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recd. 22^d inst
rel. to children
of Sitting Bull
band and to
appl. of Lt. Pratt
views, with
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Department of the Interior

Washington Sept. 23^d 1882.

The Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.

Sir:-

I return herewith the papers
accompanying your communication of the
22^d inst. in relation to Indian children
of "Sitting Bull's" band at Fort Randall, D.T.,
and, concurring in your approval of
Lieut. Pratt's views that the compulsory
placing of certain of these children in
the Carlisle school, in violence to the
sentiments of the Indians, is not deemed
advisable at present, I have to direct
that the matter be held in abeyance
until Lieut. Pratt visits Dakota for
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the purpose of selecting poor children
already authorized to be placed in said
school, when perhaps by a judicious
statement of the advantages to be
derived from the educational and
industrial facilities at Carlisle, he
may be able to obtain their voluntary
consent in the premises.

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Very respectfully.
W.M. Allen
Secretary.

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Indian Training School,
Carlisle, Pa.,
Sept. 18. 1882,

pt Lieut R. N. Pratt,
Supt.

Returns with report, papers
relative to Sitting Bull children

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To Secy Sept 22nd/82

Yours truly
Ans. Sept. 27/82

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., September 18 1882.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 16th inst. marked C 12695, 13243, 16781, I have to say that in my judgment it is not well to do violence to the sentiments of the Indians on this question of education just now. I would dislike very much to have it go out to the country that we had forcibly taken from Sitting Bull his children & transported them here when they were prisoners of war. I would suggest that when I go to Dakota after the Rosebud & Pine Ridge Sioux I can visit Sitting Bull's people & perhaps put the matter before them in a very different light from what Col. Andrews is able to, he having very little knowledge of the school or the plans of the Department. The papers inclosed are herewith returned very respectfully

R.H. Pratt
1st Lieut. 10th Cav.,
Supt.

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Refers to correspondence
relative to transfer of 10
Sitting Bull children to
Carlisle school. & trans.
copy report C.O. Fort
Rensselaer stating that
Indians are opposed
to this project.

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Dept. of the Interior.
Sept. 13th 1882.

Respectfully referred to the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
for remarks.

M. J. G. J. G.
Acting Secretary.

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War Department

Washington City.

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September 11th, 1882.

Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence in relation to the transfer to Carlisle School of ten children of Sitting Bull's band of Sioux Indians now at Fort Raudall, Dakota Territory, and the delivery of these children to Miss A. C. Fletcher, who was to visit the Fort for the purpose of making the selection, etc., I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report, dated the 27th ultimo, from the Commanding Officer

Officer of the above named post, from which it will be seen that the instructions of the General of the Army in regard to the transfer were not received at Fort Raudall, until about two weeks after Miss. Fletcher's arrival at and departure from said post.

It will also be seen from the report, that Lieutenant R. H. Pratt, 1st Cavalry, the officer in charge of the Carlisle School is expected to arrive at the Fort about September 1st and receive the children.

Very

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Christina

Secretary of War.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

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To accompany 3^d En.
document thereon.

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Sept. 4/82, Comdg. Genl. Mil.
Dir. Missouri forwards report
of Comdg. Officer Pt. Randall
relative to the transfer of 10
children of Sitting Bull's band
to the school at Carlisle Pa
and stating that the Indians, with
a few exceptions, are opposed
to this project. Asks expla-
nation of his instruction, re-
ceived from the Adj. Genl.

Official copy:

L. B. Allen

Adjutant General

A. L. Office,

Sept. 8. 1882.

For the Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Copy.

Fort Randall, D. T.
August 27th 1882

Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Dakota,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an official copy of a letter to the Hon. Secretary^{of the Interior} from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated July 22, 1882. Also of a communication to the Hon. Secretary of War, from the Secretary^{of the Interior}, dated July 24th 1882, in relation to the transfer of ten children of Sitting Bull's band of Indians, to the school at Carlisle, Pa. together with the endorsement of August 2, 1882 from Headquarters^{of the Army}, and of August 7th 1882 from Headquarters Military Division^{of the Missouri}, referred to me by your office, under date of August 9, 1882, with instructions to "carry out the instructions^{of the General of the Army}."

Miss A. C. Fletcher arrived and departed from this post about two weeks prior to the receipt^{of the documents} named above, but Lieut. R. H.

Pratt, 10th Cavalry, the officer in charge
of the Carlisle School, informs me that
he will reach this post early in Sep-
tember, next, and receive the children.

Since the receipt (August 12. 1882)
of the instructions referred to, I have
had several interviews with Sitting
Bull, and his people; have also brought
to bear upon them every influence
at my command calculated to pro-
duce the desired result, but without
avail, as their final decision was
communicated to me today as follows:

"If we were on a reservation we
would let the children go, but as
we are not, we cannot." This objec-
tion was raised at once, when the
subject was first mentioned, and
although I have told them in the
plainest language, that the Govern-
ment did not negotiate on such
matters, on any such basis, and that
they of all Indians, in the country had
the least excuse for even suggesting
such a proposition; the wish to be
placed on a reservation, where they
can plant (?) and have stock is para-
mount to all other considerations, and

the objection is persisted in, in the hope it may prove the means to that end.

Individually, Sitting Bull, ^{and} several others, appear to favor the project, and I know have publicly urged upon the others the wisdom of acceding to the wishes ^{of} the Department, but those who object are in the majority and are those parents who have eligible children.

As I understand the instructions ^{of} the General ^{of} the Army, I shall upon his arrival, turn over to Lieut. Pratt, ten selected children, notwithstanding the objections of their parents, but if possible, please inform me prior to the time for action, if my interpretation ^{of} the instructions from the General ^{of} the Army, is correct.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

(Ed.) Geo. J. Andrews
Col. 25th Inf. Comd'g.

1st Endorsement.

Headquarters Dept. of Dakota,
Fort Snelling, Minn. August 31, 1882.

Respectfully forwarded to Headquarters Mil. Div. ^{of} the Missouri.

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(sd.) Saml. Breese
Asst. Adjutant General
In the absence of the
Brigadier General
Commanding

2^d Endorsement.

Headquarters Military Division ^{of the} Missouri
Chicago, Sept. 4. 1882.

Respectfully forwarded to the Ad-
jutant General ^{of the} Army.

(sd.) P. H. Sheridan
Lieut. General
Commanding
