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Feb. 27, 1897,

In reference to the relations existing between the officials of this Office and Capt. R. H. Pratt, Supt. Carlisle School, and your orders rel. to same.

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Commission in reference to the appointment of teachers and employes.
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Very respectfully,

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Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, February 27, 1897.

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The Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

From such examination as I have been able to give the papers submitted by you in reference to the relations existing between the officials of the Indian Office and the Superintendent of the Indian School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, being correspondence between the said officials, charges and counter-charges of misconduct and insubordination, with reports upon the same, also copies of the "Red Man," a paper published at the Carlisle School, I observe your findings to be:

1----That the conduct of Captain R. H. Pratt, Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School, an employe of the Indian Service, in attacking in public print the policy of the Government with reference to Indian education, and his superior officers, has been insubordinate and subversive to discipline.

2----That Captain Pratt's allegations and insinuations as to the construction and enforcement of the civil service laws and regulations by the Superintendent of Indian Schools, and as to the conduct and bearing of that official are not borne out by the facts;

but that Captain Pratt is the person who has placed an improper construction and enforcement upon the Civil Service laws and regulations at his school, instead of the Indian Office.

In view of these findings, which seem to be borne out by the papers in the case, I am of opinion that the Department would be justified in requesting that Captain Pratt be relieved of duty as Superintendent of the Carlisle School.

In consideration, however, of Captain Pratt's long and valuable services in the cause of Indian education the Department will forbear making this recommendation, but it is hereby ordered that in future Captain Pratt shall avoid, in the "Red Man," "Indian Helper," or any other publications issued from the printing office of the Carlisle Indian School, all criticism of the Indian service and its officials, as well as controversial articles concerning the policy of the Government with reference to the Indian service, and shall transmit regularly to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs two copies of all publications issued from said press.

It is further ordered that Captain Pratt shall promptly comply with all regulations of the Indian Office and the Civil Service Commission in reference to the appointment of teachers and employes.

Very respectfully,

David R. Francis

Secretary.