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*Indian Industrial School,*

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 4, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Since receiving the small party of Porto Ricans last month I have been appealed to by teachers and natives in Porto Rico to accept of other pupils recommended as being exceptionally deserving. The young Porto Ricans here have also solicited me to accept of their relatives and friends who have been inspired with a desire to come here by representations they have made. It seems to me that our outgoing system is just what would help these young people most, and as there seems to be no antipathy whatever between the races here but the greatest congeniality, I would favor increasing the number if you approve by twenty-five or thirty, or say fifty in all. We now have five boys and four girls. Commissioner Brunbaugh who has charge of education in Porto Rico has written in a kindly way and expressed the hope that the little party I recently received was only the advance guard of a larger one.

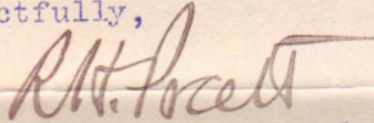
They are <sup>so</sup> very like Indians in color and physical attributes that they do not seem at all out of place. Of course it is not advisable to bring them here just on the eve of cold weather, and as it will take some time to make up a party I thought best to bring the matter up now, with a view to accomplishing it in the spring. I have just written Commissioner Brunbaugh stating that if we do increase the



number I would favor their coming from different localities throughout the island, not more than one or two from a place.

Whether, if you approve of it, it would be advisable to put a few words in the Carlisle Appropriation bill covering it, you will know best.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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