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Letter addressed to  
Capt. R. H. Pratt, rel. to  
the recent call on the  
Civil Service Commission  
for an Asst. Seamstress  
and two Asst. Laundresses  
for Carlisle School,

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Department of the Interior,  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Secretary's letter of April 3  
to Capt. Pratt is substituted  
for similar one of April 1.

Letter of April 1 retained in  
Appointment Division.

Received in Education  
Division April 8/97.

Forwarded to Pratt  
April 9/97.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1897.

Captain Richard H. Pratt,  
Superintendent Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to a recent call on the Civil Service Commission for certification of eligibles for appointment as Assistant Seamstress and Assistant Laundresses at the Carlisle School, at \$300 each, I have to say that in my opinion you should have the duties pertaining to such minor positions distributed among the regular employes of the school, and provide that they should be assisted by the Indian pupils, thus making this work a part of the industrial education of the Indians. This will also avoid the necessity of calling on the Civil Service Commission for such employes.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. N. BLISS,

Secretary.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Above letter received April 8, 1897,  
and forwarded to Pratt April 9, 1897.