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Acting Superintendent.

Writes concerning Susap and  
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# Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Mar. 5, 1903.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Referring to your letter of March 3rd enclosing letters received from John Susep and J. Frederick Nicholar, students of this school, making complaint of treatment received from W. G. Thompson, disciplinarian, I have the honor to state the following :

Both boys are members of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, Fred Nicholar having been here since Dec. 6th , '99 and John Susep since Aug. 27th, '02. Ever since arrival here John has shown signs of an unbalanced mind, as evidenced by repeated complaints to Colonel Pratt about imaginary troubles connected with his treatment in quarters, restraint from the exercise of his religious privileges, etc. These have always been investigated and invariably found to be without foundation. I am sure Colonel Pratt has under advisement the matter of returning him to his home in the spring on account of his erratic disposition.

Fred Nicholar is learning the tailor's trade at this school and has twice been taken from the shop temporarily because of improper conduct. He was punished by Mr. Thompson acting under orders for using vile and obscene language to and about a young lady who was passing through the shop. The language used was heard by the tailor who reported the facts and by all the boys in the class. The young man was not at all cruelly punished and is not suffering in any way from



it except in mind on account of his humiliation.

I do not know of any case in which the tailor has used profane or other improper language in the presence of the boys.

Very respectfully,

*Edgar A. Allen*  
Acting Supt.