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Indian Training School, Carlisle.

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Dec. 15th, 1891

Regarding Daughter of
Smoker, returning Agent
Scobey's letter &c.

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See letter Carlisle Dec

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10th inst.

Very respectfully,

Your obed. servt.,

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

Dec. 15, 1891.

The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of Dec. 10, marked "Education, 43790, enclosing letter from Agent Scobey, dated Dec. 2, which encloses to you my letter to Smoker, dated Nov. 24th, in reference to the return of his daughter, Osie Gray, I have to respectfully advise you that I have been laboring, ever since her arrival at the school, under quite a misapprehension as to her identity. On the arrival of the party, as on the arrival of all parties, I had the children carefully examined by my school physician. On looking over the examination made by him I found, as I supposed, Osie Gray reported by him "Should not have been sent; eyes in bad condition, scars on cornea," and on inquiry I found that she had inverted eyelids. This girl has been in hospital most of the time and under treatment all the time since her arrival until this present. She has not been able to go to school a single day. I sent her to Wills' Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, paid the cost of her transportation and of keeping her there for

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several weeks to have an operation performed. She has been greatly benefitted, but a second operation will probably be required before her eyes will become at all useful, and they never will be so that she can use them for study. I have been calling this girl Osie Gray, and thought it was the one I was writing to Smoker about, but it turns, when I look back to the list and question the doctor, that this girl is Kate Hammond, whose name appears just above Osie Gray's on the doctor's examination list, and I wrote my letter to Mr. Smoker under quite a misapprehension of the true state of the case. I felt that the school and our transportation had been imposed upon, and answered accordingly. While the school has been imposed upon, and our transportation money misused, it was in the case of Kate Hammond, as I have explained, and not that of Osie Gray, who came with her.

Osie Gray's condition is very different. She is attending school, and although she has been troubled a little with conjunctivitis she has so much improved, and is in such good condition, as to make it entirely unnecessary that she should be sent home. Kate Hammond should be sent home, but, in justice to our appropriation, it should not be done at our expense.

Commr. 3.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

I have returned to Smoker, through the Indian Agent,
the \$20 sent by him for his daughter's return.

The letter of Agent Scobey, also my letter to
Smoker, are herewith.

Under the circumstances above stated, do you wish
me to return Osie Gray, as instructed by your letter of
10th inst.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,



Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Supt.