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Maj. R. V. Pratt,
Carlisle School.

Nov. 23, 1898.

Trans. certain correspondence
rel. to transferring Fred
Smith, pupil, from Lincoln
Institute to Carlisle School.

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To Lincoln Nov 28/98

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., November 23rd, 1898.

Hon. W.A. Jones,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

The enclosed correspondence is in regard to Fred Smith, whom you ordered transferred from Lincoln to Carlisle. Note the dates, and also that I have not come to the Department about it, nor have I in any way encouraged the boy to come here. Jacobson reported him to me as a boy who ought to be in our proposed band, but what I ~~can~~ ^{shows} hear some undue influence had been used to get him to Lincoln. I had an application from the boy, himself, and sent that to the Superintendent of the Educational Home in the letter, of which the enclosed is a copy. Given's reply which follows is characteristic of the man. The fact is that Lincoln ought to be ended. The Government will never get value received if the school should continue until doom's day. It is purely a church school, and was established for that purpose, and I am sorry to say somewhat in opposition to Carlisle. There are constant tangles, and the underlying principle is wrong.

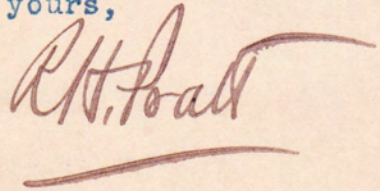
On receipt of the order, I sent ticket for Smith to come to Carlisle, and wrote asking that the expense of getting him to Lincoln come to me for settlement, as you ordered. There is no response, and I have no doubt that, as usual, Mrs. J. Balangee Cox and the authorities of Lincoln will strike out with a big political pull to block the matter, and assert that you are militating against them and in favor of Carlisle, which is all rot.

Hon. W.A. Jones.

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I suppose old Given's statements that he had authority from you to create a band with the same purpose in view is about as true as some other statements he makes.

Sincerely yours,

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

(Dictated) Mc

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West Philadelphia, Pa., 9/17, '98.

Dear Sister:

Your most interesting letter of recent date was duly received. The money was also received. I thank you very much for the money.

The Supt of this school received a letter from the Commissioner of Ind. Affairs, he also got that letter I sent to Pratt and the latter Pratt sent ~~me~~ ^{him} about my transfer. The Supt of this school called me in his office one day and told me that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs did not, alough such business and that I would have to stay here. He had me write a letter in his office, to Major and tell him that I could not come in fact he wrote the letter him self and had me copy it after wards.

All of this was done in side of
half an hour So you see I
did not have no chance to find
out weather it was true what
he told me, or not, but
trusting he was an honest
man I believe what he said
and wrote the letter to Major tell-
ing him that I was not come-
ing. Weather this is true or not
true I am obliged to ask
you to try find out, (for my
own good) if it is a case of
impossibility for me to be transferred
from here to Carlisle ^{or not.}
What I have heard from different
partes the Superintendent does not care
weather it is better for me to go
to Carlisle or not, but he just
wants me to stay here and keep
up the band I am the leader of
the band here the band being
very poor you see it would

be a case of impossibility for
them to get another kid boy
to play cornet if I should
leave They have a professor
teaching the band. The band
Instruments was bought in
the food shop and it is
almost killing to play them
specially my old cornet that
they let me have. The boys
have no special place to
stay only out side, and in
the playrooms but the rooms
are not fit for a pig to
stay in. I have my violin
here but I have decided
not to play on it out side
or in one of those rooms.
I am sorry that I did not go
to Carlisle before
Be sure and destroy this note

I am going to the public
school in side of a week or
so I am in the tenth grade.
This is the only chance a
person has to learn something
Our Superintendent use to be
the Chief police of this
city he has his son for
the Assistant Supt.

Please write and tell
me whether it is better
for me to go home and
than go to Corshole

The Superintendent promised
me some thing and has
all ready broken his promise
Well I write this letter just
to let you know that I am
willing to go to Corshole any day
and you must be sure and
destroy this letter. your loving
cousin Fred Smith

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THE EDUCATIONAL HOME

NO 4301 GREGORY AVENUE

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THE EDUCATIONAL HOME,

No. 4901 Greenway Avenue.

Philadelphia, Sept 9, 1898.

R. H. Pratt.

Major & Supt.

Dear Sir:

I am thankful to you for considering my application for transfer to your school, but after, I have come to the conclusion and have the evidence that my chances at this school is all that I can desire, both as a musician and other wise. besides, Col. Given had me brought here by special order from Commissioner of Indian Affairs Mr W. A. Jones. I shall remain here. Again I thank you.

Yours Truly

Fred Smith

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THE EDUCATIONAL HOME,

No. 4901 Greenway Avenue.

Philadelphia, September 9th 1898

R. H. Pratt

Major & Supt.

My dear Major

I am in receipt of yours
of Sept. 8th asking my consent for the
transfer of one of my students to your
school. This I cannot do for the
following ^{season} I have an exceedingly
good Band, at present twelve month
pieces, drums & cymbals, and breaking
them in rapidly under an able
instructor; you write me that you have
orders to gather competent players
from all Indian schools, why bless
you my old comrade, I have the
same orders granted to me last
May, as was granted to Capt Pratt,
(now Major, Pratt,) by Commissary Jones;
if you remember as you finished
your business with Mr Jones, I took
the seat you vacated, and got my
work in, more than I asked for.
So from this, my school, is dangerous ground,
but the world is wide, and lands besides, there
is room enough for all -

Sincerely & Truly yours

Samuel J. Quinn
Late Colonel U.S. Vols. Supt.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

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

Superintendent Educational Home,

49th and Greenway Avenue,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Please advise me if you are willing that the writer of the enclosed letter be transferred to Carlisle.

Under order of the Department we have been gathering the most competent players from all the large Indian schools. Mr. Wheelock was directed to go from school to school and make selections, which he did. He did not visit your school, not knowing you had any band material.

I understand from Superintendent Jacobson that the writer of this letter is capable, and I suppose that my orders from the Commissioner would cover from your Institution as well as all other schools. However, I would rather hear from you. If you do not object to the transfer, I will send you ticket and you can send the boy here.

Very truly yours,

(signed) R.H. Pratt,

Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

(Dictated) Mc