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Capt. J. H. Pratt,

Carlisle School,

April 5, 1897.

Enc. letter of Harvey
Whiteshield, who desires
a position at the Chy-
& Anap. Agency.

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Transf. to Supt. 4/9/97

Letter to H. Whiteshield 4/10/97

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To Whiteshield Apr 29 1897

E. J. Quinn

In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., April 5th, 1897.

To the Honorable,

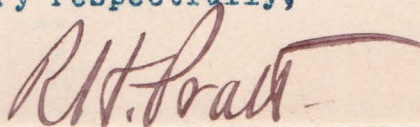
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The enclosed letter from a former pupil of this school tells its own story. I can only say that while here at Carlisle from Sept. 1880 to Feb. 1888, Harvey Whiteshield was a faithful and capable student and gave promise of useful manhood. Part of what I have heard of him since his return to the Agency has been favorable, and a little that was not favorable. If he now fills the requirements of the Department, and this the Agent ought to know better than anyone else, I should be very glad to see him receive an appointment.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of land for the purpose of establishing a reservation for the benefit of the Indians. I am sorry to hear that you are not yet in possession of the land, but I am sure that you will be able to obtain it in due season. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 Wm. D. Felt
 Commissioner

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 Indian Office
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Cantonment O. S.

March 29 '97

Capt Pratt

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Captain, how do you do? let me hope you are the same as ever, sound, healthy and ever uplifting the Indian to a higher standard of education and civilization. Happy are those who are now students in your famous institution, for those who waste not their present opportunities will find the after school life a most pleasant and happy one.

It has been many years since I left the dear old school but I still have in my memory a fresh recollection of its supt and its first teachers, as if I had been there a year ago. I hope I have not been forgotten by the Captain now. (?)

Two years ago I was offered a position in the Indian school service by the Dept of Indian Schools, but was in a condition as to be unable to accept the kind offer of Dr Hailmann.

I wrote him and stated the fact of my condition. I was unwell and was at that time teaching school in the Mennonite school of this place.

I now desire to be placed in some branch of the Indian service.

I would like the Captain to help me towards getting a position. I can be a District farmer in District No 6 or any other, or I can accept any position in the school service. There is a school just finished in the Red Moon Issue station I could be given a place there. But would prefer the District farmership of Cautonment. I was educated by the Government why not I serve that Government

You gave me what little education I have: you taught me to be industrious; let me not be idle, let not go to waste what may be a help to the Government towards ^{the} betterment of the Cheyennes who are yet the wildest of the Indians, by assisting me towards getting a position

I know that nothing would give ^{you} greater pleasure than to help one of your old students who is in need of your kindness. I am not the same timid little boy; But I am a man, a father of two bright little boys one of which will be a student of Carlisle in a short time hence, if nothing prevents

If Miss A. S. Ely is there yet present her my best regards and accept for yourself and Mrs Pratt my best wishes of the season.

I am, very Respectfully
Yours

Harvey Whiteshield
Cantonment

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