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Wm. J. Givens

Very respectfully.

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Reply to letter of

2nd inst, enclosing letter of Capt. Pratt,

recommending that \$85.71 due Dr. O. Givens be paid to his

widow, without waiting for a letter of administration.

W. J. Givens

Copy to Capt. Pratt

To Comptroller, May 11, 1889

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,

May 4th, 1889.

Hon. R. V. Belt,
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd instant transmitting a communication from Capt. R. H. Pratt, Superintendent of Carlisle School, recommending that an amount of \$85.71 due Dr. O. T. Given, lately an employe at that school, but now deceased, be paid to his widow, without waiting for letters of administration.

It has long been the practice of the Treasury Department, in case of the death of an employe before the payment of an amount admitted to be due, and where the claim is small, to pay it to the party properly entitled without administration, where it is shown by satisfactory evidence that no administration is intended.

But in the case now presented it appears from the letter of Capt. Pratt, that administration is intended. He states "that some complication with his life insurance makes it necessary to delay the appointment of an administrator, and it will be some time before one is appointed. It is also possible that Mrs. Given may not be appointed." It, therefore, seems to me to be advisable to delay payment until the complications referred to by Capt. Pratt are settled and a legal representative of the estate of deceased appointed.

Very respectfully,

Sigourney Butler

Comptroller.

W. J. N.