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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., July 13 1883

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

In reply to letter from John Harris,
U. S. Indian Agent, Lemhi Agency, Idaho,
dated June 29th, referred to me by your
endorsement of July 10th for my information
and suggestion, I have to respectfully inform
you that our present complement of 353
pupils will not be very much decreased by
returns to Agencies this year. I doubt if
we lose as many as twenty five (25). By
your orders now out twelve (12) are to come
to us from the Crows and thirty (30) from
the Pawnees and Poncas and I have al-
ready given encouragement that I would
ask your authority for small delegations

from the Cheyenne and Kiowa Agencies. We have appropriation for three hundred and thirty seven (337) pupils. I estimate after deducting what we shall lose by returns and adding those you have ordered we shall have three hundred and seventy (370) -

I wrote you some time ago I could carry something over four hundred (400). This would only enable small additional delegations from the two Agencies named.

If you thought it best we could of course take from six to ten from Lemhi, and manage some way to stand the strain of large transportation expenses. I would not want them without they were perfectly healthy free from scrofulous venereal and consumptive taint. The number should be equally divided between the sexes. They should come for five (5) years the girls should not be under twelve (12) nor over 17. or 18 years of age. The boys not under

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fourteen (14) not over twenty (20).

I see Lemhi is only about one sixth as far from Forest Grove as it is from Carlisle - Why not send the party there?

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R. H. Pratt

Capt and Supt.