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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

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In reply to:
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., February 10th 1897.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 8th marked "Education 5180," I have the honor to advise you that we are very near our Commencement and that changes of teachers in school rooms, even with teachers in the same school, almost universally give temporary setbacks. I, therefore, have to respectfully request that I be allowed to go on as we are until after Commencement, when, as we shall loose 27 pupils by graduation and as very soon thereafter we shall commence to send students away under our Outing System, and shall be able to consolidate departments, there need be no appointments for this year to fill Mr. Spray's and Miss Merriman's places, and thus I shall save the amounts of their salaries. The interchange between Miss Quinn and Miss Cummins can be made without so much detriment immediately after Commencement.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)

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

Supt.