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Refs. to fund  
for support of  
Osage children  
and to bill in  
Conference Com-  
mittee and  
Suggest an  
amendment  
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# United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., February 13<sup>th</sup> 1893

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

Sir,

In view of the doubt, in regard to our receiving reimbursement from the Osage fund, for the expense of the Osage children at this school, as was arranged between us, at the time I accepted, the last delegation of Osage children, I would respectfully suggest, that as the bill is still in Conference Committee, the clause relating to the Carlisle Appropriation, might be so amended, as to authorize the Department, to increase the number of pupils at this school, above what appropriation is given for, by adding a few words viz.

"And to enable the Indian Department, to increase the number of pupils at this school, if it shall seem to be for the best interest of the Service, it is hereby authorized, that the Osages, or other tribes, having trust funds at their disposal, for such purposes, may, <sup>at their own cost</sup> send pupils to this school,



in such numbers, as the Department may sanction, and in excess of the number hereinbefore provided for at a rate not to exceed the per Capita herein fixed"

I need not assure you that we shall make every effort to do all the work, we possibly can, with the money provided. The privilege resting in the Department of increasing the number from the Osages or others having funds and desiring to use them in that manner would enable us to grow, as we ought, and Congress would certainly sanction if it understood the value of it. We have now 370 pupils, 50 of whom are out with farmers, you have ordered 20 rows, we are carrying these on the appropriation given us for 300, somewhat contingent on your getting the amount from the Osages, we should have that, but if we fail in getting it, and I can know in time, I will provide against any increase of our expenses in the year, above what Congress has allowed us, by placing out with farmers, at an earlier date a larger number of our pupils. The good results of this planting out system becomes daily more apparent and I can think of nothing better for a part of the school life

of every Indian boy and girl.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant,

R.H. Pratt

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