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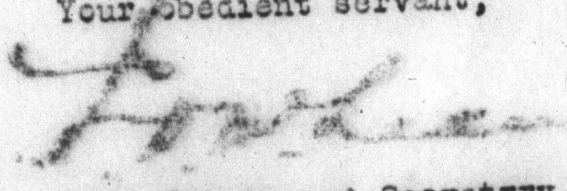
Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, I beg to say that you are hereby authorized to make the following purchases on behalf of Donald Blackbird, an ex-pupil of the Birtle Boarding School, namely, a horse, harrows, and a set of double harness. You are allowed to incur an expenditure of about \$218.00 in making the purchases. I may say that it is considered that your estimate of \$50.00 for the purchase of a double harness is too high. The account which you submitted for the harness purchased for Peter Hunting Hawk shows that the price of harness which he received was \$37.75, and it is considered that the expenses in this case should not be greater than that mentioned.

Be good enough to state whether Donald Blackbird will be able to secure the 21 bus. seed barley which he requires without assistance from the Department. You did not refer to the cost of the seed in your letter above quoted. It is therefore assumed that the young man can procure the same for himself.

The Department wishes to point out that it will be necessary for Donald Blackbird to repay the cost of the outfit, over \$125.00, and he should sign the usual ex-pupil agreement with regard to repayment, one copy of which should be forwarded to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

G.H. Wheatley Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
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