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Letter signed by James A. Garfield

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To Pratt

Nov. 1879

In a letter to Pratt dated Sept. 15, 1879, the Presidio Surgeon, James A. Garfield, requested that the Office of Indian Affairs, specifically Pratt, be instructed to assume charge of building a hospital at Carlisle, PA. He also requested the issuance of passes for the Presidio, and the provision of transportation for the return of sick Indian children in the form of $1.25 per mile.

The letter further states that Pratt will be allowed for actual and necessary traveling expenses at a rate of $1.25 per mile engaged in this duty.
Department of the Interior.

Washington Sept. 16th 1879

The Commissioner

of Indian Affairs.

Sr:

Agreeably to the recommendation of your letter of this date, Lieut. R. H. Pratt, U.S. A., detailed as Special Agent of the Indian service in connection with the establishment of schools for Indian youths, is hereby directed to assume charge of the buildings at Carlisle, Penn., transferred to his Department by the War Department and to establish and conduct the schools at that point.

Authority is granted Lieut. Pratt to proceed to the Indian Territory and to Dakota and such other places as your office may (direct
direct, to select one hundred and twenty Indian youth to be placed in the school at Carlisle, and twenty five to fill the vacuum under which the school is now in operation at Hamp- tow Va., taking with him one woman and four Indians from among those who have been in his charge as assistants, whose actual and necessary traveling expenses incident to the trip, will be charged to the proper appropriation.

Authority is also granted Lieut. Pratt, to pay the actual and necessary expenses that may be incurred in returning to their homes in Dakota, certain sick Indians now at Hampton, Va.

Lieut. Pratt will be allowed his actual and necessary traveling expenses and a per diem of $5.00 per day for subsistence while engaged in this duty.

(Very
Very respectfully,

A. B. F. Bee

Acting Secretary

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