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J. A. Gilfillan
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Refers letters
of Mr + Mrs David
Butcher asking
that their son
Willie be sent
home from Carlisle

~~Lo Pratt June 1 '86
" Butcher " 5 "~~

Swift

E.

Beech Lake, Cass Co, Minn

May 22nd 1886

Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir

Please let go my
son, who is reported to be sick at Carlisle
Training School. I am grieved about
hearing that my son is sick. I think
@ that I could see him here in our place.
I would not ask this of you if my son
were well; but I follow the lead of hundreds
have made, my friend. Now speak-
ing to you my friend I remember God.
I ask of you that my son come
home to see me well in this habitation
I know that you have all power; that
is why I call upon you with all my
heart to let my son go. He is
Willie Butcher. That is all I say

to you, my friend, my wife in turn
will buy a little to you,
I am David Butcher.

Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Sir

and I, my chief, I speak
to you, I am tortured in my heart
since hearing that my son is sick,
I need to have a joyful mind that
he was living in that country, O that
God would bless with hers favor the
request I now make to you.
I also am very anxious that my
son should come home, That is
all I say to you, who have power,
It is now two and a half years
since my son went,
my name is
Yours Very Respectfully
Mrs David Butcher

1884

Miller Butcher was taken with
seven other Chippewa boys
from Leech Lake, White Earth
Agency, leaving Leech Lake
in January 1884, and arriving
in Carlisle some time after.

He is said to be a good boy
and proficient in his studies.
David Butcher respectfully
asks an answer to his
letter

The Interpreter J. A. Sullivan