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Relating to proposed change
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March 7th, 1891.

To The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to yours of March 6th, maked "Education," informing me that it has been determined that this school shall be known as Pratt Institute, I have the honor to respectfully state that there are three reasons why this proposed change cannot be made. First.,- There is no other Pratt in the country except myself entitled to have that honor saddled upon him in connection with this school, and I should most certainly object to having it named in honor of any other Pratt, and to have it named in honor of myself, while I am still living and at the head of it, is seriously objectionable, and I cannot consent to it. If proposed after I am dead I shall raise no material objections. Second.,- It would be an interference with our record, injurious to us, confusing to our friends, and unnecessarily disturbing ^{to} the relations and history we have made during now nearly twelve years. I have reason to believe that there are legacies to be left to us under our present name. Third.,- The present

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name was given to us officially by Congress, and has been confirmed by law with every year's appropriation, and, in my judgment, would not be improved, and cannot be legally changed without an Act of Congress to that effect.

These reasons, I have no doubt, will prove sufficient to lead the Department to drop the subject, as they do confirm me in an intention not to conform to such change while I am here.

Very respectfully,

R.H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Sup't.