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Trans. voucher for
expenses in attempting
to recover a run-away
pupil, with statement
of the case, & also
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 14th 1885

To the Hon.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir;

I forward herewith for your approval, a Voucher covering traveling expenses incurred by one of my employes, under my orders, in attempting to recover Henry Keoke a runaway pupil from this school.

The full circumstances are these; Agent Thompson of the Sisseton Agency in August last asked to send four students here, two of them had been here a three years course, the other two I knew of. I accepted them and asked you on August 18th that tickets be sent him covering their transportation, tickets were ^{not} sent as you know until October 14th, during this time, I find from the testimony of two of the four who came, that every influence was exerted by School employes at the Agency including Agent

Thompson and his wife to persuade them not to come and two of the four were so persuaded. In place of one of those that remained Agent Thompson forwarded a lad of 13 years named Henry Cooke. I received no notice from the Agent either before or since of the change in his plans, nor reason for the substitution, nor the character or quality of the boy he sent. One of my teachers of this year was teaching at Sisseton last year and from her and from the two students who came I learn that the lad was an incorrigible runaway from both the Mission School and the Agency School for the past two or three years, that he had been punished scores of times, but continued to runaway and was given up as hopeless by both Schools. Having no warning of his character I was not prepared to handle him as I might have done. The party arrived on Friday evening Oct. 23rd and on Sunday evening following he ran away, on Monday forenoon he was arrested by the police at Shippenburg and I was notified, I requested that he be placed in care of Conductor and forwarded on first train, he jumped from the Cars about Neville

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and we heard nothing of him for a week when we were informed of his being at Roxbury near the foot of the Mountain, he remained all night and escaped from the house early in the morning stealing a large robe from his host, I sent the employees whose account is herewith, after him but he failed to pick up a trail.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

R.H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y

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