



Capt. R. H. Pratt

Carlisle Barracks Pa
Dec 19th 1879

Rel. to letter of Maj. Pollock
in ref. to letter written by
Indian Children at School
to their parents & friends
at home.

cc

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Decr 19th 1879.

Hon. E. A. Hoyle

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington D. C.

Sir

The letter of Major Pollock dated Rosebud Agency Nov. 24th forwarded to me from the Indian Office by endorsement of the 15th inst calls for some expression from me.

To examine the letters sent from here by the Indian Youth would be at war with all my convictions of fair and successful dealing with them and with their people. If they found out we were doing it, there would be no end of trouble. I wish to give them every chance, and as from time to time the evil disposition is found out they can be corrected. I am sure that when their people know the children are perfectly unrestrained in their correspondence they will balance the bad with the good and not be easily disturbed.

The clothing is a matter beyond the purview of the parents and chiefs. That now being made will

Remove all Reason for discontent as to quality, Comfort
fit or color for they will have a suit of black (best
jeans) and a uniform suit of blue, each suit made
for the boy who wears it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,

RH Poole

1st Lt. 10th Cav. In charge