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OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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1883

Peery, W. D.

Florida Reserve, I. T.

July 5. 1883.

Complains regarding present  
Teachers - thinks capable Indian  
should have position.

Also, states that his people are  
anxious to send their children to  
High Schools at their own expense  
Ref'd: by Lt. R. H. Pratt -

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. Saw,

Doit you want to take  
some action on this, ?

7/25/85,

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First endorsement

Respectfully forwarded  
to the Hon. the Com<sup>r</sup> of  
Jud<sup>n</sup> Affrs. for the dis-  
pensation of "liberty or  
death" desired.

Peery was one of  
the discontented six  
who came to us from  
Emuleu Dist. He was  
no little trouble to us  
during the year he  
stayed here. Last  
summer he payed his  
own way home declaring  
he would return in the  
fall at his own expense.  
He failed doing so, and  
when we asked if he could

Come back this year  
I did not favor it.

His letter may  
call for no answer.  
I know nothing of  
what he writes about.

R. H. Poatt

Capt. & Supt.

Carleton Bks.  
July 22. 83



Personal Letter P. 9.

July 5. 1853.

My Dear friend

I received your letter, and after some day's parliament, I write again.

"I see you refuse my admittance into the Carlisle School. I don't blame you, for I ought of stayed, when you came to me, and, ask me.

All well at present, and hope you are the same. I and Andrew White enjoyed ourselves on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>)

I hear Adam has  
been very sick. I hope  
he will recover soon.

"I ask now for help,  
and for information.  
We have forty four  
thousand Dollars (\$4,000  
in School funds.

Will what is it for, is  
it to lay in the hands  
of the Department forever,  
or is to educate our  
children, so they will  
grow up to be some body,  
if not so used, we are  
ruined. The larger people  
set bad examples  
for the smaller ones.  
If they were away from  
home and friends till they  
got their education, they  
would not be apt to  
be arn them.

While I was at Carlisle,  
I had to Brothers at  
home, presently five  
girls and my two brothers  
were sent off to School,  
since that our Cgt.  
has refused any more  
to go. The cause is, he  
says the Department  
refuses it. But I  
call our Agt. a man  
that tells a falsehood  
once in a while, just  
for the sake of others.

Either him or Dept.  
does not do their duty.

For our chiefs have  
signed a petition, to  
that effect. But I  
think it is our Agt.

We have a man teaching  
our school, who has been  
teaching for three ~~years~~



years at any rate.

One of our agreements with Department was, that if any member of the tribe, were capable of teaching, they were to have it, in preference to any one else.

The chief has sent a petition to that effect, but our Agt. he says the Dept. said long as no complaints were made he should have the school, the reason it was tried for by one of the members of the tribe, He has had it so long

that is more careless  
of late than is  
necessary.

"Those seven whom  
went off to school, two  
have returned, the other  
five are expected every  
day. One of these  
seven has received  
a diploma. Who wants  
the school.

"The reason I write  
to you for aid in that  
respect, is I don't think  
our Agt. is disposed  
to do <sup>the</sup> right thing on  
every hand.

If this is not  
sufficient, you shall  
have a letter to that  
effect signed by head  
Chiefs.

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You help other tribes  
 with business. now  
 help us. The people  
 where you are, think  
 we are not disposed to  
 send children to high  
 school's its a falsehood.  
 We would jump at  
 the chance and pay our  
 school bills, just if  
 the Dept. would give  
 us our liberty.

Give us Liberty, or  
 give us death.

To Capt. Resp. Yours,  
 R. H. Pratt,  
 Carlisle Barracks,  
 Carlisle Penna. W. B. Perry  
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