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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., September 16th 1881

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir,

Acting under your verbal authority, I proceeded to make arrangements in leaving out for the winter, such children as it seemed advisable to remain with those who had charge of them during vacation, and to attend the district schools. I have now to inform you that on yesterday these arrangements were all closed, and the children who had been absent during the summer and who had not to be left out, were returned to the school.

I allowed six of our larger boys to remain until Christmas, their further stay during the winter to be determined at that time, and made satisfactory arrangements with

good families for 17 others and also for 6 girls,
making 29 children in all. I have in this matter
consulted the preferences of the children, so that they are
at their several places from their own choice, and as
I believe for their highest good. Your authority
which was received on my return says a "few". I
hope that 29 may not be considered too many.

I placed out in all during the summer 109
children, a few for only a short period, and six
were returned because of dissatisfaction. I may
say that the results have been most satisfactory.

The English and education that we push in theory
and practice as rapidly as possible at the school
is used practically so much by the isolation from
Indian intercourse and surroundings of civilized life
that many of our children have improved more
rapidly in their English speaking during vacation

than for the same period at the School. In each
case I have agreed to furnish Clothing and books for
the children, their board is to be the reward for their
morning and evening labor. The health results have
been good except perhaps in two cases, where the malaria
of the Susquehanna River has brought on Chills and
fevers.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant,

R. H. Pratt

1st Lt. 10th Cav'y

In Charge