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Capt. R. W. Pratt,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dec. 8, 1888,

Recommendation favor

John D. Miles, ap-
plicant for app't.

as Supt. Haskell

Institute,

To Pratt Dec. 13-88

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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 8. 1888.

Hon. S. H. Albro,
Supt. Indian Schools,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

My old friend, John D. Miles, for many years Agent for the Cheyennes & Arapahoes, writes me that he is an applicant for the position of Supt. of Haskell, and that he has some hopes, in consideration of his long experience, ability, knowledge of Indians, and the high recommendations he forwards, of being accepted, and desires me to say something for him.

I have, heretofore, almost universally evaded recommending anyone for a place in the Schools; but in this case the person applying is so evidently well fitted in every way, that I feel justified in saying a word. I have been a personal friend of, and have associated, more or less, with John D. Miles for seventeen years

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He always had the best schools of any Agent I knew. He is well and favorably known among all the Indians of the Territory. I believe you could not put a better man in charge of Haskell, nor one who would put more heart, or more ability into it, nor one equipped with better knowledge of Indians than John D. Miles.

I am aware that in settling with the Indian Office there were some differences, and that the Govt. brought suit against him; but he won the suit.

I am sure you will pardon me for adding, that in my judgment, no one should be appointed Supt. of Haskell, who will not reside at the school and give it his undivided personal attention, and this ought to be made a condition of appointment in any event.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav Supt.