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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. *Aug 14* 1896

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Information and
recommendation
in regard to John
Covert, a pupil of
this school, who is
wanted at home

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., August 14, 1896.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of August 7th 1896 marked "Education 29990", directing me to report upon John Covert and show length of time he has been at this School and give my recommendation, I have to respectfully advise you that John Covert came here in September 1894. He was brought in by my School Physician, Dr. Montezuma, in a party which came for the regular period of five years. He is somewhat bright and promising, is in good health and seems interested in the school work. He is now in Bucks County, Pa., under our Outing System. His own interests in every way demand that he be retained in the school.

Rev. Covert wrote me in July demanding the boy's return. I sent his letter to Dr. Montezuma who stated that no such arrangements as Covert claimed had been entered into by him, that Mr. Covert fully understood that the boy came here for five years.

I inclose to you various copies of Mr. Covert's letters and my replies thereto.

Mr. Crump also wrote me and that letter with my reply is also

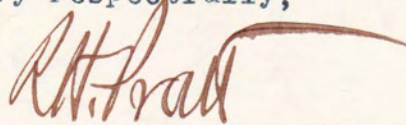
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inclosed.

Mr. Covert's letter to you is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



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

Supt.

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INDIAN OFFICE,

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(Copy)

Pinconning, Mich.,

Nov. 30, 1894.

My Dear Sir

I thought I would write to you a few lines regard
to my boy John Covert he is sick now I told your agent when he was
here John was not strong to go to that school. then we thought we
would let him go for one year so he say yes. now if John lives
one year or not you must send him home I am very sorry to say me
and my wife having tible because we let John go their. this is all
this time

Daniel Covert

Pinconning

Bay Co

Box (96)

Mich.

(Copy)

In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., December 3, 1894.

Rev. Daniel Covert,
Pinconning, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of November 30th I enclose note from my School Physician in regard to your son. There seems no cause whatever for your anxiety and I trust for the sake of the boy that you will do what you can to encourage him to persevere.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

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

Supt.

(Copy)

Pinconning, Mich.,

Aug. 28, 1895.

R. H. Pratt

Dear Sir:-

According to contract please send Johnnie home

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Daniel Covert

(copy)

In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 30, 1895.

Rev. Daniel Covert,
Pinconning, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 28th, I know of no reason why I should send Johnnie home. He has been here only a year, and as we do not take pupils for less than five years, he is not entitled to go home until that time expires. He is doing very well where he is, and I cannot allow him to go home now. If any contract was made allowing him to return earlier, I know nothing of it.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

Capt. 10th Cav'y. Supt.

(Copy)

Oscada Indian Mission, Mich.,

Nov 30th 1895.

My beloved freand.

I thought I would write to you this morning to tell you we can not get along without John Covert we moust have him here with us.

Now I wont you to send him home I olny let him go thair one year.

John is my boy. it is not yours. I took John to be my boy acording to law

now Please send him home.

I am yours

Daniel Covert

(Copy.)

In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., December 5th 1895.

Daniel Covert,

Oscado, Michigan.

My dear Brother:-

I have your letter wishing me to return John. We do not accept of any students here for less time than five years unless they graduate sooner. John is a mere boy and he needs above everything else a good education. You understand that as well as I do. He has his education, his clothes, food and every opportunity free of cost to you. There seems no other course open but for you to let him stay. It is impracticable for me to send him home.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

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

Supt.

(Copy)

Pinconning, Mich.,

July 4th 1896.

My Dear Sir:-

I have write to you are to the school 4 times,
for to seand John Covert to come home I say now I must have him
home. I cannot get along without him. John is my boy by law
I took him because I had no small children I have nice little home
here for John good school within 40 rods.

So please send John Covert Home. I will not write to you
again I will see if I can get him home some other way. I only
send him thear one year you agent come here tell me to send John
their one year to try the School.

So I think John Covert do better here.

Daniel Covert

Pinconning,

Bay Co.,

Box 96.

Mich.

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., July 22nd 1896.

Daniel Covert,

Box 96, Pinconning, Mich.

My dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 4th instant. John Covert came here in September 1894. Dr. Montezuma brought him here with the understanding as given in his enclosed letter. We do not accept of students for less than five years unless they can graduate in less time. John is a small boy and is well and doing well and what he needs is a good education to fit him for manhood. You as an intelligent man should understand this and instead of writing to me demanding his return when he has been here but such a short time, I would rather expect you to write urging me to keep him and encourage him to get a good education. I cannot of course, accede to your request to have him return home.

Your friend,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

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

Supt.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE

(Copy)

West Bay City, Mich.,

August 3rd, 1896.

Mr. R. H. Pratt, Supt.

Carlisle, Pa.

My Dear Sir:-

At the request of the Rev. Daniel Covert, an Indian Minister of Pinconning, Mich, I write asking if it is in your power to release his son, John Covert, who is a student at your school.

His father thinks he would be benefitted by returning to his home.

Hoping for an early reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) R. O. Crump.

Dictated:-- R. O. C.

10th District Mich.

(Copy)

In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., August 7, 1896.

Hon. R. O. Crump,
West Bay City,
Michigan.

My dear sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst. in regard to the grandson of Rev. Daniel Covert, Indian minister of Pinconning, Michigan, I have to respectfully advise you that John Covert came here Sept. 5, 1894, to remain five years.

We do not accept of students for a shorter time than that, unless they graduate sooner, when they are released from the school

He is a small boy only fourteen years of age and is receiving exactly the kind of instruction and attention he needs. My school physician, who brought him here, informs me that it was well understood by Mr. Covert that he is to stay here five years.

I inclose copy of my recent letter to Mr. Covert.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

Capt. & Supt.

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Hon
R. O. Crump
West Bay
Mich

Aug 3/96

Writes in behalf of
Rev. Danl. Covert
who leaves his son
returned home from
Carlisle School

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Department of Indian Affairs, Washington, Mich., has a
John Covert attending the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa., who
Father was an escaped in order that he not return home, think-
ing he would be punished severely.
At this request, I write asking for the release of the said
Covert, if it is possible.

Respectfully Yrs,
J. M. ...

John District Mgr.

Discharge - R. O. C.

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Committee on Mines and Mining,

House of Representatives U. S.,
West Bay City, Mich.

~~Washington, D.C.~~, August 3rd, 1896.

Mr. Daniel M. Browning.

Commissioner Indian Affairs.

Washington, D. C.

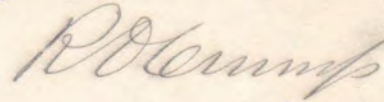
Dear Sir:-- One of my Constituents

Rev. Daniel Covert, an Indian Minister of Pinconning, Mich., has a Son, John Covert attending the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa., whom the Father wishes released in order that he may return home, think- he will be benefitted thereby.

At his request, I write asking for the release of the said John Covert, if it is possible.

Hoping for an early reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,



10th District Mich.

Dictated:-- *ROC*