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Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pa.

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

In reply to Office letter  
in regard to complaints  
made of the non-  
return of Wm. & Sarah  
Archiquette, pupils of  
this school.

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See letter to Archiquette 7ch 9/93

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U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

March 3rd 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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Replying to yours of the 28th ult marked "Education, 7062" enclosing letter from Rev. S. S. Burleson in reference to Wm. and Sarah Archiquette, children of John Washington and Mary Archiquette, I have respectfully to advise you that each year since the expiration of the five years after they left their home, i.e. after the second year they were at Carlisle, both of these children were offered the opportunity of going home but they declined and were allowed to remain. This being in accord with the long established policy of the school approved by the Department.

Of his own choice Wm. Archiquette remained out during the past winter with a Mr. T. T. Smith, one of our oldest and best patrons at Pineville, Pa. About the middle of December Wm. committed an offence against law and good order and immediately ran away and I have been entirely unable to find out anything of his whereabouts since.

Sarah is here at the school. I have just called her to the office and asked if she had felt at each home-going time

within the last three years that she had been compelled to remain at the school rather than go home, and she said "No." I also asked her if she wanted to go home now and she replied that she would like to go home for a visit but would not want to stay, she wanted to complete her education. The rule has been that when a student determines at the close of a school year to remain for another year it was final and would last until the end of the year when the opportunity would come to decide the same question again. Sarah having determined to remain during the present school year it would be better for her and all interests concerned that she should not be allowed to go home until the school year closes.

X This is one of the common and characteristic letters of Rev. Burleson, who assumes to be father ~~and~~ mother ~~and~~ general adviser, objector, interferer ~~and~~ meddler, for all the Indians he can bring within the range of the Post Office and Mission over which he presides. His letter is herewith returned. X

Very respectfully,

R.H. Pratt

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

Supt.