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Indian Industrial School,

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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Regarding graduates  
of this school, James  
Flannery, and  
Clarence Butler, for  
positions of Tailor  
and Asst Engi-  
neer, respectively

To Butler Oct 10/98  
To Flannery Oct 10/98

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Carlisle, Pa., October 6th, 1898.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of October 3rd, marked "Education", asking if there are graduates of this school competent to fill the positions of Tailor at \$480 per annum in the Indian School at Mount Pleasant, Mich, and Assistant Engineer at \$500 per annum in the Rosebud Agency boarding school, South Dakota, I have to respectfully advise you that James D. Flannery, a graduate of this school of the class of '94, and for a year afterwards Assistant Tailor at this school, is quite competent to fill the position of Tailor referred to. He is now here at the school and is willing to accept the position. James is also one of the best musicians we ever had in our band, being somewhat celebrated as a cornet soloist. I must say in regard to him, however, that during his service at the school, after graduation, his conduct was not satisfactory, because of his tendency towards questionable characters in the town of Carlisle. He became discontented and constantly desired to travel with shows, and when I had to send him away from the school he went into that business. His experiences have taught him lessons that he was unable to learn otherwise. Becoming ill two months ago, he went to the hospital in Philadelphia, and then came here to tell me his troubles. His health is pretty well

restored, and he tells me that he has learned I was right; that he has grown sick of the associations and precariousness of the life that he selected, and wishes to turn over a new leaf. I believe him, and would give him another trial at Carlisle if I had place for him. James is the most capable graduate for the place, and can be the most useful, otherwise, of any I can suggest. We have two others here who could fill the position of tailor very well, but they are near graduation and it would be better to let them finish. James is an Alaskan, and his address is here for the present.

For the position of Assistant Engineer at Rosebud Agency, I would recommend Clarence Butler, a Coeur d'Alene, who graduated with our last class, and is now at his home at Rockford, Washington. Clarence had quite a wide round of instruction while here, and is especially capable. For nearly a year, he, of his own motion and selection, took his half day at work in the employ of the Electric Light Company of Carlisle, and learned a great deal that may be useful should there be an electric light plant in the school he serves. He became also especially efficient in steam heating matters, and would know well how to handle changes in pipes, radiators, or other work connected with steam heat. His conduct, training and efficiency while here warrant my special commendation.

Very respectfully,

Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

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