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Mar. 13/80

*Rel. to letter writing
of Ind youths. and
requires letter stamps
to amt. of \$ 5.50*

*To Dept Mch 17/80
and Mch 22/80*

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., March 13th, 1880

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

Sir,

Referring to your Letter of Oct. 16, 1879 (Marked
("M") and your letter of Nov. 16, 1879 ("Miscd P 1125
& I 2329 - 1879") I have to inform you that letter writing
by the Students has increased to such a degree that
I find \$55.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ will be required to pay for Postage
Stamps this quarter and I request your approval for
that amount.

This Letter writing is attended with the most
beneficial results, the state of feeling between the
Students and their relatives & friends on the plains
is most gratifying. I am often favored with informa-
tion contained in letters that Students receive. Many
of the letters show that any number of children can be
had from the Sioux, Cheyenne, Arapahoes, Kiowas
and various of the other tribes represented here.

One of the Chiefs of the Pine Ridge Agency writes

to his Son and says among other things "You boys
and girls are doing a great thing for your people
they feel that they must try and be like white men
for they continually remember you and think of you as
white boys and girls and are quite proud of you"
Many expressions of this kind come to my knowledge
and I deem it wise to encourage liberally this intercourse

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
R.H. Pratt
1st Lt 10th Cav'y
In charge