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Capt. R. H. Pratt.
Carlisle Indl. Schl., Pa.
Feb. 6/1892.

Estimates expense
of, ^{and} makes remarks
on organizing an
Indian Band to
take part in Inau-
guration ceremony
at Worlds Columbian
Exposition in Chicago.

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Letter to Capt Pratt

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Your obed. servt.,

Capt. John C. ...

Supt.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

Feb. 6, 1892.

Hon. T. J. Morgan,

Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of January 30, marked "M", in reference to band at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, I have to respectfully confirm to you what I have stated verbally that we have a place assigned to an Indian Band in the Inauguration ceremonies in October. My plan was to make a large demonstration. I thought of as many as fifty in the band. However, it has been delayed so, and there has been so little encouragement about the matter, that I had about concluded our own band, 21 pieces, would be all that would fall within my province to handle. Consulting with my band leader, I find that we shall probably have our band in good shape by that time. He recommends that it be increased to 31, and from information I have from him it would not be difficult to do this, by going to the reservations or to other schools. If there could be some selection, it would not be difficult to supply the additional number from other schools, and if the band is to be a representation from the

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
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school system this ought to be done now. The time is so short that we ought to have the members brought together at once. It would be practicable to manage the band from here at a minimum cost. There need really be no cost for food or keep in Chicago, because we could take tents, and food and clothing outfit along. Indeed, I think it would be better to do this than to go into houses if we had them.

We should have a quantity of new instruments, - my leader estimates about \$700 worth. If the necessary talent were here without cost I could undertake a band of 31 pieces, and manage all the expenses connected with its going to Chicago and returning, keep while there, and covering the cost of instruments and uniform, at an outlay of \$2500.

I have not exerted myself in regard to funds and really am not able to say whether I could raise any part of this or not. I shall be glad to do anything in the matter that you may instruct, and provide the means for.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

R. N. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Supt.