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Daniel Prochasta

Santa Fe

July 20/92

Returns letter of  
Capt Carlisle and  
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Send copy to  
Capt Prochasta

Copy sent to Carlisle

Aug 2 . 1892

See letter of Daniel Prochasta Aug 11/92

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Very respectfully

Daniel Prochasta

Supt. Indian School

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Refer in reply to the following:

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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN SCHOOLS,

Santa Fe, New Mexico,

July 20th, 1892.

To the Honorable Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in astonishment and righteous indignation, at the contents of the letter enclosed to me, from Capt. Pratt, ~~and~~ your letter of <sup>July</sup> May 14th. (Ed - 24,776 -92.)

Before I attempt to answer it, please do me the favor to ask Capt. Pratt, for me, the source of his information and also to state the exact words in which it came to him.

This is not the first time that statements have been ~~made~~ reported to Capt. Pratt, either wholly false, or virtually so ~~because~~ because badly garbled and distorted. I am sorry he is so sensitive and predisposed to accept such reports and act hastily upon ~~h~~ them.

Capt. Pratt says, "Dr. Dorchester has made no inquiries here. This would seem to be both a just and a necessary first course". Allow me to respectfully ask if in his present complaint, he is acting upon his own advice? If he had first made inquiries of me before writing his letter of censure, his peace of mind would not have been disturbed.

I respectfully call attention to another quotation. Capt. Pratt says, "If the Superintendent of Indian Schools knew more, he would say less". I take the liberty to paraphrase, and, with *due*



deference, ask, "If the Superintendent of Carlisle Indian School ~~had~~  
knew more, i.e. if he had first inquired of me concerning the as-  
tonishing reports, would he not say less," or at least write differ-  
ently?

I have nothing to conceal. I am ready to reply in due form,  
when the above information is given me. And I hope Capt. Pratt ~~can~~  
can be put into a state of mind in which he will not be so sensi-  
tive towards me.

Very respectfully,

*Daniel D. Dyer*

Supt. Indian Schools.

*P. S. I return herewith Capt Pratt's letter*



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End. Ind. School, Carlisle, Pa.

Capt. R. N. Pratt, & Capt. S. L. Pratt

July 11-1892

In reference to statements made by Dr. Donchester about autographing.

Refer to Capt. Donchester for copy of letter to Carlisle Aug 7/92

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Very respectfully,

*[Signature]*

Capt. & Subt.



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*Indian Industrial School,  
Carlisle, Pa*

July, 11th, 1892.

To the Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:--

I am credibly informed that the Rev. Daniel Dorchester, D. D., Superintendent of Indian Schools, has declared his intention to attack the Carlisle outing system, making the statement that he has found thirteen girls who have become pregnant under this system. Dr. Dorchester has made no inquiries here. This would seem to be both a just and a necessary first course.

I would like Dr. Dorchester to know that he has no correct information to sustain any such statement; that, with one exception, he is not able to find any girls, of all those so placed out from Carlisle, who entered upon that condition, nor can he find thirteen girls, among the whole number so out during our more than twelve years' use of the system, who by overt act have placed themselves in danger of that condition. If any representations have already been made, or are hereafter made, I call for the names and facts, feeling perfectly sure that I can disprove entirely any allegations of that kind. The one particular case was in the earlier history of the school, when I was indis-



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cret enough to place a Comanche boy and two girls at the same home, and I then placed the whole matter in the hands of the girl's father and the young couple were afterwards married. The girl herself, in this case, was born out of wedlock, and her father was a high official of the Creek nation.

It appears to me in this case, as well as in others if coming to my ears, that the Superintendent of Indian Schools knew more, he would say less.

Very respectfully,

*R.H. Pratt*

Capt. & Supt.



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Ind. Indl School - Carlisle Pa.

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Capt. P.H. Pratt, 10th Cav Regt

Aug 6/92

In reference to answer of  
Dr. Dochester to my letter  
of July 11 -

See letter enclosing Copy  
to Dr Dochester Aug 11/92

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Refraining to your letter of August 2nd, marked Education,  
containing ~~reference to my letter of July 11th~~, I have respectfully to advise  
you that my informant was an honored official in the field service  
reference to my letter of July 11th, I have respectfully to advise  
of the Department, and I felt that his statement was entirely true.  
or I should certainly not have paid my attention to it.  
Under the circumstances of Dr. Dochester's complete de-  
nial and, as I believe, in the best interests of the service, I

Very respectfully,







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Daniel Donahoe

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Aug 17/92

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Rel to certain state-  
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been made by Capt  
Pratt. Carlisle etc

To Capt Pratt

Copy sent to Capt  
Pratt (Carlisle Schl)

Aug 27 1892

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Refer in reply to the following:

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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN SCHOOLS,

Durango, Colorado,

August 17th, 1892.

To the Honorable Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated August 11th, (Ed.26682 - 92. 28520 - 92) enclosing copy of a letter from Capt R. H. Pratt, Supt. of Carlisle Indian Training school, of August 6th.

I am very sorry that Capt. Pratt did not comply with the request made in my previous letter, and give his authority for the offensive statements to which he referred, and the exact language in which they were expressed to him. The request was certainly reasonable, and no "honored official in the field service of the Department", as Capt. Pratt designates his "informant", ought to hesitate to squarely meet his statements. And I have a right to know who has been peddling statements to Capt. Pratt, in order to prejudice him against me.

It is not satisfactory to me for Capt. Pratt to say, as in his last letter, "In the best interests of the service, I shall take no further steps in regard to the matter." I do not wish to have Capt. Pratt stretch his charity for me, for the sake of "the service".

When Capt. Pratt complies with the request in my previous



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letter. I shall be ready to make a full statement of the matters involved.

Very respectfully,

David Dorchester

Supt. Indian Schools.