I think.

In this part of the country, especially, I believe the Indians' spiritual welfare has been neglected, not through any fault of the good priests who have labored among them, but through a lack of a sufficient number of zealous missionaries, to keep in touch with them. I believe the Indian has a very sluggish Faith and needs to be constantly urged on. In the second place they have been drawn away by the influence and bad example of indifferent Catholics, also by the use of intoxicating liquor, provided by the whites, often by Catholics. Thirdly, because there is no supervision in the home.

I believe the defection of the Indian is different from that of the white man. It does not mean a total loss of Faith, but is due to his characteristic attitude of carelessness and indifference toward all things offered him by the white man.

One good remedy would be love for the work and an optimistic enthusiasm and spirit of sacrifice among those having charge of the Indian; but above all a spirit of prayer and trust in Divine Providence.

Another means which would be of great consolation to those in charge of the work, would be the encouragement and support of the influential Catholic laymen. Some of whom right here are known to oppose this school, as they would profit, materially by its default,

We are willing to continue the work here, if the State Fire Marshal will be satisfied with the proposed improvements for the present and a promise that when the roof needs replacing it will be made fire proof.

Father Van Durme promised us payment before he left, but failed to keep his promise. I am trying to get it from the trustees but I fear I will not succeed. He or the parish owes us over \$700.00. If we could get that we could make some other badly needed repairs.

If the school is not comfortable and things are not pleasant for the pupils, we cannot expect to keep them satisfied. We have so little to offer them for recreation and amusement, I am trying to get some one interested in getting us a radio, it would be great intertainment for them.

Will you please let us know if you and the Fire Marshal will be satisfied with these changes and if we may take advantage of Father Hughes' offer.

Praying God to bless all your undertakings and to protect you, and asking a blessing on us and our work, I am

Yours Sincerely in our Lord

Sister Scholastica

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August 24, 1925.

Scholastica
Sister M. Scholastica,
Lawnska, Oklahoma.

Dear Sister Scholastica:

Your letter of June 17 has not been answered sooner because I expected to hear of Father Van Durme's visit and request for the sum of money mentioned. He may have called at the Bureau during my absence from Washington. You need not worry. Any such request will be duly examined. However, I appreciate your letter.

I hope he will work for the benefit of St. Louis School. I will be pleased to hear from you on this point.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Pawhuska School

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September 24, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

From the inclosure--copy of Com. Burke's letter to Superintendent Wright, dated September 22--you will see that the settlement and payment of the claims arising under your contract will hereafter be made through the Superintendent of the Osage Agency. Heretofore the settlement of the claims has been through the Indian Office and the General Accounting Office. There was much delay in securing the payments under this method, and the Indian Office believes that the new plan adopted will result in expediting the settlement of the claims. This Bureau agrees with this view of the matter and is satisfied that we can get the checks in payment of the quarterly claims to you from ten days to two weeks earlier than under the old plan. It therefore has very readily consented to the putting in operation of the new method.

This will be the procedure to be followed:

You should send to this Bureau at the end of each quarter, or as soon thereafter as possible, a report in triplicate. Be sure to sign each copy of this report yourself and have the physician sign each copy. On receipt of this report we will make out and send to Superintendent Wright vouchers, with the request that he forward us a check for the amount claimed. This check after being indorsed by our Treasurer will be mailed to you.

If there have been any children in attendance during July and August, do not fail to include them in the report, crediting each pupil with the number of days he was in attendance during the quarter.

A supply of quarterly report blanks has been mailed you by the Indian Office. When the supply is exhausted let us know and additional blanks will be sent you.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

N.B. To avoid confusion, I would repeat that the reports should be sent to us and not to the Indian Superintendent. We will forward the reports to him along with the Vouchers.

Richard's File [Enclosure] 30.11

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LRW
In re vouchers
Bureau of Catholic
Indian Missions -
Contract 1733.

Mr. J. George Wright,
Supt. Osage Agency.

SEP 22 1925

My dear Mr. Wright:

Vouchers in favor of the St. Louis Mission Boarding School, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, will, in the future, be settled by your disbursing agent. The Office deems it expedient, therefore, to issue instructions with reference to the handling of these vouchers in order that you may avoid having exceptions taken to your accounts.

The Superintendent of the St. Louis Mission Boarding School will be instructed to furnish the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions at the end of each quarter the quarterly report, in triplicate, required by the contract. Based upon this report the Bureau will prepare, sign, and forward to you voucher in triplicate, and the quarterly reports, with request that you issue a check to cover the amount claimed in the voucher. Before issuing check a careful examination of the voucher should be made with special reference to the following points:

1. Total days' attendance per quarter as well as the attendance of each pupil should be verified as to correctness. If found to be correct, the amount due for any quarter is arrived at by multiplying the total days' attendance by \$50 and dividing the result by the number of days in the quarter. For example, if there were 1067 total days' attendance in the first quarter, the formula would be in accordance with Art. 2, Section 1 of the contract
$$\frac{1067 \times \$50}{30} = \$1,778.33$$
2. Ages of pupils should be carefully watched to see that the provisions of Article 1, Section 2 are not violated.
3. The attendance report should be properly signed (a) by the teacher (b) by physician (c) by yourself as Superintendent.

4. Should any point arise about which you are in doubt, you should consult the Office before making payment.
5. Payment should be made from "Proceeds of Oil and Gas Leases, Royalties, etc., Osage Reservation, Oklahoma, (School, 1926)", for which purpose \$7,000 has been allotted you.
6. The contract (No. 1736) calls for the payment of a sum not to exceed \$15,000. Care should be taken not to exceed this amount.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chas. H. Burke

9-jn-21

Commissioner.

CC to Bureau of Cath. Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

October 9, 1925 .

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Scholastica
Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

Please let us have t once the report of your school for the quarter ended September 30, 1925, for which we asked in our letter of September 24. The sooner the report gets here the sooner you will receive the payment due for that quarter.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Wagr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

October 12, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I have received the report of your school for the quarter ended September 30, 1925. It is in duplicate, while it should have been in triplicate, according to the requirement in the Indian Office letter of September 22, copy of which I forwarded to you in my letter of September 24. However, I have made out and sent the necessary Voucher, along with the two copies of the report, to Superintendent Wright, with the request that he let us have a check to cover the amount claimed--\$403.33. At the same time I have notified him that you have been requested to furnish him with another copy of the report. Please see that this copy is handed to Major Wright at once.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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October 12, 1925.

Major J. George Wright,
U. S. Indian Superintendent,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Major Wright:

Based on the accompanying certified Voucher and Report, both in triplicate, claim is hereby made by this Bureau, under contract of May 25, 1925, for \$403.33, for the care and education ofauge Indian pupils in St. Louis' Mission School, during the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

This claim is presented for payment under the new plan adopted by the Indian Office for the settlement of the claims of this Bureau arising under contracts for the care and education of Indian pupils, of which you were advised in a letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated September 22. The purpose the Office has in mind in this regard is to expedite the settlement of the claims in question. Under the method heretofore followed there has been very great delay in getting the payments due under the contracts to our schools, resulting at times in considerable embarrassment to the Fathers and Sisters conducting them. I trust that you will be able to get me a check, in favor of Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, covering the payment herein asked with the least possible delay. By so doing you will confer a great favor upon this Bureau and the Fathers and Sisters at St. Louis'.

One of the requirements in the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of September 22, to you is that the physician's certificate to the quarterly report shall be signed. As there is no agency physician at Gauge, the Indian Office has decided that this requirement shall be waived. A letter to this effect will go to you from the Indian Office, it is expected, within the next few days.

Another requirement is that the reports should be in triplicate. Mother Scholastica sent on the reports in duplicate. I have asked the Reverend Mother to make out and hand to you another copy of the report.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

VOUCHER FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, SUCH AS RENT OF BUILDINGS, TELEPHONE SERVICE, GAS, ELECTRIC LIGHT, AND WATER SUPPLY, ETC.

THE UNITED STATES,

October 12, 1925.

To BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS, Dr.

2021 H STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C.
(Give post office address)

DATE OF PURCHASE, 19 25.	ENTER BELOW THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CLAIM, SHOWING OF WHAT IT CONSISTS AND ATTACHING ANY PAPERS SUBSTANTIATING THE SAME (If extra sheets are necessary use Form 5-335b)	AMOUNT
Sept. 30	For maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils in St. Louis' Mission School, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma, during the quarter ending September 30, 1925, under contract no. 1738, dated May 25, 1925, as per report of attendance hereto attached:	
	Total days' attendance during quarter	422
	" " school was in session	30
	" " in quarter	30
	Rate per capita per quarter	\$50
	422×50 90 = \$403.33	
APPROPRIATION:		
TOTAL		\$ 403 33

NOTE.—If paid in cash, attach receipt on Form 5-213

APPROPRIATION:

I CERTIFY ON HONOR that the foregoing claim is correct and just and represents all that for the transactions above described, and that no part of same has been paid.

DO NOT SIGN IN DUPLICATE

The certification should be in the name of the person, firm, or partnership, unincorporated company, or corporation supplying the service, and to whom payment should be made. The certification may be by an attorney, agent, or officer, and if so made the signature and title or designation of such representative should follow the name of the person, firm, or partnership, unincorporated company, or corporation. Above bill must be completed before certification by payee.

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS,

By *[Signature]*

Title DIRECTOR.

I CERTIFY ON HONOR that the foregoing claim is correct and just; that the services stated have been performed; that they were necessary for the public service; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the prices charged are reasonable and just; and that the services were procured under contract No. 1738, dated May 25, 1925, which is attached to this or to voucher No. _____ to account for _____ Quarter, 19____, and in accordance with sections _____ and _____ of the methods stated on the reverse hereof.

Dated _____, 19____

Paid by Check No. _____, dated _____, 19____, for \$ _____

on _____, to order of claimant

SUPERINTENDENT.

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- INSTRUCTIONS**
1. This voucher must not be signed in duplicate, but two memorandum copies will be made on the attached blanks.
 2. When payment is made by the agent the original voucher and one memorandum copy will be sent to the Indian Office with his accounts, and the remaining memorandum copy placed in the agent's file. The agent will file the original and one memorandum copy with the remaining memorandum copy forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for settlement, and the other memorandum copy will be retained by the agent.
 3. The invoice or bill of the claimant need not be forwarded to the Indian Office.
 4. When service is procured under informal agreement the original agreement and authority must be attached to the original voucher, unless they have been attached to other vouchers for expenses incurred thereunder. In the latter event, reference must be made on this voucher to those with which the agreement and authority may be found. The same course will be pursued with memorandum vouchers sent to the Office of Indian Affairs, except that copies of the agreement and authority must be attached or referred to therein.

METHOD OF PROCURING SERVICE

- A. Under contract dated 19.....
 - B. Under informal agreement, on Form 5-086; service to begin immediately.
1. Upon competitive proposals after advertising in newspapers.
 2. Upon competitive proposals after advertising by circular letter sent to dealers and posted in places.
 3. Upon noncompetitive quotation, under an agency existing prior to the order, which would not admit of delay for advertising.
 4. Upon noncompetitive quotation without advertising, by reason of impracticability to secure competition, as indicated by paragraph lettered

1. When used after first portion of form when the service could be obtained. 2. Prices or rates were used by regulation or compulsory regulation. 3. Previous advertising for identical service produced no, or only unreasonably, proposals, demonstrating that further advertising would not aid results.

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ORIGINAL

CASH

Voucher No. Quarter, 19....

FOR

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

IN FAVOR OF

For \$.....

Paid by.....

(Official title)

(Agency or School)

NAVY AND NAVAL STORES

Any disbursing or other officer of the United States or other person who shall knowingly present, or cause to be presented, any voucher, receipt or claim to any officer of the United States for payment or credit thereon, which shall contain any material misrepresentation of fact in regard to the amount due or paid, the name or character of the article furnished or received, or of the service rendered, or to the date of purchase, delivery, or performance of service, or in any other particular, shall not be entitled to payment or credit for any part of said voucher, account, or claim; and if any such credit shall be given or received, or payment made, the United States may recharge the same to the officer or person receiving the credit or payment, and recover the amount from either or both, in the same manner as other debts due the United States are collected: *Provided*, That where an account contains more than one voucher the foregoing shall apply only to such vouchers as contain misrepresentations of fact; and where the facts in relation to the matter set forth in this section are in doubt, the officer or person who shall be required to know the facts in relation to the matter set forth in this section, shall be held responsible therefor: *And provided further*, That the foregoing shall be in addition to the penalties now prescribed by law, and in no way to affect proceedings under existing law for like offenses. That, where practicable, this section shall be printed on the blank forms of vouchers provided for general use. (Act March 1, 1882; §§. 22, Stat., 451; Act July 4, 1884, §§; Cir. 113 Ind. O.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

M-31183-25 UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE
GOV. Osage Indian Agency
Pawhuska, Oklahoma,
October 17, 1925.

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your claim for maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils at the St. Louis Mission School, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925, is herewith returned, for the reason that there is an error in the computation of the amount due.

Under the contract entered into between you and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, you are entitled to compensation for the entire quarter from July 1, to September 30. The average attendance for September, the month actually attended, being taken as the average for the quarter.

I am inclosing a new voucher, made out for the full amount, \$703.33, which will be promptly paid upon its return to this office, properly signed.

Very Respectfully,


Superintendent.

Date OCT 20 1925 Am.

No. 2572

Order filed

Subject

St. Louis Boarding School

Notes

Order to P.M.

Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Oct. 19, 1925

Dear Father Hughes

In your note of Oct. 12, you say you have asked Major Wright for a check of \$403.33, amount claimed by us for first quarter. Our claim for this quarter is \$703.33 and we will not be satisfied with anything less.

Sincerely yours
Sister Scholastica

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Received

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October 20, 1925.

Major J. George Wright,
U. S. Indian Superintendent.
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Major Wright:

I am in receipt of your favor of October 17, returning Voucher for the care and education of Osage pupils in St. Louis' Mission School, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925, because of an error in the computation, and inclosing a new Voucher made out for the proper amount--to wit: \$703.33.

Herewith I return the new Voucher properly signed, with an expression of regret for the trouble our error has given you.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

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October 20, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

Your letter of October 19 to Father Hughes was just received. In the same mail we received Major Wright's letter calling our attention to the error in the Voucher for the September 30, 1925 quarter, and inclosing a new Voucher for the correct amount due, for signature. This Voucher has been returned, signed, to Major Wright.

I am responsible for the error in computation, and regret exceedingly that it happened, as it necessarily causes some delay in getting the payment to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

Rec'd OCT 30 1925 Amt.
Ans. 10/31/25 Order
Filed SEP 28 1925
Not LS. Sted. Ent.
Copy to LS. Master

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10/30/25
Ch. L. Dr. Rye

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

M-31183-25 UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE
M-32143-25 Osage Indian Agency,
GCT. Pawhuska, Oklahoma,
October 27, 1925.

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There is transmitted herewith official check No. 150851, of F. E. Brandon, S.D.A., in the amount of \$703.33, payable to your order for maintenance and education of Osage Indian pupils at the St. Louis Mission School, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925. This payment is made on voucher #89, second quarter, 1925.

Respectfully,

J. G. Wright
Superintendent.

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Pawhuska

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October 30, 1925.

Mr. J. George Wright,
U. S. Indian Superintendent.
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 27, inclosing check No. 150851, of Special Disbursing Agent, of your Agency, for \$703.33, covering payment due this Bureau on account of St. Louis' Mission School, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

November 3, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis' Mission School.
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I inclose check of Special Disbursing Agent, Osage Agency, No. 150851, for \$703.33, indorsed to your order, covering payment due your school under contract of May 25, 1925, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

Rec'd MSV 9 1925 Amt. _____
Ans. 11/9/25 Order filled _____
Foll'd _____ Stan. comp'd _____
Not l.S. _____ Stan. out _____
Copy to l.S. _____ St. Louis Boarding School

Pawhuska, Oklahoma Nov. 5, 1925

Dear Father Hugh:

Why are we kept waiting so long for the little money due us? It is almost a month since Major Wright told me he had sent you the check. If you realized how badly we are in need of this money, I think you would be a little more prompt in your payments.

I am very much afraid I will have to call on your charity for repairs we were forced to make.

I am trying to get the money here, but may not succeed.

Please let us have our check at once.

Sincerely yours

Sister Scholastica

November 9, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastic,
Supt., St. Louis' Mission School,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother:

Your letter of November 5 has been received.

Regarding your complaint of the delay in the payment due your school for the quarter ended September 30, 1925, I wish to make this statement:

On October 10 we received the report of your school for that quarter, October 12 we mailed the report with the necessary Voucher to Superintendent Wright, October 20 we received back from Superintendent Wright the Voucher, for correction of the amount claimed, due to a clerical error, the same day the Voucher with the proper amount was mailed to Superintendent Wright, October 30 we received from Superintendent Wright check for \$703.33, the same day the check was forwarded to our Treasurer and was received back and mailed to you on November 3. The only delay for which we are in any way responsible, a delay of not more than five days at the outside, was due to the error above referred to. In all other respects the payment was forwarded to you just as soon as it was possible so far as we had anything to do with the matter. I presume the check is now in your hands.

Yours in Christ,

CEL:JR

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December 9, 1925.

Mother M. Scholastica,
St. Louis' Mission School,
Tahuska, Oklahoma.

Dear Mother Scholastica:

I inclose herewith check for \$666.66, covering payment due your school for the care and education of non-Usage pupils for the three months ended November 30, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

Rec'd _____ Amt _____
Ans _____ Order Filled _____
Foll'd _____ Sten. comp'd _____
Not I.S. _____ Sten. act _____
Copy to I.S. _____ Missions _____
Pawhuska, Okla. Feb. 7 . . . 1925 30-9

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

----EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO AND 82/100---- Dollars

Payment due Pawhuska School, under contract of July 1, 1924,

For quarter ended December 31, 1924.

\$ 822.82

Mother M. Scholastica

Rec'd MAR 17 1925 Amt _____
Ans _____ Order Filled _____
Foll'd _____ Sten. comp'd _____
Not I.S. _____ Sten. act _____
Copy to I.S. _____ Missions _____
Pawhuska, Okla., March . . 1925 30-23

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Eight hundred thirty-three 33/100-----Dollars

Payment due St. Louis' Mission School,

three months
For quarter ended February 28, 1925. for care and education of non-Csage pupils

\$ 833.33

Mother M. Scholastica

Rec'd MAY 15 1925 Amt _____
Ans _____ Order Filled _____
Foll'd _____ Sten. comp'd _____
Not I.S. _____ Sten. act _____
Copy to I.S. _____ Missions _____
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 30-9
May,, 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Seven hundred sixty-three 33/100-----Dollars

Payment due St. Louis' Mission School, under contract of July 1, 1924.

For quarter ended March 31, 1925.

\$ 763.33.

*Mother M. Scholastica
for St. Louis School*

Rec'd JUN 16 1925 Amt _____
Ans _____ Order Filled _____
Foll'd _____ Sten. comp'd _____
Not I.S. _____ Sten. act _____
Copy to I.S. _____ Missions _____
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 30-23
June,, 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Eight hundred thirty-three 00/100-----Dollars

Payment due St. Louis' Mission School,

For quarter ended May 31, 1925.

\$ 833.33

Mother M. Scholastica

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Pawhuska, Okla.

Aug 1, 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SIX AND 26/100----- Dollars

Payment due Pawhuska School, under contract of July 1, 1924.

For quarter ended June 30, 1925.

\$ 586.26

Sister M. Scholastica
Supt.

Rec'd NOV 11 1925 Am.
Order filled
Spec. comp'd

Pawhuska, Oklahoma
November 7, 1925.

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Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----SEVEN HUNDRED THREE 33/100----- Dollars

Payment due St. Louis' Mission School, under contract of May 25, 1925.

For quarter ended September 30, 1925.

\$ 703.33

Sister M. Scholastica

Rec'd DEC 10 1925
Order filled
Spec. comp'd
Spec. out
Misses

Pawhuska, Oklahoma
Dec 12, 1925.

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Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX 66/100----- Dollars

Payment due St. Louis' Mission School,
three months

For quarter ended November 30, 1925.

\$ 666.66

Sister Scholastica