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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

*Replies to Office Letter
"Education, 24126"
regarding appointment
of Perry Samawa
to Ft. Peck, Mont.*

To Perry Samawa Oct 24/96.

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In reply to:

Education,
24126.

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

Carlisle, Pa., October 20th 1896.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant marked "Education, 24126," in regard to Perry Tsamawa, I have now to respectfully advise you that I find Perry was recommended for the position at Fort Peck by Mr. Standing, Assistant Superintendent, during my absence from home. On my return from the west I received a letter from Perry asking me to help him reach his station at Poplar, Mont. As he had earned during his long stay at Carlisle a great deal of money and had spent it freely, so as not to have any material savings, I felt it was an opportunity to give him a lesson and called his attention to his disposition to spend his money when at Carlisle, and advised him I could not help him, but that possibly Captain Sprole might do so and take it from his first pay. Shortly after a party was coming from Laguna to Carlisle, the tickets were provided and the party was ready, the train coming and one of the party was missing. Perry, who was at the train, expressed a desire to return to Carlisle that he might go out into the country and work. Col. Marmon, who was forwarding the party, considering that he would be useful on the way and that there was nothing for him to do at his home, concluded to let him take the place of the missing one and sent him. Perry is

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here to go to the country.

I find that Perry neglected to reply to the Department's letter . While he is a thoroughly good young man and somewhat competent both in the shoe shop and the harness shop, he is not as capable for the place proposed as I would like. He is, however, ready to go to Poplar and take up the work provided he had the means to get there. Just the place we have wanted for him in the country has not yet offered and we are looking that up. He could in the course of a few months earn sufficient money to pay his transportation to Poplar. My notion would be that under the circumstances, he had better forfeit his opportunity of the appointment at Poplar, but your judgment in the premises will be satisfactory in every way.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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