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Enc. letter from
Miss Lizzie
Spencer of the
Kau School
rel. to an Ind.
Boy. twin jaws
Who will pay his
transportation
if allowed to
come here to
school

Letters to Pratt ^{1/2} and Miles Mch 26/83
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United States Indian Service

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., March 23 1883

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Washington. D. C.

Sir:

Enclose here with a letter from Miss Lizzie Spence a teacher in the Kaw Agency School, in regard to an Indian boy named Otwin James, who proposes to pay his own transportation if he may be allowed to come to Carlisle. I recommend that he be allowed to come.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R. H. Pratt

Capt and Supt.

Kaw Agency Ind. Ter.
March 16. 1883

Capt - P. H. Pratt

Dear Sir,

I am a teacher in the Govern-
ment boarding school at Kaw Agency
and hoping it may not be an
encroachment upon your time
already fully occupied - make
free to address you in behalf
of one of our boys. His father is a Kaw
but - his mother a Pottawatomie, which
brings him to belong to the class
known as "Citizen Pottawatomies"
consequently has no claim upon
the Government for an education
He is very anxious to get away
from this place and its influences
being fully aware that their

Tendency is only downward
Either of the boys from this
place (Sam or Edgar) can give
you a more satisfactory account
of him than I can write.

His name, Otwin James.

I will only add in regard
to him; he is of a very agreeable
pleasant disposition. The trait
so general with Indian youths
self-will, - is not prominent in
his nature. Had he possessed firmness
to a fuller extent, he would perhaps
be better able to withstand the
temptations constantly attendant
upon a life among his own people.
His natural inclination is to be
cheerful and happy, in
whatever sphere he is placed.
He will go to you at his own
expense, and the information

he desires is. Can he in any way
support himself after reaching
there, and yet have the oppor-
tunity of attending school a
part of the time. He has already
acquired a pretty good knowledge
of the elementary branches of an
English education, but would
like to go further. He came to
me for information concerning
it, I could give him so little,
volunteered to apply directly
to you. I do feel very desirous
that he may have an opportunity
of going away from here, for
I look upon him as one who
would with beneficial sur-
roundings become a man
in the truest sense of the word.
Our Agent is not here, or I
presume he would have your

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to him for direction. If not
in accordance with your method
of business, it will be very grat-
ifying to him to hear from
you personally. If you desire it
he will write to you himself.

In great solicitude

Yours

Lizzie Spence
Kaw Agency
I. S.

This boy's address is

Otoin James
Kaw Agency
I. S.