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R. H. Pratt  
Carlsile

May 25, 85

Request to get  
children from  
reserves of N.Y.

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Letter to Pratt July 28/85

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Miss Cook



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Recognizing  
 the value of the suggestions  
 made by Capt. Pratt, the  
 Comm. now thinks it  
 since an N. S. Indian may wish that, the  
 before benefits of the school system of that  
 state the money that would be expended  
 in carrying out the system of the U.S.  
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# Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., May 25, 1885.

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

Sir:-

As you are well aware it is the  
 constant aim of Carlisle to bring the  
 students into white schools and under  
 the influence of more advanced pupils,  
 and we do keep out in white schools  
 a very considerable number. If it  
 were possible to have half the pupils  
 in this school made up of a more  
 advanced grade of whites, I should  
 count their influence almost equal  
 to that of the teachers in arousing the  
 ambition and advancing the education  
 of the Indian students, but under the  
 law we are not authorized to do that.

I have been several times requested  
 to take students from the New York tribes,



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and have now several from the Onondagas.  
I would like to bring a dozen - six  
boys and six girls - from the advanced  
children of the Senecas, Tuscaroras &c.  
and respectfully request your author-  
-ity.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt

Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Regt  
Infy.