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Mch. 6/80

Requests that Lt.
Geo. Le Brown be
detailed by War
Dept. to select
and recruit for
the School

Letter to Secty. Mch. 12/80.
~~Ans. Mch. 31/80.~~

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., March 6th 1880

To the Honorable
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 4th inst informing me of the intention of the Dept. to increase the number of Pupils here by detachments of Indian children from Agencies in Colorado and New Mexico, and asking me "to recommend some suitable person to accomplish this object" and your further advice to me "to be particular to recommend a person who I am satisfied will successfully carry out the instructions of your office". I would say that my several experiences in this line indicate that the task is no ordinary one. I consider it of the greatest importance, that the person should be able to fully explain all the objects sought to be accomplished by the Government, and also that he have stamina enough to guard the best interests of the effort by bringing only suitable children.

I am so much concerned about these points, that

I would ask to be sent myself were it possible for me to be absent from here so long at this time. The only name I can offer to the Dept. as filling in all respects the Requirements of the work to be accomplished is ^{that} of 2nd Lieut Geo L. R. Brown 11th Infy. Lieut Brown at my desire has while on leave of absence been aiding me here most effectively for the past four months, and is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the School, knows the importance of securing only proper Candidates and is all-together a most discreet and reliable officer.

I would urge that his detail be asked from the War Dept. and that on his return he be allowed to remain for a time to assist in the management of the youth.

It will be necessary that he have help en route and I would suggest that he be allowed to take a lady assistant and one of the Florida boys for this purpose.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

R. H. Pratt

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In Charge