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Indian Training School, Carlisle Pa.

Capt R. N. Pratt, 10th Cav'y, Supt.

March 28th, 1891

Regarding proposed marriage
of Stacy Mallock & Lydia
Flint, pupils at this school,
returning correspondence

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to L. C. Flint Apr. 7/91

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
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To The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I return to you the letter from Mr. L. C. Flint, and the copy of Stacy Matlack's letter. I see nothing in Stacy's letter to condemn. It shows the man to be honorable, high-minded and considerate of parental authority, and is rather, I think, to be commended. It was generally understood at the school that Stacy and Lydia were engaged. No influences of any kind connected with the school brought this about. It was entirely their own affair. Lydia states that her father knew about her affection for Stacy. She was at home two months during vacation last year and in constant correspondence with Stacy during that time. Both Stacy and Lydia wrote Mr. Flint. The reply to Lydia's letter shows that Mr. Flint knew of the relations before. His reply to Stacy is harsh and more calculated to bring about his own defeat than to accomplish his purposes. Mr. Flint, I understand, is only part Indian, and his wife is also of mixed blood. Stacy is a manly true fellow, and entirely worthy

in his aspirations. Mr. Morris wanted a married man to fill a place that was to become vacant in his household employes, and his long sympathy for Indians, and his help to the school here, led both him and his wife to feel that they would like to have an Indian capable of filling the place. Supposing the matter was arranged anyhow, I approached Stacy and Lydia on the subject and found them both willing. I suggested their writing to Lydia's parents, and also suggested that Lydia could go home and Stacy go after her, or that it might be agreeable to her parents to come to the school, as the matter of expense would be the same either way. Mr. Morris has since died, but Mrs. Morris indicates her desire still to have Stacy come and fill the place, even without Lydia.

You may remember Stacy as the tall, straight, fine looking young fellow in the graduating class of last year. I would suggest your inviting Mr. Flint's attention to the manly character of the young man, as indicated in his letter, and advise him that all history shows that the bitter opposition on the part of parents in such cases generally produces a consummation of the young people's wishes. Lydia says that her father permitted one of her sisters to marry an ignorant old Indian, a widower, with a family of several

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children who could not speak any English, and that she thinks Stacy is quite the equal of any of her brothers-in-law who are white, and that anyway she will be 21 in the fall, and will then determine her affairs herself.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. M. Poatt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Sup't.

Seneca Mo. Feby 23, 1894

Hon. T. J. Morgan

Comissioner of Ind. Affairs, Washington D C

Dear Sir.

I dislike very much to be obliged to trouble you with my private Family affairs, but as they are of importance to the welfare of my daughter who is at present at Carlisle Indian ^{School}, I am obliged to trespass on your time and good nature. The facts are these, Three years ago last November, there was an Agent of Carlisle Indian School around here gathering up Recruits for said C. I. S. telling my Family that our children would ^{be} schooled, Fed, & clothed free of expense to the parents for three (3) years, and at the expiration of the three years, they would be furnished free transportation back to their homes

But in less than one year after my Daughter had been in School, she was given to understand that she would have to be in School five years before she will be allowed to graduate from there and now, at the end ^{of} three years, they have made up a match between my daughter Lydia K. Flint and one of the Students, and I suppose authorized him to inform me that Capt Pratt would make arrangements to have me and my Family come to Carlisle to see my daughter married. now, I had no idea that matching.

them off (that is, the Students) was one of the items in the programme of Educating them and I must Confess that I ^{was} very disagreeably surprised and disgusted on receiving letters from the young folks asking my consent to their marriage

I must humbly ^{beg} your honor that you use your authority, and order the Sup^t to send Lydia K. Flint home immediately

for I think if she has education enough, (which Capt Pratt evidently thinks) to leave school and get married twelve or fifteen hundred miles from home.

She certainly ought to be considered as having enough education to be allowed to come home to her friends, but I will not trouble you any further you will find inclosed a Copy of Stacy Matlack's letter. so that you can draw your own conclusion as to who the matchmaker is

I would further state that the Class my daughter was in when she left Seneca to go to Carlisle, all graduated from our highest grade in our publick school last June, so that if she had not left Seneca, her school days would have been over long ago.

Hoping you will look upon my petition with favor

I remain Very Respectfully

L. C. Flint

P. S. excuse poor grammar and
Penmanship. and ~~remember~~ Remember that
this is from an unedddicated. Indian
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Copy of J. Matlack's

Carlisle, Pa

Mr. Levi Flint

Feb 12th 91

Dear Sir: I write to
you on an important matter, which concerns
your ^{daughter} Lydia and myself. we wish the
consent of yourself and Lydia's Mother
to our marriage. I am as you may
know, a young pawnee man. A graduate
of the Carlisle School, and at present
employed as an assistant in the large
Boys' Department. Through the kindness
of Capt. Pratt, I have offered me a good
paying position and nice house for
myself and Lydia. The Gentleman is a
director of the Pennsylvania, R.R. Co and
very wealthy and Capt Pratt assures us
that it is one chance in a thousand
for a young married Couple.

a lot of sickening sentimental stuff
We have Capt. Pratt's consent, and I think
he will be disappointed if anything
should occur to ^{or as it prevent} present our marriage
and letting this ^{3rd} chance go
Capt Pratt says if you desire it, he will
arrange for you and Lydia's mother to
come to the wedding
Should you wish to know anything more

Concerning me, and the prospects
I have Capt. Pratt I know will gladly
inform you ~~in~~ more satisfying stuff
~~in~~ We both Lydia and myself hope for
a favorable reply

Sincerely yours
signed. Stacy Mattacks