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Capt R. H. Pratt, 10th Cavalry Regt

May 17, 1892

Rel to sending home
Louisa King, daughter of
Geo King, Oneida

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best interests of the girl herself.

Very respectfully,

Your opp. servt.,

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav. U.S.A.

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The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to letter from George King, coming under your endorsement of April 26th, in reference to his daughter, Louisa, about whom there has been a great deal of correspondence, I have to respectfully advise you that Mr. Burleson, the missionary at Oneida, is not, in my judgment, a proper person to be among the Indians. His characteristics are of the disturbing sort all the time, and he has a limited experience and no end of assurance. I have written to Oneida and find that he is the stirrer up of George King in reference to his daughter, and one whose judgment I can rely on, and who is keenly alive to all the best interests of the Indians, advises me that the girl would go to a miserable home, that her father is a very indifferent sort of a man, and as she is scarcely sixteen yet she would only become a drudge and have the life and every good aspiration soon

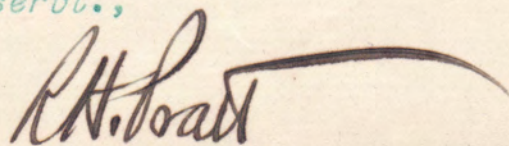
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knocked out of her by her surroundings.

I feel as though, notwithstanding all the letters that have been written to the Department, and to me - some five or six in all - and some of them by Mr. Burleson, or inspired by him, that I ought to hold on to the girl for her own sake; but inasmuch as the persistency has been great and so prolonged, I have concluded to let the girl go home and shall accordingly send her in a couple of days, against my own judgment and, as I know surely, greatly against the best interests of the girl herself.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,



Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Supt.