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Indian Training School  
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.  
Capt. W. H. Pratt, 10<sup>th</sup> Cav  
Supt.

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Apr. 5 '88

In reference to teaching  
a Normal Class at the  
School, and asks  
that transportation  
expenses be allowed  
in addition to the  
\$8,000. appropriated for  
support of school.

Trans. to J Apr. 13/88  
To Pratt Apr. 26-1888.

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*W. H. Pratt*

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Apt. 5. 1888

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In planning for next year's work at this school, I have to respectfully invite your attention to the fact, that having been over eight years at work, we have now brought forward a number of pupils to that stage of advancement, which would qualify them to undertake a normal course of training with reference to their entering the Government school service fitted beyond peradventure to teach. In my Annual Report I invited your attention to the fact that students in our English schools graduate from the Grammar grade after 8 to 10 years.

The experiments which have

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been made wish our pupils as teachers at the different schools were unfair to the pupils themselves, because of want of preparation. I believe we are well fixed to carry forward successfully a system of normal training, and if, as urged in my Annual Report and is, I believe, now contemplated by the Department, we can have sent to us advanced pupils from the Agencies, it will be perfectly feasible for us to train a considerable number of pupils each year for teaching. If, at the same time, we can hold on to advanced pupils, we can also train mechanics and other helpers for Department School Service.

In undertaking a Department or Departments of this kind for such training, no changes in our buildings or equipments

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will be required, but it would be best to have one or two experienced Normal teachers. This I can submit on my Annual Recommendation for Employees. During the past year we have had a normal class of five pupils, which has established the fact that some can learn to teach and some cannot, and it is a great deal better that such a fact be established before they are employed and thrown into the regular work of teaching.

If you approve of this move I would respectfully recommend that we be placed on the same footing, in regard to transportation of pupils, as other schools, i.e. instead of having our appropriation of \$80,000. pay the transportation expenses, we have the \$80,000. purely and solely for our school expenses here. With \$80,000. to

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expend here I feel warranted in under-  
-taking the 500 pupils we can accom-  
-modate at the School, which would  
make our per Capita Cost supported here  
\$162. and in addition we can readily  
take care of as many as 200 more out  
in families, on farms and in white schools,  
so that the per Capita Cost to the Gov-  
-ernment for taking care of 700 children  
at Carlisle the ensuing year need not  
exceed \$116.-

Very Respectfully  
Your Obt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt  
Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav.  
Supt.