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Indian Training School
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Capt. R.H. Pratt, 10th Cav.
Supt.

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Asks auth. to send
employe to secure Pupils
from Michigan Indians,
+ pay expenses from bal.
this year's Appropriation.

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To Capt. Pratt, June 4/
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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

June 1. '89

To the Hon.

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

Sir:

I find on summing up our finances for the year that, if you shall grant all the authorities I have asked for, and we pay for beef and flour and other expenses, there will still remain about \$500. of our appropriation unused.

Following your suggestion about getting students from Michigan Indians, I see they are very much scattered throughout the State and it will be a work of time to secure a party. Unless there is some legal reason in the way, a part of this \$500. balance might be used to pay expenses of a

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visiting Agent in June. The young Chippewa, who graduated here this year, said his people are all stirred up on account of the land in severally and some other affairs of theirs. He very much desired to be at home to look out for his own interests. He came here last year at his own cost, and as he proposed to pay his expenses returning to his home, I consented and he left yesterday. I shall, therefore, not have his services to help in securing Pupils. There are, undoubtedly, many Michigan Indians who speak English, and there will be no trouble about an interpreter, and I think we can get on quite as well without his assistance as with it.

If you consent, and the use of balance of Carlisle Appropriation for

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this year is allowed, I propose to send my Mr. Standing to Michigan at once, and allow him to go from point to point to arouse interest and get parties ready, so that as soon as the appropriation for next fiscal year is available he can forward pupils in detachments from different points as may be found best. Two hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars of our balance would, probably, be as much as he would need before the first of July.

I would like the authority to cover expenses of a lady assistant, should Mr. Standing find it advisable to have one of our ladies go, in order to aid in securing girls.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt

Sept. 10th 1871