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Indian Indus. School,
Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 13, 1903

Pratt. R. H. Col. & Supt.

Concerning James Down.

Returning home

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 13, 1903.

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

Sir :

Replying to office letter "Education 71998 - 1903" dated Nov. 10th, 1903, with reference to letter written by James Down, one of our students, to your Office, asking that he be allowed to return to his home, I have the honor to say that James Down was enrolled at this school Nov. 23rd, 1898. His five calendar years therefore will not expire until the 23rd of this month.

James made application to Colonel Pratt to go home early in the season, but permission was declined for the reason that his term had not expired. He was informed that he would have the option of going home next June. When our home parties were sent he still lacked more than five months of having completed the time for which he was enrolled.

The Kickapoos were sent here and retained under a sort of special guardianship because of their extremely degraded condition at home. I respectfully submit that it is decidedly to James Down's interest to remain with us at least for the remainder of this school year, allowing him to go home next June if he so desires at that time; but whatever instructions are received from your office on this subject will be cheerfully observed.

Very respectfully,

Edgar A. Allen
Acting Supt.