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Declines, for reasons
 stated, to grant
 authority for Lieut
 Pratt, 10th Cavalry, to
 remain on detached
 service, at Hampton
 School, for 3 or 4
 months.

Siz 2 letters to Secy June 25/79



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Dept. of the Interior,
 Jan'y 15/79
 Respectfully referred to the

Com's'r of Indian Affairs;

Geo M. Postwood
 Chief Clerk

War Department

Washington City.

January 9th, 1879.

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Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated the 31st ultimo, forwarding and commending request of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, that Lieutenant R. H. Pratt be granted authority to remain on detached duty at Hampton School for a ^{further} period of three months, I have the honor to inform you that upon reference of the matter to the General of the Army, that officer reports thereon as follows:-

"R. H. Pratt is a 1st Lieutenant

10th. Cavalry serving in Texas."

"He is needed with his Company from which he has been absent four or five years on Indian duty."

"If his qualities be such that the Indian Bureau need him, he should be appointed to some office in that Bureau, and give place to some other who can perform the office for which he is commissioned and paid."

"His absence from his Regiment and Company imposes on others labors for which he"

"paid, and his absence prevents the possibility of any other officer of his company obtaining any favor or indulgence, because there ought always to be present with each company of Cavalry two officers."

"I insist that Lieutenant Pratt should now join his company, from which he has been absent too long, or give place to some one who will."

I concur with the views of the General of the Army.

Very respectfully your obedient servant
The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior, } Geo. W. McCrany
Secretary of War.