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Genl. S. C. Armstrong

Hampton, Va.

July 19, 1882.

Letter to Indian Office re-  
questing authority to receive 10  
Omahas at Hampton.

Carlisle Barracks,

July 22, 1882.

Respectfully forwarded to the Hon. Com.  
Indian Affs. As Miss Fletcher talk-  
ed over this whole matter with the Hon.  
Secy. of the Interior just before leaving  
Carlisle, there would seem to be no  
need of endorsement from me on  
the subject. I have agreed to take  
in or three married couples from the  
Omahas under my care here if Miss  
Fletcher brings them, with the under-  
standing that I am to find suitable homes  
for them among farmers. She is to  
bring them here without expensy to my  
school appropriation.

Letter Miss Fletcher July 22

R. H. Pratt

Letter to Armstrong July 23/82

1st Lieut 10th Cav. Subt. July 29, 82

## HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE.

Hampton, Va., July 19<sup>th</sup> 1882

Dear Sir

Commissioner of

through Capt. R. C. Pratt

Sir:

A recent visit by Miss A. C. Fletcher to this place on discussion of the matter of attempting the education of two or three young and highly promising married Indian couples and a few very worthy young Indian girls. all of which were personally known to Miss Fletcher who had for months lived in their midst.

We agree to educate them should you consent to accept them.

a government students

Miss Fletcher now writes from Pine Ridge Agency that she is expecting to take a large party to Carlisle about Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> and that her only chance of bringing the Omahas in question would be at that time.

I therefore respectfully request that Miss Fletcher be authorized, through Capt. Pratt, to bring ten Omaha Indians to this school next August - along with the Carlisle party under her care; the ten to be selected by her to consist of three <sup>young</sup> married couples and the rest of three girls and one boy.

Permit me to state my

conviction that the work of training young  
married couples is well worth a trial.

We would propose to first  
put them among the girls and boys,  
as if they were not married, in order  
that they might more rapidly  
pick up ideas, habits and  
languages; and, after a few months,  
could provide for them simple cottages  
or cabins in which they could learn the  
arts of practical living.

I send this through  
Capt Pratt thinking he may be  
wonder valuable comment or suggestion.

I am, Sir,

with great respect

Yours obedt Servt

J. C. Huntington  
Minifal