



*R. B. Pratt*

*Carlisle*

*July 12/80*

*Rel. to sending a  
delegation of ~~their~~  
to a prison home.*

*Requests transpor-  
tation and authority  
to pchrs. certain ar-  
ticles for them*

*closed July 27/80*

*Seward*



United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan'y. 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

Hon. C. A. Hayt

Com<sup>r</sup> of Ind<sup>n</sup> Affairs  
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I spoke to you of sending a delegation of the Florida prisoners (formerly) boys home. I think it best, and would like to do so now. Their people ask it, as they have sent their younger children, and are willing to send more.

These boys by long and faithful effort and good conduct, have done themselves and their people credit before the country, and have helped, not a little, to produce a better feeling throughout the country towards the Ind<sup>n</sup> race.

It is wise that they should go ahead, and before their people act a part that will build up and strengthen inclinations ~~and~~ towards right doing and civilization. They ought to be especially helped. They go home to their families



or parents who are very poor, as they tell  
me, and I know. I want to send six.  
I request the Dept. to provide me with  
transportation hence to the Cheyenne and  
Arapahoe Agency for that number, and  
to allow me to purchase for each, a light  
farm wagon and harness, a plow, two hoes  
two axes, a rake & a shovel, so they may go  
home with the incentives to labor. The whole  
and transportation included need not cost over  
one thousand dollars.

An early reply is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R. H. Pratt

St. L. 10<sup>th</sup> Cany

In charge School