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Inquiry re. to
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paid Richd Parker
for rent of farm

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→: UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE :←
TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,
CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., May 5, 1881

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request the decision of the Department in reference to the form of signing receipts for money paid to Rich-ard Parker for rent of the Parker farm. By the power of attorney he has full authority to collect the whole sum ^{and} sign for it. but the points which arose in settling the lease lead me to think that possibly the Department may require a receipt for the funds each time, signed by Mr. Parker for himself ^{and} by him as attorney in fact for each

of the other heirs, with their names. This does not seem necessary ^{and} it does seem sufficient that he sign the receipt for himself ^{and} for the other heirs without adding their names. But there is a doubt, ^{and} to avoid future criticisms ^{and} explanations, I would be obliged for instructions from the Department on this point.

Very respectfully
R. H. Pratt

1st Lieut. 10th Savy.
In charge.