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Capt. R. H. Pratt
Carlisle School
Oct 11/86.

Relative to admitting students from Onondaga Res at Carlisle school & enclosed correspondence

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See Telegram to Pratt Oct. 16/86

U. S.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 11, 1886

Hon. J. D. C. Atkins,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith correspondence in regard to a party of students from the Onondagas near Syracuse, N.Y. I received notice of the party from my Mr. Standing after his receipt of the list furnished by Rev. Bowman with his letter of September 14th. In view of the Office declining the Quapaw Agency students to come to Carlisle and also the circular about pupils for training schools, I felt assured the necessary authority would not be granted, and so informed Mr. Standing, who then wrote his letter of September 22.

We have now 517 pupils enrolled. This includes those who are out in families and is largely in excess of what we have appropriation for; still having so many out, we can carry 40 more at the School, and it seems to me well to yield to the wishes of Bishop Huntington,--whose letter of October 6th from Syracuse is herewith,-- and allow the 16 Onondagas to come here.

The changing of Agents at all the Agencies I visited and the presence of many new employees who are not yet fully acquainted with their work operated to prevent me getting as many students as I anticipated, and I only sent in 86 instead of the 125; so that we could readily take the 16 urged by Bishop Huntington and still have room for 24 more.

Inasmuch as this matter has been pending some time and the students are anxious and ready to come at once and also that our school year is advanced, I would be glad to have your answer promptly. I would send my School Physician to make the medical examinations and bring the party to Carlisle.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

R H. Pratt

Capt. & Supt.

(With six enclosures)

No. 3

Syracuse –
Oct. 6. '86.

My dear Sir –

Our Missionary at the Reservation hands me your letter. I need not say that we are grievously disappointed & very perplexed. About eighteen of the Indian Children are ready to go to you. It is a wonderful movement forward on the part of our poor people, the Sword of

seven years of
hard work, & to answer
to many earnest prayers.
Would you thus behave
as anybody interested?
Union? Can anything be
done to secure the
decision? Day after day
the workers & friends are
coming to the Mission
House & begging to know
what answer awaits
them. It is perplexing &
painful.

I am about to

Dear Mr Bishop, I received
your letter at Chicago, & have
a little time left, so I am
sending you a few lines.
Perhaps you will be able to
read them!
Yours very
sincerely
Hudson Taylor

U. S.
Indian Industrial School.

Carlisle, Pa., Sept 22nd 1886

Rev. John A. Borman
Onondaga Castle
N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that the authorities at Washington have decided against the admission to this School of the Onondaga youth for whom you made application

I do not know what influence the decision, which came to me by letter from Capt Pratt - I can therefore only inform you of the result without the reasons therefor.

This of course does not affect the case of Matilda Thomas already a student and entitled to return

Very Respectfully Yours
A J Standing
Asst Supt In Chg.

Onondaga Castle
Onondaga Mission
Sept. 14th. 1886

To the Asst. Supt.

Dear Sir,

I herewith send a list of Indians desirous of going to the U.S. School at Carlisle. I have been very careful and think I can safely certify to all their requirements.

Resp.
John A. Bowman
Missionary
Late of Chapel Hill N.C.

1. Mary George - Daughter of Saml. George -
2. Peter Powlefs - Son of Isaac Powlefs, grandson of Henry Powlefs -
3. Lucinda George - Daughter of John George -
4. Edward Thomas - Son of Jamieson Thomas, Brother of Matilda Thomas.
5. Ellen Dorsey, orphan - age 20 yrs. Grand daughter of Aunt Sally Jones.
6. Josiah George, Son of George George,
7. Simeon George - Brother of Josiah George -
8. Joseph Carpenter - Father dead - mother living -
9. George Sa Fort, Son of Abram Sa Fort,
10. Jesse Reuben - Son of Wilson Reuben living -
11. Melifsa Bowman Hill; her father Wm. dead, mother Ann Hill living -
12. Mifs Matilda Thomas, Parents living - She is already a Student -

All these are over 13 yrs. old, of good health and of good moral character

U. S.
Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 2nd 1886

Rev. John A. Bowman
Onondaga Castle
N. Y.

Dear Sir.

Your letter comes to hand in the absence of Capt. Pratt in the west; he is not likely to return until about Oct. 15th. I therefore write you in regard to the students mentioned in your letter.

As to our sending an agent for a party of two or more; we often do it, but there is no uniform course, circumstances usually decide what is best to be done.

I would suggest as a proper course in this case that you cause a list to be made of those who wish to come, and forward the list here giving sex and age. equal numbers of the sexes are desired or all sexes of girls and none under 13 or 14 years of age & of good health.

Very Respectfully Yours
A J Standing
Asst. Supt.

No. 5

1. Mary George - daughter of Saml. George —
2. Peter Powlefs — son of Isaac Powlefs grand son Henry Powlefs —
3. Lucinda George — daughter of John George
4. Edward Thomas — son of Jamieson Thomas — Bro — of Matilda
5. Ellen Dodson — orphan age 20 yrs — grand — daughter of Aunt Sally —
6. Josiah George — son of Geo. George (Double George) —
7. Simeon George Brother of Josiah
8. Joseph Carpender (father dead) mother living Lucy
9. Geo. La Fort — son of Abram — living —
10. Jesse Reuben — son of Nilson (at La Forts —
11. Melissa Bowman Hill — (father, Wm dead —) mother Mrs. Avis Hill
12. Miss Matilda Thomas — She needs no recom —
13. Alice Parker — 16 yrs — Orphan — Aunt Jane Green

14. Parmer Hill 16 yrs — father Saml. Hill
15. Oline " " 14 yrs —
16. Jesse Sycon father's name Wm Sycon 14 yrs. old —

Onondaga Castle
Augt. 31/86

To Capt. R. H. Pratt, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

This morning I received yours of the 27th. The father of the girl, in whose behalf I wrote to you, is absent, with many other Indians, picking hops, & will not be home for a week, & I can do nothing till his return. In the meantime, having heard of some ten or a dozen others, who are anxious to go to your well-disciplined School. And they tell me that they have heard, (from what source I know not,) that if ten or more will go at the same time, that you will send some person for them, & pay their traveling expenses.

Will you take the trouble of letting me know if this be so, & I will then know what to do further, in the matter.

You have worked such a wonderful a change for the better, in Miss Matilda Thomas, that the ambitious boys & girls of, from fourteen to seventeen years of age, ~~that~~ wish to be when they can be like white people.

Very Respy

John A. Bowman
late Hospital Chaplain
M.E.C.

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U. S.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., August 27th, 1886

Rev. John A. Bowman,

Missionary, Onondaga Castle,

Onondaga County, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 23d, I have to inform you that if the girl is as you say,--in good health and of a good character--that is, physically and mentally qualified to enter our school, depending on your judgment, I will say, that if her father sends her here, covering her expenses to the school and is willing for her to remain a series of years, I will accept of her and arrange accordingly.

In this connection, I would be glad if Matilda Thomas came back also. Two or three more years under good influences and school, will do Matilda a world of good. Our school opens on the 1st proximo, and they had better come at once.

I enclose blank which please fill out and forward with the girl.

Very truly yours,

R H. Pratt

Capt. & Supt.

Episcopal Mission
Onondaga Castle,
Onondaga County,
N.Y. Augt. 23/86

To
Captain Pratt, U.S.A.
Indian School,
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir,

One of our Onon-
-daga Indians has a girl, 14 yrs.
of age, in good health, & of good
character, whom he wishes to
send to your admirable insti-
-tution to be educated.
He wants to know on what

conditions, & at what expense he can have her admitted.

Will you be so kind as to write to me giving such information as is necessary for the man to possess.

Very Truly

J. W. A. Bowman,
Late Hosp'l. Chaplain U.S.,
Missionary.