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Relative to transfer  
of Andrew Hextates to  
Carlisle Indian School

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# Department of the Interior,

## INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Oneida Indian Industrial School,

Oneida, Wis., Sept. 22nd, 1897.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 16th instant, enclosing letters from the Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School, relative to the kidnapping of Andrew Doxtater, I have the following report to make:

Upon careful investigation of the matter, I find that there is no doubt that the boy ran away from home to go to Carlisle without the consent of his father, although, I believe that his mother fully understood that he was to leave home upon the first opportunity and go to some school. I am informed by neighbors and relatives that the boy has desired for some time to attend one of the different Indian schools, but permission has been refused by his father, who is one of non-progressive party of this tribe. One that will not accept certificates for the allotment of his land and who is radically opposed to almost anything that is the policy of the Government. It appears that the boy left home while his parents were away selling blackberrys. Before leaving, he informed his sister that he was going away and would not be home for a few days, intimating that he might leave the reservation and go to school. While on the road from the reservation to the R.R. depot, he informed one or two persons that he was running away to go to Carlisle.

Since he has left home, his mother has stated to one or two persons,

among others, to Josiah A. Powlas, teacher of our No.4 Day school, that the boy had gone away; that she knew that he was going, intimating a sort of silent consent for his actions. There are reports in the immediate vicinity of his home, that Mr. Doxtater was violently angry, threatening his wife with vengeance, after he found that the boy had gone, he believing her implicated in a scheme to get the boy away without his consent.

As to my signing the transfer papers, I would say that it was done with the understanding that the parents of all of the children had given their consent. The party had not, at that time, been gathered together for their final physical examination and I did not have an opportunity to see all of the parents, although, I supposed there was no difficulty in the way of any pupil.

I have talked with Mr. Doxater and urged him to give his consent for the boy's remaining at Carlisle, but he will not do so. I am of the opinion that the boy is far better off where he is than here on the reservation, and I believe that his mother gave her consent before he left home, although, now, through fear of her husband, she declines to

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Trusting that the foregoing may give your Office the desired information, I am

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