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Indian Training Sch, Carlisle, Pa

Capt R. H. Pratt, 10<sup>th</sup> Cav'y, Supt.

February 13, 1892

Encloses letter from claim  
agent as to old claim  
long since paid.

Yours

Chas. A. ...

Sir:

I enclose to you the fifth letter I have received from  
different claim agents, asking the privilege of collecting  
a claim which I had for a horse killed by Indians in 1860 and  
which was paid in '72 or '73. If all other claims against  
the government are treated in this manner there must be a  
deal of awaiting doing so.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Capt. 10th Cav'y, U.S.

Supt.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
CARLISLE, PA.

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Feb. 13, 1892.

The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose to you the fifth letter I have received from different claim agents, asking the privilege of collecting a claim which I had for a horse killed by Indians in 1869 and which was paid in '72 or '73. If all other claims against the government are treated in this manner there must be a deal of swindling going on.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

*R.H. Pratt*

Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

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...in the Court of Claims, and upon the assumption that you  
 ...of this kind do not appear to be involving attention of the hands  
 ...this claim. ... of our services is made for the reason  
 ... proper and valid settlement you may have, like with others  
 We do not wish to be understood as attempting to encroach  
 the office.

...on have any one's interests representing you please notify us to

...not exceeded a Power of Attorney to prosecute this claim  
 ...the necessity for properly presenting your claim at once.  
 ...certainly prejudicial your interests. We cannot urge upon you  
 ...of which is herewith enclosed. Further delay in this matter  
 ...of Claims under the provisions of the Indian Civilization Act,  
 ...About 2000 claims like yours have already been filed in the  
 ...March 5, 1891.

Very truly yours,

*John W. ...*  
 Examiner Bureau of Claims

General Manager

POSTAGE: Please keep us whole in the matter of Postage, and enclose stamp for reply. It is a small matter to each Claimant, but a great one to us.

PATENTS, PENSIONS, POSTAL AND LAND CLAIMS.

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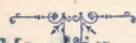
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Dictated to  
Stenographer.

Lieut. R. H. Pratt,

Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:

We desire to call your attention to a matter of present importance to you, relative to your Indian depredation claim for \$200, now pending in the Indian Bureau of the Interior Department at Washington, and which seems to have been allowed in the sum of \$100. We take this liberty, believing that you are not familiar with all the provisions of existing law relating to Indian depredation claims.

We observe that your claim is not being prosecuted in the Court of Claims, and conclude that you may not be aware that the Indian Bureau of the Interior Department no longer has jurisdiction of such cases. The fact is that a suit to recover the amount claimed by you must now be brought in the Court of Claims, where the facts must be duly proven in a suit regularly brought. You will therefore see that the services of an attorney to represent you in that Court are indispensable.

We have made special preparation to give attention to cases coming before "The Court of Private Land Claims," established by the act of March 3, 1891, involving title to lands in Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona, under Spanish and Mexican grants.

Being familiar with the Spanish language, and having had a large experience in this class of cases in the General Land Office and the Courts, we feel assured that we possess superior facilities for conducting this business.

We also give special attention to cases in the Court of Claims to recover compensation for Indian depredations, under the act of March 3, 1891.

LAW OFFICES

—OF—

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No. 618 F Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10, 1892.

P. O. BOX 385.

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This Bureau was organized by W. R. Hearst, owner of the San Francisco Examiner, son of the late Senator Hearst, for the express purpose of prosecuting Indian depredation claims. It is now also guaranteed by the Omaha Daily Bee and the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Our facilities for prosecuting these claims are unsurpassed. We give all advice free and pay all expenses of printing in the Court of Claims. We charge nothing if unsuccessful in collecting the claim. If successful we never charge more than 15 per cent, of the actual amount collected, unless it be less than \$500, in which case our charges never exceed 20 per cent. of the judgment obtained. We have the means and facilities for prosecuting your claim successfully. Inclosed find circulars descriptive of this Bureau.

The vital question then is, Have you executed a Power of Attorney since March 3, 1891? If you have not done so, we cannot urge upon you too strongly the necessity for prompt attention to the matter; otherwise, your interests may be prejudiced and your claim forever barred. As we construe the law you cannot be properly represented in the Court of Claims without a Power of Attorney executed since March 3, 1891, and contracts for fees made with other attorneys prior to March 3, 1891, are expressly declared null and void by said Indian depredation act.

Should you desire to have our services, kindly fill out, execute and return the enclosed Power of Attorney when we will advise you what further steps are necessary to be taken. Acknowledgment before your nearest Notary Public or Justice of the Peace will be sufficient. The certificate of the County Clerk is not required.

If you have any one properly representing you please notify us to that effect.

We do not wish to be understood as attempting to encroach upon any proper and valid agreement you may have made with others concerning this claim. Proffer of our service is made for the reason that your claim does not appear to be receiving attention at the hands of anybody in the Court of Claims, and upon the assumption that you have not executed a Power of Attorney to prosecute this claim since March 3, 1891.

About 7000 claims like yours have already been filed in the Court of Claims under the provisions of the Indian depredation act, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. Further delay in this matter will certainly prejudice your interests. We cannot urge upon you too strongly the necessity for properly presenting you claim at once.

Trusting we may be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

*Examiner Bureau of Claims,*

*John Wedderburn*

General Manager.