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INDIAN AFFAIRS.
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Indian Training Sch. Carlisle, Pa

Call R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav'y Supt

Nov. 20, 1891

Regarding transfer of
children to Carlisle from
Arizona

Quid Nov 23. 1891

Trans of " 24 "
To 2nd Comptroller, Nov. 24/91

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It would seem to me that
over funds could possibly
be used for over pupils
provided they do not make
into calculations under
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if it could be used here, but not enough to meet the case.

Very respectfully,

Yours obedt. servt.,

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y, Pa.

2nd, Pa.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

Nov. 20, 1891.

The Honorable,
The Commr. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I return your letter of Nov. 19th, just received, part of which appears to be for some one else. Replying to that part which is for me, I have to say that I should not hesitate to transfer children from Arizona to Carlisle in the winter any more than any other time. All the children we ever received from there came to us in February when the weather was very cold. Instead of bringing the children to Lawrence it would be better to have them come directly to Carlisle. However, we are now within eight of 800 and ought to stop at this until spring, at which time we could receive almost any number, because we can then send large numbers to farms.

There is this point to be considered. If, in his early enthusiasm, Mr. Keck finds such conditions, it is a little extraordinary and should be made use of, and the children should be brought away while he can get them. We are so fixed here that I could take care of a party of 50

Commr. 2,

easily. The only question is the holding out of my appropriation. I had figured it down closely and have used a considerable sum, as you know, in getting ourselves into shape for the thousand that you propose to place here next ~~spring~~ year. It is, therefore, more than doubtful whether our funds would hold out, and I cannot determine this until after our supplies are all in and last quarter's papers off. If you can see any way to stand by us in case our funds should fail, I shall be perfectly willing to take the 50 at once. Without fail, one third should be girls, and it would be better we had no small ones, none under 12, preferably none under 14.

On two occasions, years ago, we received from the ^{Bay} Osage funds for their children here at the rate of \$167 each. As we have ^{sixteen} ~~eleven~~, that would be something towards an addition if it could be used now, but not enough to meet the case.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Sup't.

Refer in reply to the following:

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(Inclosure)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, November 23, 1891.

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C. R. A. Scobey,
U. S. Indian Agent,
Fort Peck Agency, Poplar Creek, Mont.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant regarding the number of children under your supervision not now in school, and stating the number that may possibly be secured for Fort Totten.

In reply allow me to thank and congratulate you upon the success that has attended your efforts thus far in securing the attendance of Indian children at school. I would be glad if it were possible to have those not now in attendance at school transferred to Fort Totten.

I will ask the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to authorize you to take so many as are available to Fort Totten, together with three of the older Indians.

I see no reason why you may not take some from those now attending the reservation school, if, on the whole, it seems to you best.

You will observe by the Rules for school attendance (copy inclosed) that the age limit is "over five and under eighteen." It is the policy of this Office to gather into the schools as many little children as possible. If they are taken at five years of

age, while their minds are plastic and their habits unformed, and before their native tongue is thoroughly established, it is much better and more satisfactory progress can be made in securing their educational development. I suggest, therefore, that you make it a special point of putting into the reservation school the largest possible number of little children, and that, if necessary to make room for them, some of the older Indians, or as many of them as can be spared, be transferred to Fort Totten.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) T.J. Morgan,

Commissioner.

W.M.W. (K)