

In reply to the following

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

March 2, 1880.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of communication of this date from Lt. Pratt, Va. in which he urgently requests that Lt. Brown of the 11th Infantry be detailed to report to him for duty in connection with the Carlisle Indian Training School.

Owing to the large number of boys already cared for in that school, and the fact that the Department contemplates largely increasing that number, I am convinced that without such assistance as

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he suggests, Lieut. Pratt will not be able
 to subject the pupils to the thorough course
 of training and discipline which they require.
 Lieut. Brown has been at the school
 for the last four months and has
 shown such exceptional fitness for the
 work, that I join with Lieut. Pratt
 in urging the retention of his services,
 and respectfully request that the
 Hon. the Secretary of War be asked
 to detail Lt. Brown for the duty above
 indicated.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

E. J. Brooks

Acting Commissioner