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Encloses letter from Capt
R. H. Pratt in reference to
payment of transportation
by Mr. Smoker, for sending
Esie Grey home from
Carlisle School.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Fort Peck, Montana.

Dec. 2nd, 1891.

Agency,

hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington,
D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from R.H. Pratt Supt. of the Industrial School at Carlisle, Pa. to "Smoker" an Assinaboine Indian, living at Wolf Point. I must object decidedly to the tone and character of this letter. We have made two transfers of pupils to Carlisle, one in April 1890 and the other in June 1891. Sixty pupils have been sent in all. The utmost care has been taken by the Agency Physician and Supt. in regard to the health of those who were allowed to go. All were subject to a rigid examination before leaving. It is not the fault of her uncle "Smoker" that she went to Carlisle. He knew nothing in regard to it until the party had gone. In regard to the child having been of no advantage to the school, it would seem that the school has been of no advantage to the child. In regard to the medical attention she has received, it would seem that the government, having undertaken her guardianship, could hardly do less than afford her the attention her health required. Her name is Osie Grey. Her health while attending the Agency Boarding School was good.

Hon. Commissioner No.2

We have always cooperated, willingly and earnestly, with the Dept. in its efforts to induce pupils to attend the Industrial Schools and have been reasonably successful. Letters of this kind, written to Indians, have a great tendency to counteract any efforts we may make. ~~XX~~ Her uncle has no means of furnishing the additional \$30. required to return the child. He has sold every thing of value to furnish the \$20. already sent.

Very respectfully,

C. R. A. Soley

U. S. Indian Agent.

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(Encs Capt Pratt)

Nov. 24, 1891.

Your friend,

W. H. Pratt

Capt. & Sib. E.

sent her home and I shall gladly forward her.

trouble is incurable. Send me \$20 additional required to

Philadelphia who has benefitted her somewhat, but her eye

have had her under the attention of a skillful oculist in

tent that we have earned for and doctored her this long. I

to bear the expenses of returning her. It is quite suffic-

was entirely your fault that she came it is not proper for us

school and has been consequently in the doctor's care. As it

have been sent hers. She has been of no advantage so the

of \$20, so that you see \$20 is not enough. She should never

money. A ticket to Wolf Point will cost within a few cents

indeed, to send her home, if you send the proper amount of

she has also received \$20 you sent. I should be very glad.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

Nov. 24, 1891.

Mr. Smoker,

Wolf Point, Mont.

My dear Sir:

Yours in regard to your daughter received, and she has also received \$20 you sent. I should be very glad, indeed, to send her home, if you sent the proper amount of money. A ticket to Wolf Point will cost within a few cents of \$50, so that you see \$20 is not enough. She should never have been sent here. She has been of no advantage to the school and has been constantly in the doctor's care. As it was entirely your fault that she came it is not proper for us to bear the expenses of returning her. It is quite sufficient that we have cared for and doctored her this long. I have had her under the attention of a skillful oculist in Philadelphia who has benefitted her somewhat, but her eye trouble is incurable. Send me \$30 additional required to send her home and I shall gladly forward her.

Your friend,



Capt. & Sup't.