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Indian Industrial School, Carlisle Pa

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th U. S. Cav'y. Supt

Requesting authority to lease
35 or 40 acres of land lying between
the School property and the Letort
Spring.

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*To Sec. May 25/93.
To Capt. Pratt May 31/93. ✓*

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U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

May 17th 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

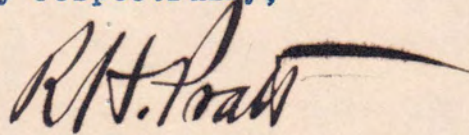
Sir:

For the past eight years I have rented for the school a piece of land a little short of forty acres between our property and the Letort spring and paid the rental out of my charity funds. The land has been especially necessary to us for additional grazing and farming purposes and because it is between us and the stream into which we must send out drainage and as a means of quieting complaint. I endeavored several times to negotiate the purchase of the land but that is impossible as it is a part of an estate belonging to people who are not disposed to sell their property. Last fall as you know I took large parties of our pupils to participate in the Columbian parade in New York and the opening exercises of the World's Fair in Chicago. The total expense of these expeditions was nearly \$5,000.00 and was such a drain upon our charity fund as to make me husband our expenses since, especially as I intend this fall to take our school, as near a unit as I can, for one week to the Fair as an object lesson. I therefore respectfully request authority to enter into a lease, beginning the first of July, for these thirty-five or forty acres with the Henderson estate

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at \$400.00 per annum and to pay the same out of my Carlisle appropriation.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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

Supt.