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R. H. Pratt - Capt. 10th Cav. U.S.A.
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August 17-93

Replying to Office
letter of August
14th marked Education
28529 - in reference
to Jannie Tall Chief.

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U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

August 17th, 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:--

Replying to your letter of Aug. 4th, marked Education, 28529, in reference to Jennie Tall Chief, I have to respectfully forward to you herewith, the statement of my former school physician, Dr. Dixon, who brought the girl to Carlisle, and also the statement of Rev. Geo. Runciman, who assisted and was principal in securing the children at the reservation. I referred the papers to each, requesting their expressions.

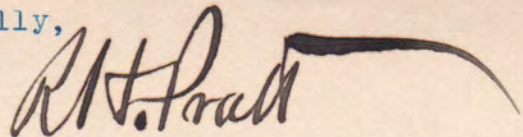
I concur in the views of Mr. Runciman, and believe that the father was entirely willing for the girl to come at the time, that he has been willing for her to remain here up to within a recent period, that he is moved possibly by the girl herself, who may have a temporary discontent, but more likely is governed by ill-advised influences at home, as there seems to be a general and insidious nursing of discontent along these lines throughout the whole field. I would respectfully suggest that, inasmuch as the Government undertakes the education and industrial training of their children, which they themselves have proven unable to give, and there is no cost to them, it is as little as they can do to be contented with what the Government is doing, and to encourage their children, instead of discourage them. Mr. Runciman's

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statement in regard to a letter received from one of the girls exposes a somewhat common line of procedure, among all the Indians, and at all the schools.

In order that you may more fully understand the situation, and see that there are some loyal influences at work, I enclose to you a letter received two days ago from another Indian in Western New York in regard to his boys here at the school.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cavy., U.S.A., Supt.

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R. W. Pratt - Capt. 11th Reg. U.S. Inf.

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Enclosure #1 to
letter of Capt. Pratt
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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Lawrence Kansas

August 7th, 1893

Capt. R. H. Pratt
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Capt-

Yours at hand. containing enclosures relative to securing Jennie Tall Chief as a pupil for the Carlisle Indian School. Last September (1892) I visited, according to your instructions, the Reservations at Salamanca, Cattaraugus, Tuscarora and Tonawanda. At none of these places did I use either argument, trickery or force to secure any boy or girl for the party. At Cattaraugus in particular I spent the day at the residence of the Rev. Geo. Runciman and was kept constantly busy examining such children as presented themselves or

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or were presented by their parents, ^{no} utter-
ing one word of solicitation. On leaving
the Reservation I announced that the party
would collect at Buffalo on Wednesday
Sept. 14th and start from there to Carlisle.
I arranged with ~~Rev.~~ Mr Runciman to
escort the Cattaraugus party to Buffalo.

After completing the work at the other points
I found the number named as my
highest limit not yet reached, having
rejected full as many as I had accepted.
I then wired Rev. Mr. Trippe, Salamanca,
N.Y. number of vacancies, giving him
leave to supply from either Salamanca
or Cattaraugus if he was sure he could
present such as I would accept upon
examination. On the appointed day

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The parties met me at Buffalo, Ar., 1889
with Mr Runciman. was Jennie Tall
Chief. whom I had never met before,
but as she had come 20 miles to Buffalo
to see me, begging to be taken to school.
I assumed that her going must be
satisfactory to her people. And I accepted
her as a pupil she signing the blank
contract as indicated which was left
in the hands of Rev. Runciman to
complete both as to proper data, and
Parents signatures. Beyond this I know
nothing. So far as my action is concerned
the charge of kidnapping is utterly without
basis of truth. And I am satisfied that the
same may be said concerning Rev. Runciman
in anything he may have had to do in the

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I was in constant communication with the following gentlemen while prosecuting this work, viz. Rev. F. M. Trippe Rev. Geo. Runciman Rev. John McMaster and the Rev. Dr. Hulebelle. And I am satisfied that their universal testimony would be that instead of undue influence used. I could as easily have secured 100 pupils as the 26 if I had been at liberty to throw open the doors.

Hoping this explanation covers the point and will prove satisfactory I have the honor to be

Respectfully yours
A. R. Dixon

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to letter of Capt.
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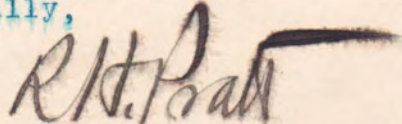
August 10th, 1893.

Rev. George Runciman,
Versailles, N. Y.

Dear Sir:--

I enclose to you a letter received from the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, containing enclosures which explain themselves. Please give this matter your attention, and report the facts, as they came to your notice, to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the end.

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

P. S. Please also return enclosed papers.

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Rev. Bro. Capt. W. C. Clegg, U.S.A. Dept.

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Enclosure # 2

to letter of Capt.
Pratt - this
date

I am yours sincerely
W. C. Clegg

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Versailles N.Y.

Aug 15th / 1893

To Captain Pratt.

Jennie

Gallechief came to me with Mr & Mrs Patterson her nearest neighbours on the morning of the day in which we left for Carlisle. both Mr & Mrs Patterson and Jennie said that her parents were willing for her to go also others of the neighbours. Jennie's mother also said that she wished her to go. at that time I met Mr Gallechief almost

every day he does not
talk much English but
he never said anything
to the contrary, but
here lately he came
to me asking that
his daughter be sent
home. I told him
to write to you. My own
opinion is that he has
simply taken a notion
to have her home at the
expense of the Government
and when he get her home
will want me to send
her somewhere else.
besides I married Wm Laddick
and have his signature I
do not believe he wrote this

himself but some one
else wrote it for him
and it is simply an
excuse to get her home

The reason why this
paper or agreement
was not signed was
that you told it was
a mere matter of form
and not necessary so
that I have a number
here that are signed
and some that are not
signed. When I called
there his wife told me
he would sign it and
they would bring it to
me. I afterward told her
it was not necessary

to sign it. She talks English very readily so that she has done the talking I have asked her ^{time &} again after Jennie and she has been well pleased that she was at school

My opinion is that this matter should be dropped here & Jennie should remain in school. If Mr. Tallechief did not wish her to go why did he not ^{say} so at the time. Why wait a year. Why write to the Commissioner instead of you. These ~~poor~~ people have so many

strange ways and change
so often. That it is
almost impossible
to satisfy them and
the more any one listens
to some of their sayings
the more trouble you
will find. For instance
a father brought me a letter
in which his child asked
him to telegraph you his
wife was very sick so
that you would send the
child home. He could
not read the letter so
brought it to me. This
little illustration will
show you clearly out
of the ways of these
people

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I have not the slightest doubt ^{but} that Mr. Gallberg was willing to have his daughter go just as these people told me. but now has taken a notion to have her home. Thinking that I will use my influence to send her some where else, or he may want her to marry some one or no one can tell what he may wish

I am yours sincerely
Geo Purciman

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because I know my children never tell lies since little Boys so I believed all what they said but not only that I always ^{remember} but I was there at Carlisle my self I never forget how much I like at Carlisle School I always said the best School in unite States I always thank god and I always I Pray I ask to god will Blessing all in that Carlisle School and all for leaving and all the Teachers and all for the children I know grate Father he has grate Power all over the world

one thing I am sorry the Boys I send over there ^{some} they dont to right but I dont not find fault of you but themselves they ~~own~~ fault

now I thought I will make a break on 24th of Aug. we have our Sunday School Picnic and also we have Six nation Lumberman Convantion at Tonwanda Reservation N.Y. Second Tuesday in October next 1893 if god willing to share my life I will explain all what I know at Carlisle School and my witness all what I received the letter from my children letter I have 59 letter all said good and Pleasand and happy and all Please him

I am very sorry what they said the Secena tribe the children what story to reborte they Parents is not true but I hope be a change

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letter of Capt. Pratt
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I hope god will make change
them ^{is} this all

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I suppose you hear Hatty Bissel
she married to Timothy Henry
Brother by name Eli Henry
I suppose that is why she want
to come home well that is alright
for that

Dear Friend Capt. Pratt
I hope we shall see again
that is if god willing how
often I remember of you I
wish I could see you again
and I hope ~~god~~ god will
Blessing for you grate work ^{your} and help
This is from your Friend Wm H. Patterson

Sauborn Aug. 12th 1893
N.Y.

My Dear Friend

Capt. R. H. Pratt Sir
I thought I will ^{write} you few
^{words} first I am well and all my
family are all well and I
hope you are the same
now I was austerish I was
looking today all the letter
from my children every letter
from Moses and Homer I see
alwas tell me they was happy
and alwas said Plesand and
Capt. Pratt he is good man
and we have good blace
blenty to cate and I never heare
to find fault any things now
I am very glate and I am
thank you very much and
I am thankful to god every
letter I received I alwas ^{very glate} ~~glate~~ and