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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Jan. 27. 1897.

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Recommending that Mrs.
Hattie Mann of Tiffin Ohio,
and Miss Sizzie Mead
of New York, lately appointed
Asst. Sausdress and Asst.
Seamstress respectively be
notified of the conditions
before reporting here.

R. Pratt July 6/97

" Mrs. H. Mann July 12/97

" Sizzie Mead " " "

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In reply to:

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

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Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 27, 1897.

To the Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your notifications of the 26th, Nos. 3304 and 3305, advising that Mrs. Hattie Mann of Tiffin, Ohio, has been appointed Assistant Laundress, vice Lizzie James or Jennie Wolf; also that Miss Lizzie Mead of New York has been appointed Assistant Seamstress, vice Laura Wetzel, it seems humane to suggest to you that these people before reporting here be notified of the conditions. Our Assistant Seamstresses and Assistant Laundresses have invariably been from the town of Carlisle. They have been no expense to us in the way of supplying quarters, nor any inconvenience in adding to our equipment for taking care of employes. Of course we shall not expect to change our plan, nor increase our expense on this line, and these people will have to find accommodations in the town and go and come to their work. It will cost them not less than \$3.00 per week to get such accommodations, and probably more. They should know these conditions before starting and determine from that standpoint whether they care for the places, before incurring the expense of travel and other uncertainties connected with the appointment. They could earn more at housework where they are, and have more comfort with less expense.

All of our mechanics, laborers, assistant laundresses and

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seamstresses are managed in this way, and to inaugurate a policy of taking care of them on the grounds would require other buildings with large increase of accommodations and very considerable expense, necessitating an extra appropriation from Congress.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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

Superintendent.

(Dictated)

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