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Hon. Hiram Price
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Esteemed friend,

Secretary Schurz was so kind as to allow my sister and myself, who take a warm interest in the education of the Indians, to apply to him whenever it seemed to us that his influence would be of great advantage. This encouraged me to write to thee at this time.

Six Indian boys, of from 16 to 19 years of age, were brought by the Government to the Emlen Institute to be educated. They came from the Quapaw Agency; they have made considerable progress in the knowledge of English, and desire now especially to learn trades. When they left home

it was under the mistaken supposition that they were coming to the Carlisle School, and finding that there is at present no opportunity to learn the trades they desire at the Emlen Institute, they are very anxious to be transferred to Carlisle. Our friend Israel Johnson, one of the principal Managers of the Emlen Institute, will be glad to defray the expense of their going to Carlisle, and will send them there, if the Indian Department is willing.

And Capt. Pratt, though preferring to increase the number of the girls at Carlisle instead of the boys, has consented to take them.

For many years we, with other Friends, have been working faithfully for the welfare and education of the Indians in Indian Territory, and of latter time at Hampton and

Carlisle; and we have the satisfaction of believing that what has been already accomplished, has had a very beneficial effect in improving public sentiment, which, from being apathetic, if not hostile, now demands justice to a race to whom it has been so long denied. Carlisle, although a Government School, could not possibly have accomplished what it has done in two years, if our Friends had not come forward to help Capt. Pratt in times of great need. We consider him to be remarkably gifted for the very responsible post which he occupies. It is certainly far better economy to supply abundant means for working, to those who prove themselves well adapted to the work, than to allow them to be disheartened, and to let

