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INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Indian Training Sch. Carlisle, Pa

February 12. 1892

Capt Rpt Pratt Sup

Regarding Gordon boys whom
Rev Veryjust states are being
held at Carlisle against
will of parents

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No Rev C Veryjust. Feb 16/92

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Your opt. servt.

W. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav, U.S.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

February 12, 1892.

The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of 11th inst., marked "Education, 4,891," I enclose to you Mr. Gordon's several letters and copies of my replies thereto, by which you will see that Priest Verwyst states what is an absolute falsehood in regard to the wishes of the parents. You have in my first and second letter all that I have said in reference to this matter. This is of a piece with no end of stuff we are constantly receiving in the way of letters to me or letters to pupils, showing that the priests are untiring in manipulating the situation with a view to discontent both of parents and children, and hindering the government in its efforts to educate Indian youth. In my judgment, there is no greater obstacle to the progress of the Indians in acquiring American education, civilization and citizenship, than the presence among them, on their reservations, of foreign priests, who, so far as my experience goes, are absolutely conscienceless in the use of falsehood to forward their purposes; and I have

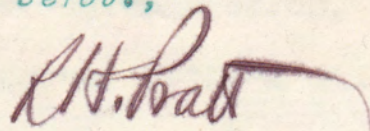
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no objections to the whole posse knowing that I say so.

As Mr. Campbell's name was mentioned in one of Mr. Gordon's letters, I sent for him and asked what he knew of this matter. He made a statement which I requested him to put in writing and his statement is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,



Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Sup't.

Sept. 4 1892.

(Signed) B. H. Pratt,

Yours sincerely,

authorize it and will be returned to you if you direct.
 The dogs but will not be allowed to be exchanged unless you
 please you with their attainments. The \$40 is credited to
 your account and if you give them time will I am sure
 they will do it to do them good. They are good, well
 trained dogs. My conclusion is that they are better than
 in native, for the benefit of the dogs, when exchanged in
 interest in cattle or dogs, or something that would increase
 of \$30, or more, to you, which seems to me would be better
 than, unless, that they ought to do some. It seems a loss
 could expect them to be. There is no reason, outside of
 some are in good health; they are as well contented as you
 Dakota and was but small in an embryo in the sale. You
 I find that your money some while I was present in
 near 2111

Respectfully,
 W. H. B.

Chief of Police,

Rt. Gordon,

July 10, 1892.

C O P Y.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

July 16, 1892.

Ed. Gordon,

Chief of Police,

Reserve, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I find that your money came while I was absent in Dakota and was put away in an envelope in the safe. Your sons are in good health; they are as well contented as you could expect them to be. There is no reason, outside of your wishes, that they ought to go home. It means a loss of \$80, or more, to you, which it seems to me would be better invested in cattle or hogs, or something that would increase in value, for the benefit of the boys, than expended in Railroad fares. My conclusion is that they had better stay here and we will try to do them good. They are good, well behaved manly lads, and if you give them time will I am sure please you with their attainments. The \$40 is credited to the boys but will not be allowed to be expended unless you authorize it and will be returned to you if you direct.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

Capt. & Supt.

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At once I think it would be better
to send a Post office order for the
amount.

Yours Very Respectfully
Ed. Gordon

Direct
Sawyer Co.
Reserve Wis.

Madison Wis Aug 7th 1891

Capt. R. H. Pratt

Sir,

yours at hand. I think it will be far better for the Boys - for them not to come now - as long as they are well - I should be better satisfied myself for them to remain there - please make them understand that my sincere wishes are for them, when they are men to be good honest industrious men and I am satisfied they will be if I leave them under your charge long enough - in regard to the money I wish you would ~~two~~ give two dollars and half to Miles ^{and} two dollars ^{and} half to Joseph and the balance thirty five dollars sent it

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Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa. Feb. 12th, '92.

Capt. R.H. Pratt,

Sir:—

Last June I visited the homes of the Gordon boys and saw their father. I was informed that the Gordon family were denied the rights of the Romish Church and it was public property at the Agency that it was because the boys were at Carlisle.

Pressure was brought to bear by the same influences upon the parents of Louis Quarters, and the La Ruch girls and others.

The Ishams were publicly branded from the pulpit by the priest while I was there. This to prevent them sending their children to Carlisle.

Respectfully,

W.T. Campbell,
Discipⁿ.

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(Signed) E. H. Pratt.

Yours sincerely,

Remainder, \$32, is herewith returned to you.

purchase and receive money to make such purchases. The
 have money have the opportunity to state what they want to
 of it judiciously as they may need. Once a month you who
 that amount to their credit and will allow them to make use
 I do as you say, give each of them \$2.50, or rather place

I think you have chosen well for your people

My dear Mr. Gordon:

Respectfully,
 George W. Pratt

Ed. Gordon

August 11, 1891.

CARLISLE, PA.
 INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

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C O P Y.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

August 11, 1891.

Ed. Gordon,

Reserve, Sawyer Co., Wis.

My dear Mr. Gordon:

I think you have chosen well for your boys
I do as you say, give each of them \$2.50, or rather place
that amount to their credit and will allow them to make use
of it judiciously as they may need. Once a month boys who
have money have the opportunity to state what they want to
purchase and receive money to make such purchases. The
remainder, \$35, is herewith returned to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

Capt. & Supt.

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INDIAN OFFICE,

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Reserve Wis. 7-13th-1891
Capt. R. H. Pratt
Supt. ind. indis. School

Dear Sir,

About a month ago I sent
you (in Register letter) four ten
dollar Bills, (\$40),

To ^{pay} fares for my sons Joseph ^{and}
Miles providing they could
come home at vacation—

I have not heard anything
from you since in regard to
the matter. Please inform me
what you intend to do, if they
can come or not. I had
promised the Boys that if
they would be good boys that
I would furnish the funds for
them to come home at vacation
and according to their

Monthly cards I see that they
have done very well so far
and I would like to make my
promise good to them -
providing it does not discomat

you - My compliments to

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell -

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain yours very Respectfully

Ed. Gordon
Chief of Police

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Reserve Wis. June 18th 1891
Capt R. N. Pratt

Sir.

I hereby enclose in this letter
\$40 ^{or} ~~in~~ which I think will be
sufficient to pay all expenses for
Miles and Joseph Sordow's fare to
Hayward Wis. if not enough notify
me and I will forward the I am
by mail at once.

You will please wine me to
Hayward Wis. the day of their
departure from Carlisle.

Hoping to see the boys soon
I remain your most Respected
friend.

Ed. Sordow
Chief of Police.