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Major R. W. Pratt,

Carlisle School,

Sept. 15. 1898.

Ref. to the quality of  
the harness leather fur-  
nished for his school.

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To Pratt

Nov. 4/98

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 15th, 1898.

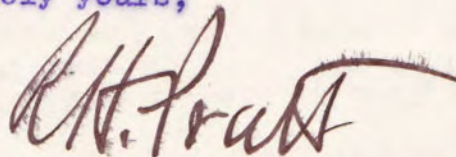
My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I send you in a package by this mail two samples each of our hemlock leather and of oak leather, all from the shank sides. You note that the hemlock is a thicker and heavier leather. Take hold and try to tear each. See how easy it is to tear the hemlock leather, and how almost impossible it is to tear the oak tanned. We always ask for oak tanned leather. Last year our request was ignored and hemlock sent instead. You may remember the correspondence about it. We have a quantity left of that which should have been rejected under any circumstances, even as hemlock leather.

This year, my harness-maker, who has just returned from Chicago, informs me the leather is all hemlock tanned. If I want to make a nice set of harness, I have to arrange to get oak tanned leather for it, anyhow, as hemlock tanned is not suitable for good harness.

I wish if there is any change in the order about leather, and you have to contract over, you might give to us the oak tanned. It is worth very much more than the difference.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. W.A. Jones,

Major 1st Cav'y, Supt.

Washington, D.C.