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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, Sept. 27, 1884

Rev. G. W. Atkinson.
Forest Grove, Oregon.

Sir:—

Referring to your communication of the 26th of May last I have to say, that after a conference with the Hon. Secretary relative to a permanent location for the Forest Grove school the following decision has been reached:—

The last appropriation act provides Twenty Thousand dollars for a building for that school, "if a suitable location and a quantity of land at Forest Grove or elsewhere in the state of Oregon sufficient for a farm for the use of the school shall be donated for that purpose." Whether the marshy

and heavily timbered land at first offered, nor the 75 acres $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the school and suitable only for pasturage, will comply with the requirements of the law. Unless Forest Grove can give good farming land near the school, or a good farm and building site some distance from the present site of the buildings, the school must be moved elsewhere. The farm and the building cannot be several miles apart. The school ought to have not less than 180 acres of which 100 acres should be tillable.

It is important that this question of location should be settled without delay, since meantime all the interests of the school are suffering by the uncertainty. Please communicate to me the final action of the citizens of Forest Grove at the earliest possible date.

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A copy of this letter will be furnished Supt.
Munthorne.

Yours respectfully

A. Price
Commissioner

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