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Capt. R. A. Pratt
Carlisle, Pa.
May 23-1881.

Wants authority to
place boys with
farmers during vacation.

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., May 23 1881

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Sir:

Last year we had your authority to send twenty five Indian boys into Massachusetts for the planting out process that proves so very helpful in this nature of Indian educational work. Owing to misunderstandings that authority was not used. The measles and scarlet fever which have given us so much trouble this spring are now well over and we may begin to think of carrying out our scheme for this summer. I have a good prospect of finding homes for the vacation period for a number of our children amongst the Quaker farmers in Bucks County and also among good people up and down this valley. The expense of transportation will be small and more than balanced by the saving of food supplies, as the arrangement is that they shall be boarded by those who have their services. You can readily see that by putting a boy or a girl here or there in a family where their contact is entirely with English

speaking people (and of course we propose only send-
ing them to good people of the best moral and in-
dustrial character) that the vacation will be especial-
ly valuable to those whom we place out in this
manner. I desire to keep out shops running and
most of our apprentices employed therein, and for our
laundry, dining room and industrial work we shall
need to keep most of the large girls here.

I would request your authority, to incur the necessa-
ry expense of transportation only, connected with the
placing out, or, not to exceed, one hundred boys and
forty girls, either in this valley and Bucks County or
adjoining counties. Of course I am unable to state
the amount that will be needed to accomplish this,
but, as I stated before, it will be economy and progress
both, to do it. An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt

1st Lieut 10th Cav.
In charge.