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Re. letter of
Capt. Pratt, re.
to his intention
to make an ex-
tended trip to
Ind. agcy. to
collect children
and instruct
him to detail
an employee
to perform the
service

True

Letter to Pratt, Sept. 29/1882.

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W.H.C.

A.S. Department of the Interior.

Washington September 1st 1882

The Commissioner

of Indian Affairs

Sir:

I return herewith the letter of Capt R.H. Pratt, in charge of Carlisle school, which accompanied yours of the 30th ultimo, touching his intention to make an extended tour to Indian Agencies of the Northwest and Southwest for the purpose of collecting Indian children for education in the said school.

In the opinion of the Department an extended absence such as would be necessary to carry out the plans presented in the letter of Capt. Pratt would be prejudicial to the interests of the service and could

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not have been contemplated in the sanction of the Department referred to by him.

You will please communicate these views to Captain Pratt and instruct him to detail some competent employe of the school to perform the required service in collecting the Indian children

Very respectfully

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W. H. Justice
Acting Secretary ✓

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Lieut R. H. Pratt
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Proposes to go, in person, after certain pupils.

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K. H. Pratt
Lieut. R. H. Pratt
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Wor

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 26th 1882

To the Honorable

The Com^r of Indⁿ Affs
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday marked "F. 15882" I have to inform you that in view of the complications at Rosebud and Pine Ridge I have determined to go after the children authorized from those Agencies myself and at the same time bring in the ten Sitting Bull children whom Miss Fletcher failed getting because the Commanding Officer at Fort Randall had not yet received the authority to turn them over when she went for them. These complications added to the fact that it will be best for me to see the school routine here established first. Makes me put off

the trip for a few weeks. I have already spoken to the Secretary of the Interior and have his sanction.

I wrote you today in relation to the twenty Navajos whom you regretted I was not to have at the school. From letters from the returned Navajo girl I hope by going in person to secure a full party of twenty. It is my intention to take along an Assistant and to return east as far as Kansas City and send the party on to Carlisle with the Assistant from that point while I turn north to Dakota after the Sioux.

The state of affairs at these two Sioux Agencies advises a little delay in going for children.

Respectfully
R. H. Pratt
Tr. & Supt.