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Hon J. K. McCammon.

Refer letter of Capt
Pratt, Carlisle School
relating to ruling of
2^d Compt. rel to
settlement of accounts
per Oct

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Letter to Capt Pratt, Oct 16/84

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Dear Belt,

Please relieve
Capt. Pratt if pos-
sible. Circular No.
138, is not a wise
one, inasmuch as
it compels the ren-
dering of accounts
from ~~Quarters~~ end.

Sept 30. before ad-
vancing more money.

No officer ^{should} ~~be~~ con-
sidered in arrears
who has settled by
Sept. his last fiscal
year's (Jan 30) account.
At least in this case

an exception shld
be made in Capt.
Pratt's favor for
reasons he states.

I can use this
with Secy Inslyn
Maj. Kordwood

Yours truly
J. K. McCann

J. K. McCann
Department of the Interior
October 10 /84.

Respectfully refers to the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
who will forward request for
the requisition for money
required by Capt. Pratt and
accompany it with this
correspondence to go to the
Treasury Department.

W. L. Inslyn
Acting Secretary.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 8 1884

Dear Judge McCammon.

Please bring a little matter to the Secretary's attention.

I received the Circular of which the enclosed is a copy, ten days ago. In sending forward my quarterly estimate I asked especially that \$6,000.⁰⁰ which has been allowed for our new dining room be hastened forward as I have lumber bills and mechanics to pay and am anxious to push the building through so we may have room enough to eat our meals. The enclosed letter is the answer. Now read the circular and Par. 2091 & 2092 and you will see that the Second Comptroller could not have made the ruling alleged unless he has lost his head. The law applies to the accounts for the preceding year ending the June 30th previous and could not possibly bear upon the present

Quarter ending Sept 30th. What the Secretary and Congress want to know about is last year. My last accounts for that period went to Washⁿ Aug. 11th, and I have no criticism from any one of the numerous auditing depts. So I have performed my duty and am not within the scope of stoppages ordered. The Honorable Secretary's letter referred to does not countenance the Circular of the Indian Office, nor the construction placed upon it by the Indian Office in the letter to me in which it is quoted. I think if the Secretary would ask for the ruling of the Second Comptroller under which the Circular is issued he would find the Indⁿ Office has made a mistake.

What I want is money enough to keep the work going, as I explained in my letter to the Indⁿ Office forwarding my quarterly estimates. Over \$2000.⁰⁰ worth of lumber will be delivered this week, and

having the authority from the Secretary, I
promised to pay for it on delivery. I
have it at a bargain, and must keep my
word.

We shall be in the building by Xmas
if not hampered by power beyond
Carlisle.

I wish you would bring Mr
Teller up Saturday and spend Sunday
with us. You can leave Washⁿ at 5⁴⁰
Saturday P.M. and be back soon after
noon on Monday. Bring Mrs Teller and
Mrs. McCammon. Let me know and I
will arrange transportation round trip.

I think things would go much better.

Faithfully yours

R.H. Pratt

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Department of the Interior
Office of Indian Affairs
Washington Oct 7. 1884

Capt R. H. Pratt
Carlisle, Pa

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3^d inst enclosing estimate of funds for the 4th quarter 1884 and asking that funds be remitted you early &c. In reply I have to say that under date of the 22nd ultimo, the Hon Sec-
retary of the Interior instructed me as follows: "I have therefore to re-
quest that you will cause instructions to be issued to all such persons, in the Indian service directing them to present their annual accounts to this Department on or before Oct, 1st of each year and that no fur-
ther advances will be made to them, until said accounts shall have been received by this Depart-
ment."

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Under these instructions, I am unable to remit funds to you until your cash accounts for the quarter ending Sept, 30th last have been received.

Very respectfully
(Signed) H. Price

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Commissioner

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No. 138.

Department of the Interior
Office of Indian Affairs
Washington. Sept 24, 1884.

The attention of all Officers and Agents of the Indian Service is called to Sections 2091 and 2092. Revised Statutes, and they are informed that under the construction placed upon said sections by the Honorable Second Comptroller of the Treasury, no funds can be placed to the credit of any Disbursing Officer until his accounts for the quarter ending September 30, have been received at this Office. Officers will therefore see the necessity of forwarding their accounts at an early day.

H. Price
Commissioner