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Martha Patterson  
David Patterson  
Cattaraugus Res.  
June 5. 1893  
Want return of  
their son Abner  
from Carlisle School

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Inclosed to Carlisle  
June 10. 1893  
See letter to D Patterson  
June 16/93

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Cattaraugus Res June 5<sup>th</sup> 1893

The Honorable the  
Commissioner of Indian  
Affairs I thought of writing to  
you this morning in regard  
of my son at School in  
Carlisle. How it came that  
He went. It was by good  
Provision given by the Pastor  
of the Presbyterian Church he  
is one that gathered the children  
on this Reservation that went to  
this School. Every thing is  
gone contrary to what he has  
said to me. He said that if  
the Boy did not like it then  
He could come Home any time  
or if we wanted him to come  
For some good reason he

Could come: I hear that  
They have only two hours + 1/2  
Schooling in a day, and the  
Balance of the day is work; that  
He was learning to Home and  
that, we have plenty <sup>of that</sup> to do at  
Home, my health is very poor  
I have the heart diseased and  
It is still worse since the Boy  
went-off, we never consent  
Of his going off to this School on  
any written contract; and  
that is why I think we have  
a good right to ask of you  
Honorable Commissioner of Indian  
Affairs to have the boy come  
Home to us, Consider the matter  
over and if you will grant  
Our desire it will relieve  
The burden on my mind  
Ever so much, I thought I would  
mention these few words to you

While the Petition is then  
Before your office  
waiting for action  
Do grant - our request -  
and we will be ever  
So thankful  
Mrs. Martha Patterson  
Mr. David Patterson  
This is the only son we got.  
Abner Patterson.

Do please answer soon as  
possible. And we will  
send the money to  
pay for his fare.  
we beg of you to let my  
boy Abner Patterson to come  
home, immediately.  
Address David Patterson  
Versailles Ga. Co.  
N.Y.