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Indian Indus. School, Carlisle,

Capt. R. A. Peatt with Coy., Supt.

In reply to letter
forwarded by the Dept
from Lieut McAnaney,
rel. to Lucy Enter Lodge,
a pupil at Carlisle School,
who is reported to be a com-
petent Cook etc. Also rel. to
the opposition of the Indians
of that Agency to non-reser-
vation schools.

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See letter to St. Helms May 31/93

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U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

May 23rd 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 17th marked "E,16733" enclosing letter from Lieut. McAnaney, Acting Agent at Fort Belknap Agency, in reference to vacancies for Indian girls at Fort Belknap school, in which he speaks of having written to me in reference to Lucy Enter Lodge, I have respectfully to advise you that Lucy and the other pupils at this school from Fort Belknap arrived here April 13th 1890 so that she has been here but three instead of "six" years. She has been getting \$1.50 per week when not attending school instead of 75¢. My letter I find stated that I thought Lucy could fill the place of assistant cook. I did not give the strong endorsement Lieut. McAnaney seems to think I did, on more careful investigation I should have to make it less strong. I stated that my funds for transportation were exhausted for the year and that I could not send Lucy home until the new year's money became available, when I would gladly do so. Since that time the Department has taken \$3,500.00 worth of harness so that our finances are more comfortable and I could send the girls now

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if thought best. In this connection I would say that Rosa Ereaux, whose return was demanded and who was sent to her agency last October, is a larger, stronger and in every way a far more capable girl than Lucy Enter Lodge and it might be that she is available for this place, if so it would in my judgment be far better to allow Lucy to remain here the five years for which she came.

Belknap Fox, quite the best boy from that Agency, was returned by order of the Department April 17th on the urgency of the Acting Agent.

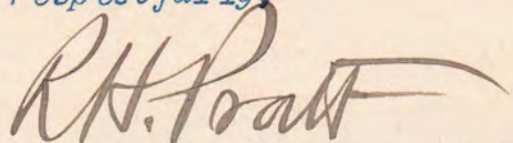
In reference to the strictures of the Acting Agent in which he says that the Indians continually complain that a child once sent to St. Peter's never returns and alleges that it is much the same in the Carlisle School I have respectfully to advise you that all the Fort Belknap students came here, as before mentioned, on April 13th 1890. They numbered 22. Two of these have died in the three years and little over, four have been sent home sick, and three have been sent home on the urgent solicitation of the agent. There remain at the school in good health 13. The examination of this party by my school physician on its arrival developed that there were several in it who on account of their physical condition should not have been sent. It will be plain to you that if we

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are not protected by rigid examinations of students before they are sent and if the agents can by specious or other argument prevail in securing the return of the best students in the party before their time is out we shall soon drop into a condition little better than a hospital. Insistence that the better class of students shall be employed at undue salaries at agency schools and thus be captured to return to the tribe before their time and held to help perpetuate the tribe while plausible is indirectly a most successful plan to overcome the intention of the Government to do away with the tribal relation. There ought to be as little of it as possible and every worthy young man or woman who has been induced to go away from the tribe for an education should further be encouraged to remain away long enough to acquire a fair education and to become imbued with the broader spirit and purposes of our American institutions.

Lieut. McAnaney's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



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

Supt.