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A Cherokee woman, who lived in the yard, cooked two meals a day for them.

At the end of this time, the weather becoming inclement, I felt that there was a necessity for immediate arrangements being made for the better accommodation of the children, or the school would have to close, as it could not be expected of the pupils, either that they could come from home every day, or continue to lodge, as they had been doing, in the open air. There being several rooms in the commissary, one of which was occupied as the school-room, others containing stores and annuity goods, I conceived the idea of changing the place of some of these things, and fitting up the building so as to board and lodge the scholars. But the agent being absent, and not having had an opportunity of conferring with him and ascertaining his views and plans, I could not know whether he would approve of the project, or would be able to carry out the design if he should approve it. I conferred with A. J. Standing, who heartily entered into my views, and we together consulted with W. H. H. Howard, the acting agent, who left us at liberty to adopt any measure which we thought would conduce to the advancement of the school, provided we would take all responsibility of the undertaking upon ourselves; and I accordingly dismissed the scholars with instructions that they should not return until the fourth evening, when I should have made arrangements for them to sleep and eat in the house — but two school days being thus lost. We then

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