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New-York, Dec 20 1878

Hon. E. A. Hoyt  
Commissioner of Indian  
Affairs  
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have learned, by tele-  
-graph, of your inquiry  
addressed to me at Hamp-  
-ton, Va, in regard to the  
-further need of Captain  
R. H. Pratt's services at  
the Hampton Normal  
and Agricultural Institute,  
for the care and manage-  
-ment of the Indian youth  
-recently sent there by your  
direction

direction.

I will not be able to make a satisfactory reply, till my return there, or or about the 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

The character, qualities, and disposition, of each Indian, is a matter of study as yet, and Captain Pratt has been constantly advising and helping, both in studies, and especially in labor and in discipline.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,  
Your obedient servant

J. C. Armstrong  
Principal

## Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

Hampton, Va., Dec 30 1878

Hon E. A. Hoyt

Commissioner Indian Affairs

Sir:

Having, by a misapprehension answered from New York, your telegram to Capt. Pratt as to the cost of his services here; I beg leave to make a more definite statement on that point.

While appearances are good I am more and more satisfied that there is need of the most careful watching and study of the Indians quite under our care. They are

from different tribes; their real feelings are difficult to ascertain and as they <sup>stay</sup> feel more accustomed to this place, we may expect new tendencies and forms of trouble to appear. Serious trouble is as likely to happen in a year from now as next month.

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For the best results in our effort for Indians I believe that Capt R. H. Pratt should remain

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I have not asked or expected this as there is an officer of the Army already detailed here but I state what I believe is best for the experiment in Indian education committed to this Institution.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obedt. Servt. S. C. Armstrong