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Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In your letter, dated February 15, 1918, with reference to the enrollment of unrestricted Indian children of the Five Civilized Tribes in this school, you state that Noah L. Bench should not be retained at Carlisle after this year. My recommendation regarding this boy in my letter dated January 25, 1918, is as follows:

"Noah L. Bench owns no land, has no property, has the appearance of an Indian. It is doubtful whether this boy would ever attend school unless he is placed in a position where he is forced to. He is in the second year vocational and will graduate in two years. I recommend that he be permitted to complete his course at this school."

When the time came for Noah to go home this spring he firmly insisted that he be allowed to remain and asked me to take up the matter with Supervisor Wyly, which I did. Noah said he would be glad to pay tuition if it was found that he could afford it. I have a letter from Mr. Wyly saying that Noah has no funds to pay his tuition and that his guardian is unable to help him.

As Noah is so anxious to remain and complete his course I refer the matter to you again for a reconsideration.

Very truly yours,

Trav. Aud. in Charge

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