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Carlisle, Pa.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav., Supt.

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Cases of Sarah & Julia
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Mt. Pleasant School.

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To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 4th, marked "Education, 46185," enclosing copy of your letter to James Williams, of Leaton, Mich., in which you authorize him to let his daughter Sarah, a pupil from this school temporarily sick, enter the Mt. Pleasant school as soon as it is ready to receive pupils, and in which you promise that his daughter Julia, now at Carlisle, may return home at the close of the present fiscal year, June 30th, 1893, and also enter the Mt. Pleasant school September 1st,--I wish to say that your action in this matter establishes a precedent which if followed to a logical conclusion will bring us no end of trouble.

On the urgency of the Indian Office we accepted a very large number of ^{Michigan} Chippewas and at considerable expense gathered them up through our own agents. My Mr. Standing brought the two Williams girls here. It was an obligation on the part of every one to remain five years. Mr. Williams and his daughters both understood this. Mr. Williams, owing to the discontent of his daughters, which discontent grew largely out of

the insubordinate conduct of Julia, who has written and made unreasonable and untruthful statements and demands which we have had to meet. Sarah's conduct was always good. She herself has written since her return home, desiring to come back to Carlisle. Julia's conduct has always been insubordinate, and it has been with difficulty that we have managed her. Recently she has changed and has been doing better. Now, your decision to return her comes in the nature of a reward for insubordination. It also says to the one hundred other Chippewas of Michigan here that you can leave Carlisle and go to Mt. Pleasant.

This conclusion on your part was arrived at without consulting me, and so, of course, has only the ex parte representations of the father for its foundation. Whether you intended it or not, its influence, if carried out, will bring no end of complications, and we might nearly as well arrange to send all the Chippewas to Mt. Pleasant at once.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Capt. & Supt.