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Capt. R. H. Pratt
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In regard to al-
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has an Onida
Ind. to return to
his home Dec 8728/95

Letter to Capt Pratt Mar. 19/95.

" " Rev. Dr Duplessis " " "

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Supt.

In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., March 7th, 1895.

Dr. W. N. Hailman,

Supt. of Indian Schools,

Washington, D. C..

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 5th, marked 8728 E, covering application of Mr. Burleson, missionary among the Oneidas, for the return of Pursell Powlas, a pupil of this School, on which you asked information, I have to respectfully advise you that Pursell Powlas was sent here Aug. 28th, 1890 as a very small boy. He is not yet fourteen years of age but the five years for which he came expire in August and under the Rules he is entitled to be returned home unless he himself desires to stay and arranges with his parents. He is in fine health and has made excellent progress and ought to continue and probably would but for the baneful influence of Rev. Burleson who has for years been an opponent of the system of letting Indians have a chance outside the Reservation. As the boy's family have in this manner expressed a desire for his return, I should not feel called upon to retain him except they change their mind.

Very Truly Yours,

R. H. South
Capt. & Supt.