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Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10<sup>th</sup> Regt.  
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Invites attention to  
Sec. 9. Act approved  
March 3. 1885 in ref.  
to Punishment of  
Indians for crimes  
committed against  
Indians &c. &c.

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Ans October 9<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., May 8. 1888.

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., marked L. 1136B in reference to jurisdiction of the Courts over the case of Etahleuk Doanmoe, reported by me in letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> ult., covering letter of J. J. Mestren, missionary at Kiowa Agency, I have respectfully to invite your attention to Sec. 9. of Act approved March 3. 1885, under which, it seems to me, there can be no question of jurisdiction, and this was the law I had in mind when writing the letter. I beg further to say in reference to this matter, that these people have been talked to and threatened so much that they give

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little heed to words, advice, warnings or threats. This method of discipline has been in such common use in their attempted management for so many years, that they have become, as an old Chief explained to me some years ago, like rain falling on the roof of a house, which ran off and disappeared in the ground, a Council and talk in this case will simply enable them to go away, as on hundreds of former occasions, laughing in their sleeves.

I do hope that serious, earnest action will be taken, and if it be determined that this law is insufficient, or that there is no law, then, it seems to me, amendments or a new law should be provided which should reach such cases, and that the offenders in this

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Case may not escape, I would suggest, if the law cannot take hold of them, that the Dept. through its issues, or through their lease money, cause full restitution to be made, and that without delay or circumlocution.

I have seen these people burn their tepees and property on such occasions, and kill forty horses and ponies on account of the death of one man. These things would stop at once if a little firmness were shown.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt  
Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav.  
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