

1837 4

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS
Rec'd OCT 19

1881

N. H. Pratt
Castile

Refr. letter from
Capt. B. M. Thomas
& S. A. Bentley
rel. to removing
the body of Frank
Cushing who
died at Castile
to his home

x

Magnie

File

*Visit of chiefs to Castile already
authorized.*

Cook

18374

INDIAN OFFICE.

1881

Inclos: No. 2

Office of Pueblo Indian Agency,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,

Oct. 11th 1881

B. M. Thomas,

U. S. Indian Agent.

Recommending removal of body of
deceased Indian pupil, at Carlisle
School, to Zuni Pueblo, New Mex.

Indian Training School,
Carlisle, Pa. Oct. 13. '81

Respectfully forwarded to the Hon. Commr.
Ind. Affs. It certainly would not be
practicable to remove the body of this
boy at present. It might be done after
a while. White Thunder whose only
son died at the school was very anx-
ious to have his son's remains sent

back to his home in Dakota,
when he saw that we had
him buried as our own dead
and buried ^{at} the place mark-
ed, he said he was satisfied
to have him stay here ^{if} he
thought it was better.

If the Pueblo Chiefs visit
the school as Dr. Thomas has
written me he requested, it
might be determined then.

Very respectfully
R. H. Pratt
1st Lieut. 10th Cav.
In charge.

United States Indian Service,

Pueblo

Agency,

Santa Fe, N.M. Oct. 11th 1881.

Capt. R. U. Pratt,
Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Penna.

Sir:

Herewith is a copy of a letter from J. A. Bentley
N. J. Indian Teacher at Juni, dated Sept. 30, 1881, on the
subject of the death of Frank Cushing at your school,
and the removal of his remains from Carlisle to Juni.

The wishes of the parents in this matter ought to
be granted if possible, sooner or later, and I respect-
fully request that this letter and the enclosed copy
be forwarded to the Hon. Commissioner with
such endorsement as you may think best.

Very respectfully,
Ben. Thomas,
U.S. Indian Agent.

United States Indian Service,

Agency,

188

18374

INDIAN OFFICE

Inclos; No. /

1881

- Copy -

Letter of U.S. Indian Teacher
S. A. Bentley to B. M. Thomas,
U.S. Ind. Agt. relative to the
removal of body of Indian
boy (deceased at Carlisle
Pa.) to Zuni Pueblo.

Copy

Juni, N.M. Sept. 30th '81.

B.M. Thomas, Esq.,

U.S. Indian Agent.

Sir: I have to report in the matter of Frank Cushing, the Indian boy who died at Carlisle, that I have informed his parents. They feel very badly about it and beg that the body of their boy may be brought back to Juni. And I promised that I would communicate their desire to your Dept. and if possible it should be done, but at the same time informed them that I had no hopes it could be done. I regret the death of this boy for many reasons, but principally because his parents have always shown so much interest in him and in the fact of his learning so much and coming back to teach them about the white man's country. And if by any means their wish can be granted and the boys body returned here, I think it should be done.

Respectfully,

J. A. Bentley,

U.S. Ind. Teacher.

(Signed)