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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug 5 1901

Pratt, R. H.,

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

Concerning fire engine in
use at this school, & returning
enclosures in Dept. letter 7/29,
marked "Accta 38660."

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To Gov. Bates Aug 10/01

W. H. Cline

Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 5, 1901.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

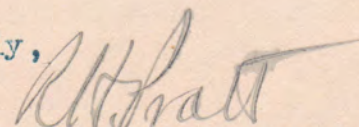
Sir :-

Replying to your letter of July 24th marked "Accounts, 38660", enclosing letter from B. D. Stevens, Ernest W. Roberts, and Governor Bates of Massachusetts, which enclosures are herewith returned I have to respectfully advise you that our fire engine was made over for us and given the name of "Uncle Sam". We purchased it of William S. Silsby, Secy. of the Silsby Mfg. Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y., Jan. 7th, 1888, for \$500.

It has only once been required for use at the school, when tramp fired a stack of fodder on the Parker Farm half a mile from the school. The boys were on the ground in time to save the barn altho the hay in the loft had caught and was burning before they got the engine to working. We have repeatedly helped at fires in the town of Carlisle and always with the best effect. In fact, in some cases our boys were able to do more with our engine than the fire companies could do with the engines belonging to the town.

The engine is just what we need here; it belongs to us and we prefer to keep it. Still, if the sentiment for it is such as to bring us a sum sufficient to replace it with one equally as good, I see no objection to letting it go, but would not be willing to part with it under any other conditions.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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