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Capt. R. H. Pratt,
April 19, 1894,
Carlisle, Pa. regarding
Martha Washington,
Allie Blain + others,
with reference to positions
to be filled by Indian
girls.

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., April 19th 1894.

Dr. W. N. Hailmann,
Supt. of Indian Schools,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 16th in reference to positions as assistant cook, assistant seamstress and assistant matron at Ft. Peck I find that Martha Washington, Allie Blain and Jennie West, all from Wolf Point, Montana, now at this school, could fill these positions very well. Sylvania Cooper could fill the position as assistant cook or assistant laundress at Crow Agency well and she is from that Agency. Mary Wilkinson and Ella Rickert, Arickerees, from Ft. Berthold, would be capable in either position, also Mary Beaulieu, from White Earth, and Sarah Williams, Julia Shaycaw, Chipewas from Michigan.

Permit me to say that unless the Supterintendents have asked selection I apprehend their desire is to fill these places with pupils already at their schools and may feel disappointed if not allowed to place their own pupils. The system of taking pupils from here would be a large drain upon our school and at a time too when they are going into the higher departments and nearing graduation and if persisted in it would make it almost impossible for us to graduate anybody. I would prefer that no appointments be made of non-graduates so long as we can hold them at the school.

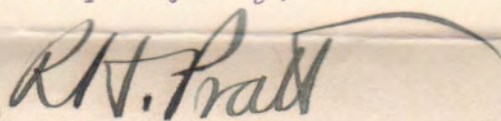
Dr. W. N. Hailmann, page 2.

The fare from Carlisle to Ft. Peck would consume two and a half months' pay, and to Crow Agency nearly two months' pay, so that after all the inducement is very small.

I have written Miss Ida Powlas at Oneida, Wisconsin, one of our last graduates who is capable in all of these lines, and have suggested that she write you.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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