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R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle School
Carlisle, Pa.
Aug. 12 - 1881.

Rel. to request of Agt.
Crissey for authority to
send a number of Ind.
youths (who will pay their
own transportation) to
Carlisle and asks if the
auth. be given, an equal
number of girls be sent.

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United States Indian Service,

Indian Training School Agency,

Carlisle, Pa. August 12, 1881.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have a letter from Agent Grisey of the
Sussexton Agency with this statement, "I have sev-
eral boys or young men who I think would pay their
own transportation to Carlisle if you could take them
and learn them trades such as Harness making & others
which you have there. Some of them have been to school
more or less at this agency, or away from it, one or two
have worked for me and could use carpenter's tools to a
limited extent, others could learn quickly. For or three
are half breeds and some full bloods, I have one of the lat-
ter that is a very good boy and greatly desires an oppor-
tunity to improve." The number is not stated and we
are quite well supplied with boys as we could ask,
still there is in this disposition to pay their own ex-
penses a spirit that should be fostered, and I do not
like to place myself in the way of it. If the

Department chooses to allow these boys to come here
I could only make one request in connection with
it - ~~that~~ that is that an equal number of girls be or-
dered to accompany them. We invite disaster by
not educating as many girls as boys.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servant

R. H. Hall

1st Lieut 10th Cav.

In charge.