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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 22, 1898.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of

Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st, marked "M", in regard to cases for the Omaha Exposition, I have to respectfully advise you that the cases made in February, 1895, are 4 X 8, with French glass. The estimated cost of each one of them was \$74.00. It was afterwards determined to take plate glass, which raised the cost to \$112.50. The glass in these cases alone cost in all \$243.00.

The cases recently talked about with Prof. Clarke, are to be an entirely different style, called the "Kensington" case, and consists of an oak case on a stand of the same material, the interior being a pyramid covered with maroon cloth almost the same size as the case; the object being to bring articles close to the eye of the observer. This case was desired especially for fine needle-work, lace, etc. I have to respectfully inform you that from the drawing sent by Prof. Clarke at the time, and knowing they would in all likelihood be needed, I had two cases commenced, and they are well along. We have made them of a size to use the

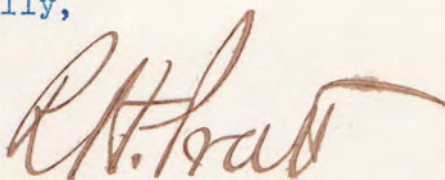
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large plates of glass we have in stock, belonging to the large cases, buying new glass only for the ends and top. This will have to be purchased, and also some special hardware finishing material, and some turning and planing that we are not in a position to do. We find, however, that by using the glass and material already on hand, twenty-five dollars ( \$25 ) per case will repay the outlay, including packing crate. We will therefore be willing to furnish two cases as above, complete, for \$50.00. Each case will cover 3 ft. X 4 ft. 6 in. floor space, and stand 6 ft. 6 in. high.

We shall endeavor to meet your desires as to literary and industrial work of the Carlisle School, which you may require for the Omaha Exposition.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Capt. and Supt.