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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Feb. 14, 1894.

Capt. R. H. Pratt,

10th Cavalry, Supt.

Replying to letter of Feb. 13
marked "Education 6,092,
regarding Order to send Sally
Face to her home at Pine Ridge
Indian Reservation.

Letter to Carlisle school

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 14, 1894.

To the Honorable

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

Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 13th of February, marked "Education 6,092", enclosing letter from Captain Penney, Acting Indian Agent at Pine Ridge Agency, in reference to Sally Face, in which you instruct me to return her to her home at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation at the end of the current quarter, I have to say:--

That Sally Face will have been at Carlisle seven years next August. She is past majority. She has taken care of herself for over three years, and is now living in the family of a Mr. Brosius at Lansdowne, Philadelphia, and attending the excellent Public school of that town, where, in company with Inspector Faison, I saw her a few weeks ago. She was the only Indian girl in the school room. Her teacher spoke well of her, as did also her employer. She is no expense to the Government, and by the simple fact of taking care of herself, omitting entirely her educational opportunities, she is constantly accumulating the spirit and ability of self-support and independence so

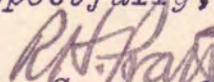
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imperatively necessary to any success in Indian civilization. Every day adds something on this side. As she had passed majority at the expiration of her five years I felt warranted in encouraging her to continue in these lines. She is not specially bright and belongs to that large class of all Races so prone to fall in with the conditions of their environment. Stability of purpose can only come to her through extended effort. Surrounded, as she is now, by the influences, activities and opportunities of our industrial life, she is practically no expense to the Government. Returned to the Reservation so barren of these, and where weekly her people gather for the depraving issue of Government rations, and where she will find little or no elevating association or employment, she will soon by force of circumstance, if not parental force, be at the issue house as any other Squaw, and will at least, if no worse, be changed from her present condition of comparative independence and self-support to that of a Dependent on the Government.

Captain Penney recommends that "if consistent with the interests of the Public service" she be sent home, and without a hearing of the other side it is so ordered. I raise the point that neither the interests of the service nor of the individual are served by complying with his recommendation.

I shall, of course, obey the order.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cavalry, Supt.