



Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

Oct. 16, 1879

Capt. R. H. Pratt, U. S. A.

Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 10th inst. relative to the use by Indian youth of official postage stamps, I have to say that letters written by Indian children cannot be classed under the head of "official business" and therefore cannot properly be posted with official stamps.

I agree with you that letter writing by Indians should be encouraged; and an estimate for the purchase of the necessary U. S. postage stamps should be submitted by you to this Office.

Yours respectfully,

and the communication is closed
Commissioner