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Cherokee Training School,

Cherokee, N.C., Feb. 28, 1898.

Joseph C. Hart, Supt.

Requesting authority to transfer
to Carlisle such pupils as are
capable of appreciating the bene-
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of absence to accompany them.

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3/4/98. W. W. S.

Do. Cherokee March 1998
" Carlisle " " "

E. J. [Signature]

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Cherokee Training School,
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The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that I have a number of children in the training school qualified to be transferred to non-reservation schools, and also a considerable number not so far advanced who, in my judgment would appreciate the benefits of those schools, and I therefore request the privilege of transferring all such pupils, of proper age, to Carlisle or Hampton, as they may choose. I make the request at this time because it will take some time and much earnest work to secure the consent of parents and others interested, and it desirable that these pupils be transferred before vacation or some of them will not be able to go at all. It is desirable also to fix a date, not too distant, when the transfer is to be made, as the work of securing consent will be easier. I further request that suitable leave, not exceeding ten days, be granted me to accompany such pupils, particularly those who elect to go to Carlisle, to see that they reach the school safely and to visit the Cherokee children already there. I believe that the promise to accompany the pupils may secure consent from some who are yet unwilling.

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I believe my position in this matter is strictly in accord with the instructions from the Indian Office of April 29, 1897, as follows:

" Agents will understand that it is the well-settled policy of this Office that when Indian children have arrived at the age when they can properly appreciate the benefits and advantages of further educational advancement, every effort should be ~~made~~ used to induce both children and parents to avail themselves of this opportunity."

In this case nearly or quite all the children are anxious to go to the higher schools, and it is the parent or perhaps grandparent who objects.

Very respectfully,

Joseph C. Hart
Superintendent.