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Chas. E. Roberts,

City. June 24/93.

Writes in behalf
of Minnie M. Birch
and protests against
her dismissal from
Carlisle School as
matron, for reasons
stated.

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Washington, D.C., June 24, 1893.

Hon. Commr. Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.,

Sir:

I address you in the interest of Miss Minnie M. Birch, appointed as a matron in the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa., several months ago, through the Civil Service Commission.

I enclose letter addressed her by the Supt. of the school, which shows that it is his intention to ^{recommend her} ~~dismiss her~~ at the expiration of this month. From personal letter received from her, I believe that the grounds for this action are not such as would be sanctioned by the Civil Service Law. In order to show this, I quote from her letter, dated June 21st.:

"Yesterday morning I wrote a note to Capt. Pratt, asking if I was going to be retained here next year. I received the letter I enclose for a reply. I have requested a reason why I was not retained and he has given me none. He sent for me to come to the office this morning. Referring to the Civil Service, he said he did not intend to stand it, he wanted to manage this school himself. So I concluded the reason he does not want me to stay here is because I was sent by the Civil Service. When I first came here he told me he did not want the Civil Service sending his employees, but he has never found the slightest fault that I know of with my work here - on two occasions he has made complimentary remarks when in the dining room, and has never

made the slightest complaint to me about anything. I know or have been told by a number of persons that my work here has been more satisfactory than the former matron's."

In view of these statements, I enter my earnest protest against the dismissal of Miss Birch, as I think such action would be in violation of the Civil Service Law, which was recently made to embrace the position to which she was appointed.

I would suggest that, if the Supt. of the school at Carlisle desires to have some one appointed in place of Miss Birch, she be transferred to some other school.

Very respectfully,

Chas. E. Roberts,

P. O. Dept.

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INDIAN OFFICE,

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June 29

Chiefs of the band
at Fort Worth

U. S. Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. June 20th 1893

Miss M M. Birch

Dining Room Matron

Madame.

Replying to your note of this date I have to advise you that I have notified the Hon. Com.^r of Indⁿ Affs, adverse to your remaining here next year, beginning the 1st Nov.

In regard to leave it does not seem to me you are entitled, while on probation as you have been since coming here.

Respectfully
R. H. Pratt
Capt. 10th Tary
L. A. P.