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Indian Ind'l School
Carlisle Barracks Pa
March 16 '94
Capt R D Ross
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Regarding Tibbald
Smith & returning
Enclosures
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In reply to:

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

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Carlisle, Pa., March 16, 1894.

To the Honorable

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

Sir:---

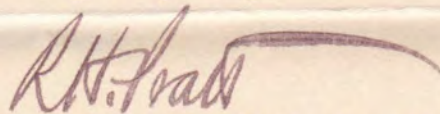
Replying to your letter of March 14th marked "Education 9,629", enclosing letter from Mrs. Mary E. Smith of Cherokee, North Carolina, with other enclosures of letters from her son, Sibbald Smith, now a pupil of this school, I have to respectfully report that Sibbald arrived at the school December 14th, 1893. His weight at that time was 134 pounds. He has been weighed several times since and at no time has he lost. Today he weighs 139 pounds. He ran away February 9th, was apprehended at Newmarket, Virginia, and brought back to the school March 1st. He tried to persuade most of the Cherokee boys at the school to accompany him. Failing in this he took a weak minded Chippewa boy named James Bemos, from Michigan. Sibbald is in No. 10 school room and works in the Printing Office. The vile letters he writes to boys and girls, and answers he receives from them, show his trouble to be largely due to his license with girls in the past, and his hopes for its continuance.

Commissioner,--#2.

He is now under discipline for running away, and both for his sake and for the discipline of the school, I cannot permit any change in his condition until his sentence is fully executed. His running away was probably in part caused by a letter of complaint that he wrote to me, which I referred to a court of his school mates for investigation. It was found to be full of mis-statements, and before the court had concluded its investigation he left. He is bright and capable, but, as can be seen, is not a desirable pupil. He had better be continued under Carlisle restraint for some time to come, as nothing could be more harmful than to yield to his childish importunities. If the teachers and others at the Agency had more gumption the boy might have a deal less trouble.

Mrs. Smith's letter and the enclosures are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Capt. 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Enclosures.

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Mrs Mary E Smith

Cherokee N.C.

March 8-94

— — — — —
 Says her son Sibbald Smith
 is not satisfied at Car-
 lisle School and wants to
 return home — encloses
 two letters from him
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I think this Boy should be
 sent home to his home school.

Encl. Carlisle
 E. J. Filer
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Cherokee, Swain Co., N.C.

March 8, 1894,

Gen. F. C. Armstrong,

Dear Sir,

My son Sibbold Smith
went to Corbish last fall but he does
not seem to be satisfied with the
school and I wish he could be sent
home as he wont do no good there.

I enclose some of his letters to show
you what he says about the school
and coming home. He ran away
and came as far as Newmarket, Va.,
but they took him back.

Respectfully,

Mary C. Smith.

P.S. if you
have sent
money with
any of the
S. S.

Indian Industrial School

Carlisle Pa. Jan 8, 1894.

My Dear Mother and Sister
I have waited and watched
two days with patience
for a letter from you
so I thought that per-
haps I had better write
again in my last letter
I wrote for some money
if you can get about
twenty dollars please
send to me at once
I have got to get home

that is straight goods
and that inside of three
weeks I can not bear
to stay here any longer
than I can get some
money dont be afraid
of sending it after I
get home I will make
it all right I can work
as good as anybody
and before I will work
here and starve to death
I will walk home or
some where else where
I can make some
money you can borrow

from somebody if
you have none and if
you send your own I
will pay it back I have
wrote you about three
letters telling you
I cant stay here and
this is the first one
I have wrote that I have
been a bit mad but
I am mad now
and I will go home
if it costs a law
suit you know that
I mean what I say
I love all of you and

that is just the reason
I want to get home
I am almost crazy
and that is the truth
I am just distracted
so another and sister
if you care anything
for me please send
me some money this
school is no better
than that one there
is as good so dont
think I will go to
nothing if I come

home I will go to
school and do my
best and I will show
you what I can do for
my self at home as
well as at Barlisle the
great school is a
great school aint it
now I always said that
I would make a man
of my self at home
and I expect to do
it if the Lord lets
me live and gives

me strength I told Pa
that I would take care
of you and Rosa and
I am going to do that
He said this I always
wanted you to go away
to school but your ma
never would agree so
now my son stay with
her and may God
bless you were about
his last words and
I will keep his promise
if I live so Mother dear
send me that money
you cant imagine how

I feel oh yes I forgot
to tell you two of our
boys ran away day
before yesterday and
but for their uniform
clothes they would have
been at home Saturday
if you send me my
money you may look
for me and money
there sometime I have
got the Grip have been
so I could hardly walk
for two or three days
if you dont think what
I have told you I will bring

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I am going with me
 Lily tell my girl that
 I hope to see her before
 long do you think I could
 get in that school there
 when I get back I hope
 I can if not I will work
 this year and then go to
 school next winter Indian
 if you love your boy send
 him some money at once
 answer this at once I

am almost dead to see home I will
 close hoping to hear from you soon
 and hoping to see you a little later I remain
 your loving son and brother Sibbel Smith

way you can help me and
it is the Constable that
arrested me said that if
you would write to Pratt
and just tell him that
you were not satisfied with
the way I was treated and for
him to send me home at
once that Pratt would have
it to do. Mooney wrote to me
before I left that if you
wanted me home to write
to Crawford and he would
get me home mother please
if you have any love for
me at all why get me
home if you have to come
up here why come I will help

you pay back the money if you
have to borrow I cant stay
now that is the truth it
will not take more than
fifteen or 20 dollars to bring
you here and mother for
the Lords sake do have enough
love for me to spend that much
for me oh Lord what will
I do mother come at once
every hour that you wait is
that much more suffering
for me I am heart broken
I wish sometimes that the Lord
would take me and then I
would be out of this trouble
but I will wait and hope
for you to come for Gods

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o ake mother do not wite
you cant come yu might just
as well wite and tell sambo
to kill me mother this is
no foolishness it is from the
heart and I feel worse that
I have ever wote you so
mother if you have any love
for me come at once I am
suffering from cold and hung
and I am sick for gods sake
and mine come I will look
for you thursd ay do not disjoin
me you cant think how I suffer
o good bye mother and have in ar