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In letter to Lt
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→:UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE:←

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,
CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., May 2, 1884.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that the Scarlet Fever broke out in the school on Friday last and we have seven cases today, all apparently of mild type. The disease has raged in the town for three months past, and some of the cases were exceedingly malignant, children dying within twenty four hours. I have maintained a strict quarantine against the town for the past two months, removing my own children from the town school. I am very much disabled

from want of proper hospital accommodations. The conditions surrounding the old hospital, which were fully reported to the Department when I asked for a new one, have seemed to bear upon us disastrously and I have abandoned the old hospital and established the sick in the farm house (not from the school). I shall take every precaution and use the best energies we have to meet this new and dangerous issue.

When the new hospital built I should feel very much stronger. Would it not be well to push rapidly the erection of the hospital by hiring a few mechanics even though it might cost a little more than our estimate based on doing it mostly with our apprentices. There is certainly a grave emergency upon us.

Very respectfully

M. P. Galt

1st Lieut 10th Navy.
In charge.