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Complains of bad
treatment at hands
of Capt. Pratt
and wants aid

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I reached the Springs, but who
would now think about going to a
place, with out he had some thing
ahead of him, and of course I was-
not thinking of running any risk, and
I refused the Capt. and told him I
would not go a step, if he could not
send me where I was known and
among friends, but he insisted on
sending me among strangers.
And as I had to leave to leave
the school no way or the other
I concluded to stop in the town of
Carlisle Pa. until I was strong enough, or
at least well, and leave town for I
knew I could get work in the Tailor-
shops, and did have a place opened
to me, But the Capt. interfered and
said I could not stay in town, because
I would disgrace the school, and he
made me to understand that he had

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Hot Springs Ark.
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Hon. J. M. Browning
Com. of Ind. Affairs
Wash. D.C.

Dear sir:

I have a matter that
I am going to place before you.
For I need your help, and sincerely
hope you will straighten this matter
out for me. I am an ex-pupil of
the U.S. Ind. Indus. School, Carlisle
Penn. From August, 6th 1893 to August,
16th 1895, and from that time until
May 23rd 1896 was Assistant Tailor.
And now Hon. J. M. Browning,
I have a story that I will relate
to you. I have been having a
great deal of trouble with Reapt.
R. B. Pratt Supt. Although
Mr. Browning I'll admit to you

and no place to go, he turns me
out on the street. And I had to
go and explain my troubles to
some people in town that I knew,
in order that I may have or get
some thing to eat, and have a place
to sleep. If I was well and strong
I would not care, but being sick, and
no good to my self, how did he expect
me to get along. That's just the way
he treated me. Now my friend
Mr. Browning, do you care that,
elevating the Indian?

Well, after I saw the situation I
was in, I didn't know what to do.
But some friends advised me to go,
and was the best side of the Capt.
which I did, but did not succeed
in getting my money, but send
me out here to Hot Springs Ark.
he gave me but \$5.00 dollars to get
along with, and I saw all I could
to find some thing to do here, but
over and over my self in doing so, and

now I am taken down sick again
and not a cent in my pocket to
pay my board or medical treat-
ment, and I am growing worse every
day. I have written to Capt. and
have sent him telegrams to help
me out, but all I hear is that he has
even named my friends at the school
to not help me out, and here I am
sick, and expect to be turned out every
day, and it's just through the kindness
of the Landlady, that I have staid
until up to this time. And Mr.
Browning, I don't understand the idea of
Capt. Pratt charging me for treatment
under the Government doctor, and
that is the first place I had my
own doctor, when I first took sick,
but they went to work and put
me in the school-hospital, and
they wouldn't admit me, when
I wanted to go in the hospital,
and after I had my own doctor,
and was getting along nicely, they

that I did not carry my self
as straight as I ought to. either at
the Central Ind. School. But I still
I never saw any thing to publicly
disgrace the School. But had few
habits, like many other young men
will have, and the worst habit I had,
was the Tobacco, which of course I
knew was against the rules of the
school, and my trouble started with
the Capt. on that tobacco question,
until he concluded to send me away.
But gave me more than one
chance to wear down the habit, but
as things went along, I got my
self in a bad condition, but it
was nothing more than an accident
for I was too careful. But
I did get my foot in it, and I
got diseased from a young girl
which caused me to have the
rheumatism with it, and I was laid
up in bed for two months, and after
I was able to get around a little,

Capt. Pratt. made me to understand
that he was going to send me away,
and I told him I'd go, soon as I was
strong and able to help my self.
But he insisted on my going in
a hurry before I was very strong.
When I thought I was strong enough
to travel, I told him I was ready, and
he asked me where I would like to
go. I said I would go to Oregon State
where I was raised. But he objected
to me going, where I had perfect right
to go, for I had lived in Oregon for
eleven years, and being sick I thought
it would be better for me, but he said I
must go, and he insisted on my going
to Colorado Springs. But I would not go,
because, I knew no body there and
did not have much money with me,
and I asked him to have me a place
in Colorado Springs, so I would have
a place to go to, and feel more
like at home as I was sick, but he
said I should do that my self, after

put me in the school hospital, with
out any understanding. That I
should pay for treatment. So my
friend Mr. Browning, I have
told you all and if you do me
the great ^{favor} of helping me out, I'll
feel very grateful towards you.
and I am now sick, and the
doctor says, I'll not be able to be
well for three or four weeks, but I
haven't the means to get along with,
and what money I have at Carlisle Pa.
is Capt. Pratt's hands, ^{money} ~~with~~ have been
a great ^{help} to me. and I hope I have
not wasted all this time for nothing
in writing to you, for I feel that I
would have your sympathy, and
if there is any thing that can be done
for my comfort, I would be only too glad
to have it. I remain Yours Very Respt,
Jas. J. Flannery

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issued orders, and gave warning to
the tailors in town to not give me any
situation, but of course I knew this
was a free country, and I thought
the rights of this country belonged to me
as much as any other man. That was
human, but the Capt. ^{said} he would kick
me out of town, but that didn't
change things with me, and I insisted
on staying in town. And when he
saw he couldn't scare me out,
he went to work, and made
out a bill for my hospital treat-
ment and medical attention, for
the time I had been sick, and that
was 66 days at \$1.00 per day, and
I didn't have but \$50.00 I mean to
my credit, and he dismissed me
from the hospital, and told me to
go, and thus I was, penniless and
sick, and not able to work yet.