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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Regarding health of Melissa Sophia and enclosing letter of Matron in charge of girls.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 8th, 1898.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th marked "Education, 40,051", enclosing letter from David Zephin, Yankton Agency, relative to his daughter, Melissa Zephin, a pupil at this school, I enclose report of my matron in charge of girls, from which you will see that the girl is no worse than when she came here.

There is no incurable difficulty, and we have been hopeful that she might be brought into shape by change of thought, occupation and diet. She has been out for the summer, but will return to the school the middle of the month. My matron will keep a close watch of her, and if it ultimately appears that our efforts to build her up are fruitless, we will send her home before the conditions are too serious.

Mr. Zephin's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt

Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

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Inclosure

Miss S. R. Shaffner.
Matron
Indian Sch. Carlisle, Pa.
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Regarding health
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
Carlisle, Pa.

Girls' Quarters,

Major R.H. Pratt, Supt., 9/8/1898.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to the case of Melissa Zeipher I would say that Melissa is at present in as good a condition, perhaps better, than when she came to us a year ago. She is a frail girl at best and during last winter we did all we could to save her from any unnecessary exposure.
I got special permission to send her to a good country home a month earlier than the rest of her class mates for the reason that she got very thin as spring advanced though she claimed to feel well and the Dr. said there was no organic disease. She soon picked up in the country but as the heat came on her appetite failed her as it had done before she left here in the spring. The lady with whom she lived took her to a good Dr. (one who has treated our girls before) He said she had acute dyspepsia. He treated her for a month or more and only last week I had word that she was much improved and gaining flesh.

Melissa returns here next week for the winter. I shall keep a close watch of her and in case there appear any signs of health giving way I shall recommend her going home but for the present would not consider such a course to be necessary.

Respectfully.

L. R. Shaffner
Girls Matron.

Yankton Indian agent
South Dakota
Aug 29th 1898

Hon. W. A. Jones
Commissioner of Indian
affairs
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir
I wish you would Inquire at the Carlisle Indian School about my Daughter I See that She is not well by the Report from that School & also by the Monthly Card. I am afraid She might get Worse Which they Commonly do & Die if She is getting Worse I beg you to have her Sent Home because I am not able to go and See her another thing these Schools Frequently Do is Keep

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a Purple When they get Sick until they are to far gone then they Die Soon after they Returne Home it would Brink my heart if this would happen to my Daughter So I beg you to have her Sent Right Home I will Write to the Superintendent also about the Matter hope you will Grant my Request

Very Respectfully

David Zyphin

My Daughters name is

Melissa Zyphin

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David Zephin
Yankton A.
Aug 29/98.

Rel. to his daughters Mellessa Zephin who he say is sick at Carlisle Sch.

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