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am quite ignorant, has
happened to turn him
against me. He even
I must confess to having
said two very rash things
this evening - in my surprise
and indignation. When
he said he would give no
reasons, but this was final,
I said that the nomination
of teachers did not rest
entirely with him; to
which he replied: "If they
keep you here next year,
I will resign, I will not
have so little respect-

Carlisle, June 24, '93
To the
Hon. Commissioner
Dear Sir

As Captain Pratt has
just this evening told me
that he will not nominate
me for reappointment next
year, I wish to give you a
statement of matters as
they seem to me. This
you are, of course, quite

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welcome to show to him.

Up to this very day there has been nothing to warn me that this was coming, and as Captain Pratt absolutely refuses to give a reason, and even denies my right to ask for one, I am quite at a loss to understand.

Some little time ago Captain Pratt gave me permission to leave for Chicago on the twenty-third - tomorrow - and afterwards approved my request

to you for leave to spend a month at a Summer School, with the understanding that I was to take drawing lessons which would be of use next year.

Even this morning he spoke of the probability of my having no vacation this summer because, according to your Circular-letter, so few could go and I had been at Carlisle so much shorter time than others.

Something of which I

me if I say that is not
your reason, for everyone
here knows that since I
took my school in September
I have raised the grade".

(It was third, now it is
fourth.) When he
said to me very offensively:
"You will not be here next
year"; I said something which
I regret. I replied: "Who knows?
I may be here, and you
may not". To which he
answered: "And perhaps that
is at the bottom of it".

It was that remark, to-

shown to my wishes, you
or I will go". This,
although we have never
had any unpleasant re-
lations which could cause
him to say such a thing.

He spoke, too, of my "schem-
-ing", and suggested that
perhaps I had been trying
all along to get him into
a fight with people in
Washington. Really,
if he is sane, there must
be something back of all

this which I do not know. The one possible cause which occurs to me is this: my brother A. W. Caryl of Chicago asked a friend of yours (I think he said) to ask you to have me promoted to the place of Principal of this school. I do not know if any thing has been done, but if so, the Captain may be taking his revenge in this way.

I am writing a very long letter, but as I cannot talk with you I want to show you, as plainly as a letter may, just the situation here.

When I had quite insisted upon knowing the reason for treating me in this way, he said: "Well, I am not satisfied with your teaching". I involuntarily exclaimed: "Oh, Captain, you must pardon

as this school does not
belong to Captain Pratt,
I and all others employed
here by the Government
ought to have some one
to whom they could appeal
in such a case of mani-
fest injustice. We
all feel ourselves perfectly
helpless and defenceless.

If you know of any cause
for this Captain's change

change in his treatment
of me will you kindly
tell me, and if you do not
know will you insist
upon his giving his reasons?

When he gives them, please
give me a chance to defend
myself if he has made
up some reasons. ~~as he~~
~~has~~ We offered to

help me to a transfer to
some other school, but

I told him the only place to which I had wished to be transferred was Washington. I should be very glad to be a clerk in the Indian Department if that were possible.

This letter has been very hastily written so that it may catch the first mail to Washington. I trust you will pardon corrections. Shall I have any right to an extra month's pay as I have had no vacation? Not expecting such a change, I have not saved my money for myself. As I would

gather with some other little words which made me suspect that he was revenging himself on someone, though I do not know whom.

I am not writing you for reappointment to this school, for after what Captain Pratt has said, any position under him would be too uncomfortable. But I feel that

things have done.

Yours respectfully
Miss C. Caryl

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