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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., January 21st 1882

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

Sir

On looking over the Estimates of the Indian office, for the purpose of talking intelligently to Members of Congress, on the subject of Indian Education, I notice, that your estimate, for the expenses of the Carlisle School, for the ensuing year is \$50,000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

I was not consulted in regard to the matter, and were it not for the knowledge I have, that the great press of work in your office, very often accounts for what might otherwise seem to be notice that the opinions, and experiences, of subordinates are not wanted. I might let the matter rest, and say nothing, but with this knowledge, I can hardly excuse myself, from calling your attention, to the insufficiency of the estimate, even though, it might be considered presumptuous, on my part.

I find on going over the expenses of our school, from the beginning, and particularly, for the year 1881, that to

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Carry out the work, on its present scale, will require about \$225.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per Capita, this for 300 pupils will be \$67,500.⁰⁰/₁₀₀. The income to the Government from the Manufactures of our shops, will reduce this to about \$60,000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀. It is not possible, to carry on the variety of instruction, Mechanical, Industrial and literary, that we are pushing forward here, for a less sum than this, and I would request, that the Estimate of the Department, for this School be increased to \$67,500.⁰⁰/₁₀₀. The income of the shops goes back into the Treasury

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

R. H. Pratt

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