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Forwarding statement
of Wm C. Campbell, rel.
to opposition made to
his efforts to secure
children at Ft. Belknap
A. by Father F. Eber-
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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

June 7th 90.

To the Hon,

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

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for your information, communication received from Mr. Wm P. Campbell, Disciplinarian of the School, who was recently sent to Montana as the school agent for the purpose of bringing in new pupils.

At Ft. Belknap his efforts which at first promised to be quite successful were to a great extent nullified in the manner he sets forth.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

A. J. Standing

Asst. Supt. Ind. Sch.

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H. P. Campbell,

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Statement of difficulty
experienced at Ft. Belknap
in securing students for
Carlisle.

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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

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Mrs. A. J. Standing:
Asst. Supt. in charge.

Sir :-

While I was at Ft. Belknap Agency Mont. for a party of children under instructions from the Commissioner, I met with aggressive opposition and the order of the Department was not fully carried out on account of this opposition.

This opposition came from the Rev. Father F. Ebrochweiler of the St. Paul Mission School, Ft. Belknap Agency.

The Agent and interpreter went with me through the Assinaboine Camps and we secured several girls. The next day the said Father Ebrochweiler, hearing that we had been there,

went to the same camp without notifying or getting any authority from the Agent, and loaded on wagons the girls we had secured and all others that he could persuade and sent them direct to the mission school.

While he was in the camp, so I was informed by the interpreter, W^m Bent, he held councils with the Assinaboins and told the Indians that I was to get \$250. for each and every child I brought east and further that all the children that came to Carlisle would "die and go to hell".

The said father rode all over the reserve using the influence against Carlisle and against the Agency Boarding school soon to be reestablished.

This information was given me by W^m Bent who obtained it from the Indians.

The said Rev. Father also extorted

a promise from Mary Brown, a half-breed girl, that she "would not go to Carlisle". This in confession under a threat of being "excommunicated, dying and going to hell".

She was not a student of any school and her father Jack Brown (Govt. interpreter at Ft. Assiniboine) was anxious for her to come to Carlisle. He, the father, went to the Rev. F. Eberschweiler, in my presence, and asked him to release Mary from her promise so that she might use her own judgement, but this the said Rev. Father absolutely refused to do, although approached a second time. The said Mary Brown told me she wanted to come to Carlisle but would not. (on account of promise given).

The said Rev. Father when asked to account for his conduct said he heard that we had attacked

his school, when in reality the very existence of the Mission School was ignored in all our talks with the Indians.

The refusal to release Mary Brown from the retorted promise, so that she could use her own judgment was in front of the Agents' office, and was heard by a number who were about there.

I must say that Agent Simons gave me cordial support and did all that was in his power to carry out the instructions of the Indian Office.

(Signed) Very Respectfully,
 W. P. Campbell
 Director