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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. July 6, 1901.

Pratt, B. H.,

Lt. Col. 15th Cav'y, Supt.

In regard to dismissal of
W. H. Morrett - Shoemaker.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., July 6, 1901.

To The Honorable,

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

Sir :-

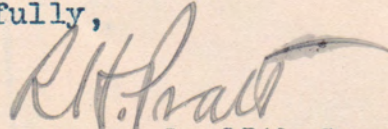
Referring to my phone conversation with you yesterday in regard to the taking of a can of oil from our stores at noon and concealing it in his buggy by Mr. Morrett, my shoemaker, I have to respectfully advise you that the evidence is correct and positive; that he did take the can of oil, and that he had to unlock doors to get at it. He was seen to come out of the door with the can in his hands, take it to his buggy which I have always permitted him to keep in the stable, and conceal it under the seat. I went there myself and found the can full, as reported. As I indicated to you and you approved, I wrote him at once after our conversation by phone, stating that after his many years of service I regretted to inform him that his services would not be needed longer, and instructed him to call at the office and settle. I had the can taken from his buggy, put back where it belonged, and said nothing to him about it. He came to the office, got his pay without saying a word, and left the grounds.

On my charges in employes I shall note against his name, "Discharged for theft". To have brought action against him would have had wider significance, but he has a family and stands well in the community, and I believe the ends of justice are quite as well met by this course as they would be by the other.

-2- Comm. of Indian Affairs.

The former petty acts of this kind alleged against him rested on purely circumstantial evidence, and his long service and apparent integrity led me to continue my confidence until this act.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt".

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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