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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Jan. 20. 1896

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Relative to Wm.

Archiquette's money  
forfeited by his  
running away.

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To Carlisle 1/23/96  
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In reply to:  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,  
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., January 20th 1896.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 17th, marked "Education, 1991," enclosing correspondence from Agent Savage of Green Bay, Wisconsin, relative to William Archiquette, former pupil of this School from that Agency, referred to me for report, I have to respectfully advise you that William Archiquette ran away from his farm home December 12th 1892.

Early in the history of the School I established a rule that runaways would forfeit any balances to their credit on account of earnings made while here, which would be used to cover any expense incurred in arresting or attempting to overtake them, and I have largely avoided creating such expense against the Government by this means. When not used for this purpose such balances were carried into our emergency fund. This course has a salutary influence. The School offers the opportunity to earn the money, helps and encourages to save, and if the pupil does right and is saving he can place his money at 6% interest, and when he leaves the



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School have, as most of our students do, money to start with.

These conditions are well-known to the students and are a part of their compact when we give them outing privileges, and when they run away they understand very well that their funds are forfeited.

The "emergency fund" is used to help individual students in many ways, such as when in returning home and having no money to give a pupil a few dollars for possible necessary expenses on the way, or in balancing the account of students who may be in debt incurred without fault of theirs. William Archiquette's account book shows that his account was balanced at one time by the payment of \$1.47 from this fund. Whenever there is money in the emergency fund special medical attention for students out from the School, which they are unable to meet, is paid from this fund. The total amount in all the years has not been large, but the influence of this method of management has constantly commended itself.

William Archiquette's case was a peculiar one. His conduct before running away was immoral and debased, and the fear of detection was probably the cause of his leaving. His earnings during the several outings amounted to \$102.44. Of this amount he spent \$60.44 and reimbursed the emergency fund with the \$1.47 previously given to balance his account. He, therefore, forfeited \$40.53.

If students helped (as we help them) to accumulate considerable sums could, through applying to the Department or otherwise, secure

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an over-riding of the rules of the School and secure the delivery of such moneies, there are times in their history when numbers of them would run away just to get their money. Holding them to regulations and agreements constitutes an important element in the formation of purpose and character. While William Archiquette was one of the largest sufferers the punishment was entirely self-inflicted because he was well informed of the penalty.

My letter to William Archiquette and the letter of Agent Savage are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)  
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2 enclosures.

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "R. H. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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



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Green Bay Agency,

Keshena, Wis.,

January 13<sup>th</sup> 1896  
THOS. H. SAVAGE,  
U. S. Indian Agent.

Inclosing letter from  
Capt. Pratt of Dept  
of Carlisle Indian  
School & Wm. Archibute  
an Oneida Indian  
relative to money  
deposited by said  
Indian boy with  
Capt Pratt

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United States Indian Service,

Green Bay Agency,

Weshewa Reservation

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1896

Hon. Com. of Indian Affairs

Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to inclose a letter written  
William Archiquette, an Oneida Indian boy  
who has been attending school at Carlisle Pa.  
Archiquette claims that he earned \$73<sup>34</sup> during  
vacation and gave to Capt. Pratt to keep for  
him. As to the merits of the case I know  
nothing but if the money belongs to the boy  
it seems to me that he should have it

Respectfully

J. W. Savage  
U.S. Indian Agent



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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., December 20th 1895.

William Archiquette,

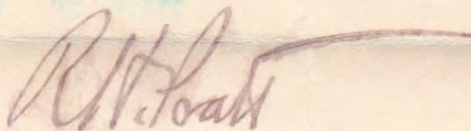
Oneida, Brown County, Wisconsin.

Dear William:-

You ran away from your farm home, and as is the custom of the School, and as I have told you before, what little money you had earned under the privileges we give here, was sacrificed in this action of yours. If you need money you should go to work and earn it. That is the only way open to you now. And if you are earnest and do your work well, you will receive good returns and your services will be wanted. I have explained the matter to you fully, and your writing is quite useless.

Your friend,

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Capt. & Supt.