To The Secretary of the Interior:

It is desirable that the educational advantages secured at Hampton Institute should be extended as widely as possible. It is believed that the educational work here performed is of a kind best calculated to promote the civilization of Indian youth of both sexes, and that they are very great advantages to be gained by educating these children far away from their homes, under circumstances where they will most readily acquire the English language, and other useful knowledge. The Office has an available fund...
from which to educate a larger number of pupils than are provided for at present. I have, therefore, the honor to suggest that request be made of the Honorable Secretary of War to allow Carlisle Barracks, situated at Carlisle, Penna., to be used for such educational purposes, and to be placed under the charge of Capt. R. N. Pratt, whose detail for such duty has already been provided for by Act of Congress.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

E. A. Gay, Commander.