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Rel. to Services of
Lt. Geo. Le. R. Brown
and requests that
appl. be made
to War Dept. ~~for~~
to detail him for
duty at Carlisle

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Indian Training School
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To the Honorable

Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to represent, that on the 11th of Nov. last, at my request, 2nd Lt. Geo. L. R. Brown 11th Inftry, U.S. Army, on leave of absence, came to Carlisle to assist me in the management of the boys of the school. Under my direction he has had charge of the boys, in all matters of discipline, since that time. His aid has been invaluable; considering the limited time, he has placed the boys in a most gratifying state of discipline.

His leave soon expires. He would be

glad to continue in the work, because he is interested and because his long service on the frontier, would make a tour of duty in civilization acceptable.

His services are such that I feel it will be a calamity to lose them. I would therefore urgently request that Application be made to the War Dept. for the detail of Lieut. Brown to report to me for duty at this school.

I am aware that no law at present authorizes this detail, but would respectfully suggest that it might be made temporarily, to cover an exigency, and pending the action of Congress on the bill favorably proposed from the Indian Committee of the House by Gov. Pound, which authorizes the detail of a limited number of Army Officers for duty in connexion with Indian Education.

In considering this matter I would invite attention to the following facts.

1st Lieut. Brown has been performing the duty

proposed, most acceptable, for nearly four months.

2^d He has been on duty with his regiment in Texas and Dakota since graduating from the Academy in June 1872.

3^d For three years past he has been performing more or less Indⁿ duty at the Cheyenne River Agency in Dakota; has considerable knowledge of the Sioux Language, and knows Indian Character.

4th He is in full accord with the work the Dept. is carrying out at Carlisle, and is with me, and subordinate to me in all matters of discipline. ^{and}

5th We now have 124 boys, which is enough to demand this special aid, and the further and considerable increase contemplated by the Dept. and which we desire, will render this want the more pressing.

I beg for this matter, prompt attention.

Very respectfully R.H. Ball
1st Lt. in charge