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The President:

The military reservation of Fort Shaw, Montana, declared by Executive Order of January 11, 1870, and embracing an area of about 29843 acres, has become useless for military purposes. By order of the Secretary of War, dated April 25, 1892 (G. O., No. 30, Hdqrs. of the Army, 1892), the military post of Fort Shaw, Montana, including the entire reservation, were, under authority of the Act of Congress, approved July 31, 1892 (22 Stats., 181), set aside for Indian school purposes and turned over to the custody and control of the Secretary of the Interior "so long as it may not be required for military occupation."

By order of the Interior Department, dated July 6, 1893, 4,999.50 acres of the land embraced within the military reservation, were reserved for the use of the Fort Shaw Indian school; and by order of the Secretary of the Interior, dated July 6, 1905, there has been added from such lands to the school reserve, as made by said order of July 6, 1893, a tract situated immediately west of the school reserve containing 4,[illegible] acres, as described in letter of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated [illegible], 1905, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior. It appears, therefore, that a portion only (9363.5 acres)

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of the milit[illegible] [illegible] school purposes, - the remainder of [illegible] for either military or Ind[illegible]

[illegible] and upon the [illegible] have the honor to [illegible] portion [illegible] Fort Shaw Indian school, as [illegible] of the Secretary of the [illegible] approved July 5, [illegible] provided therein or as may [illegible]

[illegible] reservation has become useless for mili- [illegible] that the portion of the [illegible] for the Fort Shaw Indian [illegible] Secretary of the [illegible] for Indian school.

Robert Shaw Oliver
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Acting Secretary of War.

Recommends disposition of abandoned military reservation [illegible] Shaw, Montana.

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The recommendations made within by the Acting Secretary of War are approved.

The Secretary of the Interior will cause this action to be noted on the records of the General Land Office.

2nd Indorsement.
War Department,
July 25, 1905.

Respectfully transmitted to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior.

Robert Shaw Oliver
Acting Secretary of War.

Dept. of the Interior
July 31/0[illegible]

Acknowledged and respectfully reserved to the Comr. of the Genl. Land Office to be noted and filed.

T. L. Vosburgh
Actuary Secretary