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Indian Training School,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug 7th 1897.

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To the
Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 26th of June and
your reply marked "Finance - 24442, '97, 25378, '97"
in reference to lease of Hocken farm, I have to respectfully
enclose you a new lease, together with the old for your
information, and respectfully request that the new one
be approved. Dr. Geo. Norcross is at present in Califor-
nia, but has given his consent to the act of Judge
Henderson, and myself.

In this connection I would respectfully advise
you that it is our purpose to sell the farm when
we can get a reasonable price for it. It cost \$20,000.⁰⁰
and at present we could not sell it for over \$12,000.⁰⁰
We should sell it, of course, subject to the lease. It
is our judgement that we had better hold on a year

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longer hoping that with the improvement of financial conditions we can get a better price next year.

It is a matter of record in your office, but it may be forgotten, that the £600.⁰⁰, rental, is paid for repairs and improvements on the farm and the balance goes into our charity fund and therefore, the Government gets the whole amount as if it owned the farm; and the method of leasing enables us to receive all the farm produce.

Very respectfully

A. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Coy. Supt.