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Clinton B. Fisk,

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Rel. to Carlisle school,
its condition and the
improvements needed
for accommodation &c.
Certain appropriations
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., June 22nd 1886

Gov. D. C. Atkins

Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Dear Genl.

I have just closed an exceedingly interesting inspection, and general survey of our noble Indian Industrial School at Carlisle. I have watched its growth and administration during the years of its history, but was never so impressed with its efficiency and value in the solution of the Indian problem as now -

It is fortunate that Captain Pratt has finally been able to make a contract for the Parker farm, adjoining the Carlisle Barwacks estate on the east. It is very much needed by the school, and its possession by the Government adds greatly to the value of the old property interest. \$18,000 is just a fair price for the property.

The School very much needs a spacious

well appointed barn. for storage of products, and proper care of live stock - \$5,000[#] invested in a barn, would be an economical and productive use of Government funds.

An inspection of the dormitories for the large boys, reveals more and more the necessity for enlargement thereof. The old buildings erected fifty years ago are too small, and inconvenient even with the small improvements made in the reconstruction of them more than twenty years since. Repairs are now expensive, and the overcrowding of the rooms, is demoralizing. Civilization is retarded, for want of good light, well ventilated quarters. A new large building, should take its place. Our students can make the brick, indeed 100,000 bricks are already in the kiln prepared for burning. 200,000, would be sufficient. Other much needed improvements should be speedily made. We would then be prepared to care for, and properly instruct 500 students. In my opinion the Government can in no other way, better promote the cause of

Indian Education. than by an immediate appropriation sufficient to enable Captain Pratt to pay for the farm, build the barn, and reconstruct the large dormitory building. In detail. Say

For Farms	\$	18,000
" Barn		4,500
" Dormitories		15,000
	\$	<u>37,500</u>

For a larger Chapel, of brick, additional class rooms &c. We can probably manage to obtain funds ~~for~~ from charitable friends of the Indians who will more cheerfully cooperate with us if the Government will aid in providing the means to accomplish purchase of farm, and erection of barn, and dormitories.

I cannot too earnestly plead for all your good influence in securing this appropriation speedily. I am dear Sir

Very Respectfully Yours
 Clinton B. Dick
 Chmn. Board of Indian Commissioners