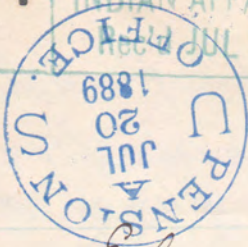


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Asks relative to
paying his own fare
home from Carlisle
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Oneida, Brown Co, Wis

July 15th 1889

Commissioner,

Dear sir,

I returned to my native home, on the 10th inst, as I was away 3 years and 9 months at Carlisle Indian School, and I am sorry I didn't quite through of my schooling, an account of my eyes weak.

I quit in about two months before vacation, so I have to come home. But Capt Pratt didn't allowed me to come home by government expence, so I have to pay my way. He said because I am an employe, list, so government wouldn't pay my way. I know I signs my name on the employees

list when pay day, But I never
think I am a regular employer.
That's why I have writting to you
now, I began last November
to took charge in the clothing room,
At Carlisle School, and I use
to gets \$10.⁰⁰ per month.

All I want to know if it is
right the way Capt Pratt treats
me, I don't think its right,
I think I got right to come
home by government's expence
because I was under the governm^{ent}
and I was under the rules of
the school, and I spent my
money by the rule of the school
just the same as the other boys,
But, sir, if you say ^{that was} all right,
well that's all I want to know.
I only want to find out in the
right way, that's why I have
writting to you, I was in the band

while I was at Carlisle,
also I was in the main parts of
the band I plays E & K cornet,
and I always trying to ^{do} my best
to give a good name of ~~the~~
School band especially when
we go away some place,

But the way Capt Pratt treat
me when I come away, that he
make me pay my rail road
expence, I don't feel well,
it burdens me all the time,
about that,

I Hoping to here from you soon

Respectfully yours

John Elmer
Oneida
Carlisle Pupil, Wis.