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Capt. R. H. Pratt
Carlisle School

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Protests against
appointment of Nellie
Londrosch as Ass't
teacher in Winn. board-
ing school. Give his
reasons

See letter to Capt. Pratt
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., August 18th, 1886.

Hon. J. D. C. Atkins,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Charles H. Potter, U.S. Indian Agent for the Omahas and Winnebagoes, in which he notifies me that he has forwarded the name of Nellie Londrosh, a pupil of this school, for your approval to the position of Assistant Teacher in the Winnebago Industrial Boarding School. While I am very anxious that our pupils should receive every preferment possible, I cannot but deplore the disposition to place upon them duties and responsibilities before they are fit, and especially the taking them away while they are in the line for receiving proper equipment. Miss Londrosh was to receive special instruction this winter in the art of teaching. She has not, heretofore, had such training. She is a very sensible girl and quite well advanced and I think could do fairly well as a teacher; but a year or two more of special training would be a much greater guarantee of her success.

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consideration in
Also write J. D. C. Atkins
to report on direct
descriptions of
to Secretary of
Department*

2 Hon. J.D.C. Atkins.

Teachers are not made of such material in such short time. The proper teaching of young Indians is particularly difficult; and to hope that ill-prepared and inefficient teachers will do the work is not wise.

With this protest, I shall cheerfully submit to the decision of the Department.

Very respectfully,

Your obdt. servant,

R.H. Pratt
Capt. & Supt.