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William Brown,  
Carlisle School

Feb. 22, 1888

Desires permission to  
go home in the spring  
in time for opening his  
farm. Asks if he can  
be furnished with agri-  
cultural implements.  
Also asks for a report  
for 1887.

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Indian Industrial School  
Carlisle Barracks  
Carlisle Pa.

The Hon. J. H. C. Atkins  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C.  
Feb 22. 1898.

Dear sir:

I take the opportunity  
to write you a letter this morning  
and to express my desires, and  
given my request for your consent,  
that I wish to go home out the west  
in this spring coming for these  
reasons, I have been at Carlisle  
School for five years and returned  
home last summer and I got a  
good farm on my reservation, but  
it was too late to work on it when  
I went home, and I could not  
acquired any work, so I returned  
to Carlisle School again with a

number of new children for the  
Carlisle School in last fall.  
Therefore I am anxious to have your  
authority to return home again in  
this spring coming so as to acquire  
all the work I want on my own  
farm to provide a home and  
other necessaries. because  
I desire to take a wife. She is  
one of my own tribe, who educated  
at Carlisle School also. We are  
both Sioux from Dakota.  
I am 20 years of age, and she is  
19 years of age. I have some  
experiences of farming and  
considered it to my best trade.  
I have learned a trader at this  
School, (in Smith), but I knew  
it will not be profitable to me  
on reservation. I have no father but  
a mother at my home.

I also desire to request you a  
thing. I have a team, and  
three cows, but I want to know  
whether the government will  
aid me to build a house and  
provide the needful implements  
as plough, harrow &c. when I  
live with my prospective wife, so  
that I may be able to support  
myself out of the governments  
aids that extending to us so long.  
I am from Pine Ridge Agency  
Dakota.

Very truly yours

William Brown.

P.S. I would like to have one  
of the Reports of Commissioner of  
Indians Affairs. of 1887. and  
greatly obliges.

W. Brown.