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16777 OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. REC'D JUL 6 1888

Indian Industrial School,  
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10<sup>th</sup> Cav.,  
Aust.  
July 5/88.

Referring to failure to obtain necessary transportation for home-going party.

One enclosure:

Copy of telegram respecting tickets, from J. H. Wood.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., July 5th, 1888 8

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your promise to have transportation for me on Tuesday, last, comes out like most of our transportation arrangements made in your Office. On receipt of your telegram on Tuesday that the Pennsylvania Railroad would furnish tickets, I telegraphed Mr. Wood, Genl. Pass. Ag't, and forwarded letters to the different Indian Agents advising them that the students would leave here today and asking them to send their relatives to meet them at the different railroad points. Not hearing farther from Mr. Wood, I this morning telegraphed him again. By his reply (copy herewith) you will see that he did not receive advice that his bid was accepted until this morning, and that such advice was not accompanied by the necessary information to enable him to provide us with the tickets. In the meantime I provided lunch through for sixty young people, who have their trunks packed, and are waiting. I am now compelled to hold them until farther advices. I hope the pur-

2 Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

poses these delays are organized for may be served and that I may be allowed by your Office to get the party off without farther disappointment on Tuesday next. The blundering delays that have characterized the management of my transportation affairs in your Office for the past three years comes as near exhausting patience as anything I have met in an official experience of 26 years in the Government service.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*R.H. Pratt*  
Capt. & Supt.

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*Handwritten notes in Hindi/Urdu script, including the word 'मार्ग' (Marga) and other administrative markings.*

*Handwritten number '26' in blue ink.*

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Philadelphia V-0-1888.

Capt. R.H. Pratt.

Your telegram of 3d and today regarding transportation of Indians received. On the 5th we received application for

bid for transportation to be submitted on Tuesday the 3d. This morning we are in receipt of advice that our bid was accepted, but we are without information as to details, showing numbers that go to the various points. This is necessary in order that arrangements may be completed. When we have such information will give the instructions for ticketing the Indians and would request that you refrain from sending them for ward until we are in possession of proper information.

(Signed) J.R. Wood.

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Capt. R.H.Pratt.

Your telegrams of 3d and today regarding transportation of Indians received. On the 30th we received application for bids for transportation to be submitted on Tuesday the 3d. This morning we are in receipt of advice that our bid was accepted, but we are without information as to detail, showing numbers that go to the various points. This is necessary in order that arrangements may be completed. When we have such information, will give the instructions for ticketing the Indians and would request that you refrain from sending them forward until we are in possession of proper information.

(Signed) J.R.Wood.