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Chey & Arap Agency
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Capt Pratt

I engaged in getting
Chudin for Carlisle.
Lawrence & Chiloses will
do well this year &c.

See letter to Woodruff
Oct. 12/83

Finance

Miss Cook

Refused
Crown
Under
W.M. Miller
Secy.

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United States Indian Service,

Chy. & Arap. Agency,

Oct 6, 1883

Hon. H. M. Teller
Secy, Interior
Dear Sir.

At the Pawnee Agency I will get 12 boys and 12 girls and from the Ponca & Nez Perce six more. I could fill up the balance of 150 from Men and Kiowa, but think it best to take 40 to 45 and get the balance of 70 to 75 from Rosebud & Pine Ridge. Your verbal authorization encourages me to go ahead, and get the written authority after definitely knowing the numbers. I bring large ones and many of them with some Agency Schooling, so I may grow them out into families as you encouraged. I can thus make my money hold out this year even if our aggregate should reach 500.

There should become an space regulation

in these Agency schools. At Pawnee, I was
in the school after retiring hour and found
70 boys in twenty three beds, all in one room
36 x 30, with attic ceiling 9 feet high in
the centre. At 9:30 the odours were sickening
though the windows were up and some breeze
stirring. What it would be in colder weather
when the windows were less safe as ventilators
you can well imagine. I wish you would
look at the treaty and see what we have
promised the Pawnees in the way of school. To
my certain knowledge it would have been no
difficult matter to have had most of their
children in school most of the time since
the treaty was made (1858). If they are now
degraded, poor and diseased the U. S. Govt
is mostly responsible. I liked Davis the
Supt. & his helper Davis. They will do good
work but need direction. I advised him to
get teepee cloth and make tents for the
boys outside but that he can't do without
the means.

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United States Indian Service,

Agency,

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The schools here are the best I've seen.

Wily is going to leave the service in July
1st next. The A. T. & P. R. R. offer him
\$3000 a year. I was in hopes you would
think well of him for Lawrence, but
suppose that is out of the question now.

I visited both Lawrence & Chiloes.
Neither can do much, if anything, this
year. I shall be greatly disappointed
if Chiloes does much at any time
in the near future.

With great respect

Your obedient servant

R. H. Pratt

Capt. & Supt.