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War Department

Reply to Dept letter
of 14th inst. re to transfer
of Carlisle barracks to
Interior Dept.

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To Pratt, Apl. 7/84.

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Dept of the Interior,

c. Apr 4/84

Respectfully referred to the
Com's'r of Indian Affairs,Amos Badley
acty. Chief Clerk

War Department,

Washington City,

March 28, 1884.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing one of the 5th instant from Captain R. M. Pratt, 10th Cavalry, Superintendent of the M. S. Indian Industrial School at Carlisle, Pa., and one from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 13th instant, recommending that the Carlisle Barracks property now occupied by the said school be formally transferred by this

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Department to the Department of
the Interior as confirmation of the
latter's title thereto, under the pro-
visions of the Act of July 31, 1882 [22
Stats. p. 181.]

In reply I beg to state
that, while there is no present
needs for Carlisle Barracks by this
Department; and no objection to its
use for Indian School purposes under
the authorization contained in letter
from this Department of August 23,
1879, it is not deemed proper to
formally transfer the property from

the custody of this Department.

The letter of Captain Pratt
and that of the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs, received with your
letter, are herewith returned as
requested.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
Wm. McKim

Secretary of War.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior. }

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 Comm. Ind. Affairs
 Transmits letter
 of Capt. Pratt.
 relative to the
 property occupied
 by Leaside School
 belonging to War
 Dept. and request
 that transfer of
 said property
 to this Dept.

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To War Dept with letter Mch 14/84
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Refer in reply to the following

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, *Mich.* 13, 1884

The Honorable
the Secretary of the Interior,
Sir:

I have the honor to inclose, herewith, letter of Capt. Pratt, Supt. of the Indian Training School, at Carlisle, Pa., in reference to the uncertain title by which the property is holden by the School, to which valuable improvements have been made by this Department, and requesting that the War Department be asked to confirm the said title by transferring the property to this Department.

I respectfully recommend that the

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Hon. Secretary of War be requested
to make the transfer, as recom-
mended by Capt. Pratt.

Very respectfully,

H. Price

Commissioner,

"Smith."

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Refs. to property
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✓ To Dept. Inch, 13/84.
" Pratt, Apl. 7/84

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., March 5th 1884

To the Honorable
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir,

Your attention is respectfully invited, to the anomalous position of the property occupied by this School. It belongs to the War Department. Its use for the purpose of an Indian School, was authorized by the War Department, in the forepart of September 1879, contingent upon, and pending the action of Congress upon a bill then favorably reported in the House, which was intended to cover, not only this property, but other vacant posts and barracks. That bill, did not pass until 1882. It became a law, by the approval of the President, on July 31. 1882. See Chapter 363, page 181, Statutes at Large, 47th Congress. Between these two dates it became necessary, to spend, no inconsiderable amount of Government money, and money received from charity sources, as well, in changes and improvements in

buildings, and erecting new buildings. There was no
impediment placed in my way to accomplish these changes,
whenever the money could be found. To successfully
accomplish the work, projected for the ensuing year, other
and still more important changes, and additions, will be
necessary; it seems to me, desirable, that in view of these
changes, and the general acceptance of the School as a
fixture under the Government, that it would be well,
to have the ownership rest in the department making
use of it. The law now provides in the act above
cited, for its transfer to the Interior Department for
these purposes, and I bring the subject to your attention for
such action as you may deem best.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y

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