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Capt. R. H. Pratt,

Carlisle School,

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Reply to letter of 24<sup>th</sup>

April in regard to  
appointing a Carlisle  
graduate as Seaman  
for Lemhi Agency  
School.

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., April 28th 1894.

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

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 21st in regard to seamstress for the Lemhi Agency School I want to repeat and urge upon you that I do not feel that we are doing right in expecting young Indian girl graduates to satisfactorily fill such places. We would not expect white girls with no larger experience or training to do it and why expect Indian girls? At the same time as this is part of the policy I can speak well of Belinda Archiquette, Ida Powlas, Susie Metoxen and Martha Napawat, who gave the "Put Yourself in My Place" address. Martha is at present at her home at Kiowa Agency but she left her things here determined to return and get a higher education. Belinda and Ida are at their homes at Oneida, Wisconsin. Both of them are desirous of further improvement and are anxious to earn the means to accomplish the purpose. Whether it would suit either of them to go so far on the precarious tenure the Indian school service affords is something they must determine for themselves. Susie Metoxen is here at the School yet intending to go home in June. She is capable

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*and good and would like an appointment as Seamstress or  
assistant seamstress.*

*We do not happen to have any graduates or students from  
the Lemhi district.*

*Dictated.*

*Very respectfully,*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

*Supt.*