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Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle School,
Feb. 2/91.

Enclosing letter of Wm
 J. Campbell rel. to ^{his allowance for} law
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Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

February 2nd, 1891.

Genl. T. J. Morgan,

Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Dear General:-

I enclose to you a letter just received from William F. Campbell, the young man that you agreed to allow \$167. per year for while he is taking a law course in Minnesota University at Minneapolis. I am sorry that the Department cannot more promptly attend to these cases. Samuel Townsend, at General Eaton's College, in Ohio, also writes me that he hears nothing from his allowance.

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Very respectfully,

R.H. Pratt

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Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 28, 1891.
Dear Capt Pratt.

I came over from St Paul this evening to see if I had any mail, but found none, consequently have ^{arrived} at the conclusion that the department has refused to give me the \$164.00, I have been out of school almost three weeks interpreting for the U.S. Court now in session at St Paul, and expect to be there about a week longer, It looks quite discouraging for a new start, we have about all we can attend to, but when a man gets four weeks behind it looks like uphill work trying to catch up, but if I keep my health have no fears but what I can do it before our June examination, Hope so at any rate.

You have no doubt seen the reports about the gobat dance on the Red Lake reservation, but I can assure you that there is not a particle of truth in them, The Indians (only a very small band) came in from their hunt and went to St Hillaire to dispose of their furs and venison

And
~~when~~ some enterprising vagabond
sold them a greatdeal of whiskey,
and the Indian had a little spree,
and of course a little dance, the
settlers became alarmed and petitioned
the governer for arms, and that brought
out a greatdeal of newspaper talk, I am
personally acquainted in that sec-
tion and know those settlers to be
more degraded and ignorant than
the Indian, they are all Scandinavians,
and I would not blame the Indians
were they to do them some harm,
they steal all their horse and
saw logs from the reservation,
their firewood, and fencing also.
The Red Lake Indians are doing well this
winter, there are nine lumber camps
on the reservation, employing two hun-
dred and fifty men all Indians, and
they have contracted to put in 10,000,000
feet of pine, of course we people here know
the absurdity of the reports, but that does
not lessen the impression that they create
in other places.

I am Sir, Very Respectfully your friend
Wm. F. Campbell.