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Indian Indus. School, Carlisle, Pa.

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

In regard to Miss M. M. Birch,  
Dining-room matron.

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U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

June 21st 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

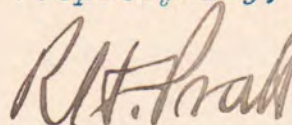
Sir:

Miss M. M. Birch, who was selected by the Civil Service Commission and the former Commissioner of Indian Affairs and sent here as dining-room matron, without consultation with me, has been on duty in that capacity since the 14th of April. She has no fitness for the place through any previous training and her capacity to acquire fitness seems unequal to the necessities. It is likely she may serve as a teacher, for which she was examined and passed by the Civil Service Commission, but I would not care to have her here as such.

The duties of dining-room matron at Carlisle require a physically strong woman of strong character and extraordinary power to control the 550 to 600 young Indians at their three meals each day. I trust that before the school opens we may have such an one.

Dictated.

Very respectfully,



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

Supt.