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Reply to letter
of 1st inst. R. H.
Gardner is a
lawyer in
Syracuse. N.Y.
& refs. to children
from N.Y. agency.
Enc. letter from
Julia E. Rem-
ington Will

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Letter to Gardner Mich 5/84 and copy
thereof sent Pratt

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Miss Cook

Pratt R. H.
Feb 21. 1884

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to answer
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from Julia
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U. S.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., March 3, 1884

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 1st inst. Marked C. 2621 " I have respectfully to inform you, that R. H. Gardner is a lawyer, living in Syracuse, N. Y., who seems to have some authority as State Agent over the Onondaga Indians, and is reported to me as having occupied that position for 30 or more years. What his functions are I am not informed. I supposed he had as full authority as any Agent, until the receipt of your letter.

In this connection I invite your attention to the inclosed letter from Miss Remington who brought the children here. I would respectfully suggest, that

if your determination in this matter
should be in favor of the children not
going home until the expiration of the
School year, if then, it would help
the situation.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt

Sept. 10th 1899
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Inclos: No.

Onondaga Castle. N. Y.

Thursday. Feb. 21. 1884

To/

Capt. R. H. Pratt.

Dear Sir.

Yours of Feb. 18. Recd. Tuesday evening- Yesterday I went to Syracuse to see Mr. Gardner. He had heard nothing from Commissioner Price yet, and told me to rest assured that those children would not be demanded by any authority. At the vacation next June the two girls Mary Johnson and Matilda Thomas, and Moses would have permission to return home for the vacation, that they were worse than wild Indians and then if I could catch them and send them back again I might and he would bear me out in it again. Mr. LaFare was sent down to Washington on some other business entirely and just as he started

William Johnson handed him a paper to Com. Price, and \$20 to bring the children home. La Fort told Mr. Gardner of it. said he would take the paper but he should not bring them home. J. L. Thomas. Matilda's father was sent to the State Normal School through Mr. Gardner's influence but there was no way to hold him, as there is here, and he stayed only a short time and is a miserable drunken wreck and Mr. Gardner says gave it no attention whatever. None of these people on the place have any idea that I know any thing of it. Their reports came and have nearly all been distributed. I am hoping and praying that by June something will come up that will keep them there three years at least. This examination into the condition of the Reservation is creating a great deal of feeling on the place. How it will come out I don't know I am sure - Mr. Gardner

says that when it is done then they shall
take Mr. Lane in hand for his conduct and
usurpation. That he had absorbed public
money and authority with which he had no
right to meddle and for me to go on with
my work as I had done and give him no
farther attention. I thank you for being so
patient with all this trouble. The children
and their future are very dear to me and
I can endure everything to keep them off
this place, but of course ought not to expect
every body else to do so. With love to Mrs.
Pratt, I am

Yours sincerely
Julia E. Remington.