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Pratt R. H. Col. & Supt.

Indian Indus. School,
Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 26, 1904

concerning positions of
dining room matron and head
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 26, 1904.

To the Honorable,

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

Sir :

I have the honor to respectfully advise you that Mrs. Crosbie, dining-room matron, intends to quit the Indian Service with her husband on the 1st of March. Her husband has been our cook, a temporary appointment ; assignments have been made to fill his place but none have reported. Our last information was that a special examination was being held.

It is of the greatest importance that I have a thoroughly capable woman in Mrs. Crosbie's place. She should be in the best of health and an excellent disciplinarian ; for she must not only control and direct the large number of girls required to take care of the dining-room but she must have charge at all meals and maintain order among over seven hundred pupils the greater part of the year three times each day. It would be better for us in every way if we had a man and his wife as now, the man to be head cook and the wife to take charge of the dining-room. In the course of the years we have twice had this condition and it gave us the best satisfaction. Among my own people who might be transferred to the position Mrs. Crosbie fills, I find none that I think equal to it.

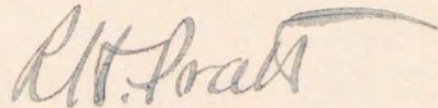
Believing that you can understand the importance to the welfare of the school of these places and in order that there may be

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ample time to see what can be done under the regulations of Civil Service, I submit this to you now and ask that I may be provided by the 1st of March with a dining-room matron at a salary of \$720 annually to replace Mrs. Crosbie and a cook at \$600 in the place of Mr. Crosbie, preferably man and wife.

I will also request that when papers of eligibles are submitted by the Civil Service I may have an opportunity of considering them before selections are made.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Col. & Supt.

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