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Capt. R. H. Pratt

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., April 3rd 1895.

Dr. W. N. Hailman, Supt. Indian Schools,

Indian Office,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Complying with telegram from Assistant Commissioner Smith, I have to inform you that Lewis Williams was five times tried by court-martial while a member of this School: first, in August '93 for refusing to work, disobedience and running away from his country place and for endeavoring to demoralize another boy and induce him to break his outing contract. He was found guilty of these offences. Again in August '93 for leaving the School grounds without authority at night, for repeatedly violating the court-martial sentence of the previous case and for associating with lewd women. He plead guilty of the charges and offences. Again in November '93 for the same offences repeatedly, to which he plead guilty as many as eight or nine times. Again in March '94 for neglecting to do his work and impertinence to the industrial teacher. He was found guilty. Again in May '94 for the same offence. He was found guilty.

These matters were buried here and Lewis was given the fullest and best opportunity to rise. The friendship of Miss Fletcher and others as well as my own desire to do everything possible for his

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redemption led me to extreme leniency.

I need not mention other cases of discipline, until the last which Lewis, without any solicitation on my part, told me of himself. One of our young men whom we esteemed especially excellent in principle, through the debasing talk of Lewis, was led to attempt to commit a serious offence against morals, and while in the greatest distress therefor Lewis persuaded and aided him to desert. For this I withdrew aid to him as a student in the Preparatory Department of Dickinson College, and gave him a ticket home.

My cheek tingles because what I have already said to you and the Assistant Commissioner was not deemed sufficient, and at being called on to write these things.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)

N.

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

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

Supt.

Copy of letter to Lewis Williams enclosed.

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Your friend,

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best of wishes, page 3.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Carlisle, Pa., April 3rd 1895.

Lewis D. Williams,

LeMaire's Hotel,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I called Elmer Simon to the office and told him about your letter and that I thought under the circumstances I should know the contents before he did. With his consent I opened the letter in his presence and read it and then told him that I did not care to have him read it. You have no grounds on which to write him in this manner. Elmer has never told me of the relations between you nor so far as I know has he told others. You came to me voluntarily and told me all on the spot without my asking you a question. Confirmatory evidence came to me afterwards and in addition, that you had supplied Elmer with clothing and went out a mile and a half with him on the road. You must have told others here for that came to me before Elmer's return. What I did to you I did solely and wholly upon your own statements and confession. I did not know that Elmer had left the school until you yourself told me.

Miss Silcott says that it is your own judgment that you can do

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better if you are allowed to "paddle your own canoe." This was and is my judgment about you. You need to come in contact directly with the hard, cold facts of life, to get into the grind with people who are more capable than you are and not to longer hang around and associate with Indians. You have been educated to too much dependence already.

Your friend,

(Dictated)

H.

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