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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.,

July 18.

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To the Hon.

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

Sir:-

In reference to the complaint of Mr. Ensminger forwarded to me and herewith returned, I have respectfully to inform you that George Walker, one of our best Harness Maker boys expected to return to his home at Lisleton and take service under the Agent at his trade. I desired him to have a more general knowledge of different kinds of Harness + repairing, and arranged with Mr. Ensminger to take him, saying to Mr. Ensminger when he asked me about paying him to "pay him a dollar a week, and if you find him not worth it, I will pay it."

George was being clothed and boarded at the school. By our records it appears George was there nine (9) weeks - I saw Mr. Ensminger several times, and was in the shop once during the time - He spoke well of George and said nothing to me about his not being worth one dollar a week. He also spoke very highly of him to my Discip-
-arian, Mr. Campbell & to my Harness maker. After leaving Mr. Ensminger Oct. 2. 1882 - George was sent to a farm in Lancaster County on Oct. 5. '82 - and remained until Jan. 7. 1883, when he returned to Carlisle, and asked to be permitted to go to Mr. Ensminger again, saying that Mr. E. wanted him. I told him to make his own arrangements with Mr. Ensminger & he could return and work for him until he went home. He did make his arrangements with Mr. Ensminger

and went to work for him Jan. 29. 1883
+ remained until April 9. '83 - 10 weeks.

His health which had been threatening
for some time, grew worse. On April
23⁵ George was sent home and in
a few months afterwards died.

After George had been with Mr.
Ensminger the second time, Mr. E -
desired very much that I should give
him employment, which I could not
do. He then desired me to recommend
him to some Agency or Military post
in the West. As he is an old man and
of a disposition not compatible with
efficiency in such places, I did not
feel I could do that either. He then,
and after George died, wrote me a
sawcy letter about not paying him -
As there had been no controversy, and,
as far as I knew, George was worth
what he paid him, I did not feel
called upon to submit to his demands,
when he brought suit before a Justice

It being a chance to get a little experience in civil legal matters in which I was entirely without experience, I was curious to find out how the law could wrest from me the sum he claimed. The suit was decided against me. I did not carry it up. He has his remedy in an execution - I think the law had better take its course - It is purely a trumped up charge -

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt
Capt. 10th Regt
Supt.

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Dated *July 11* 1885.From *Samuel Ensminger**Castles Pa.*

SUBJECT:

*Clem. against Capt Pratt
for mistreatment furnished
Indian boy.*

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Department of the Interior,

July 13 1885.

Respectfully referred to the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Wm. Fortwood
Chief Clerk.

Respectfully refered
to Capt Pratt, for in-
formation & return

E. L. Stevens
Chief Clerk

Respectfully returned to
the Hon. Commissioner of
Indian Affairs with
letter of information in-
closed

R. H. Pratt
Capt. 10th Cav
Supt.

Carlisle Pa Febr 11 1845
To The Honorable Secretary of War
Mr Teller

Dear Sir

About 18 months ago Mr Pratt
The Superintendent of The Indian
School of this Place Brought
one of his Pupils to me and agreed
with me who keep the most prominent
Establishment in this Place, that if I
would instruct the Boy whose name
was Georg Walker in the Farmers
Business, he would pay me one dollar
a week I did so for about eleven
weeks paying the Boy in advance out
of my own Pocket though he promised
to pay it himself He Pratt sent him
home to the West where he died
I presented my Bill for \$11.00 He declined
paying me saying that he did not
owe me any thing I was compelled
to leave it with a Justice of the Peace
where I proved the Contract by two
responsible witnesses ^{by} as good Citizens as

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We have in town who happened to be present at time of agreement The Squire of Courts gave judgment for my claim I would like to know whether he or the United States is responsible, He himself claims to worth nothing in order to get paying the honest little debt, Excuse me for being compelled to draw your attention to so small a matter, But in order to check a little Crookedness I think one word from you would correct this little fraud, and I would get what is owing to me without any further proceeding.

Yours with respect
Saml. Croninger
of Carlisle Pa

The above has been advised by leading attorney S P