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Indian Indus. School, Carlisle, Pa.,

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th U. S. Cavy. Supt

In reply to letter from parents  
of Abner Patterson.

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*See letter to D. Patterson*

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U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

June 12th 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of June 10th marked "Education, 20659" enclosing letter from Martha Patterson and David Patterson of the Cattaraugus Reservation, asking the return of their son Abner from this school, I have to respectfully advise you that Abner Patterson is one of the heartiest and most able-bodied boys we have in the school, but he does not like work. He ran away from the school in company with Geo. Eels, another boy from the same reservation. They used burnt cork to disguise themselves and got as far as Chambersburg where their identity was discovered and they were arrested and returned to the school by the police. Since this time there has been correspondence and discontent from the people at home, but let alone Abner is all right. For the present at least, for his own good, I think Abner had better be held to the agreement under which they all came to this school, which was that they should stay five years, unless the school authorities send them home because of health or other disability.

The letter of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

*R. H. Pratt*

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