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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. May 3 1899.

Pratt, R. H.,

Maj. 1st

~~Captain~~ 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Refers to transfer of  
Robert E. Wilson  
to Rainy Mountain  
School, and to her  
successor &c

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., May 3, 1899.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

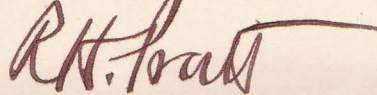
Sir :-

Replying to yours of May 2nd marked "Education 13095" advising of the transfer of Miss Roberta E. Wilson to the Rainy Mountain School, and asking my recommendation in appointing Miss Wilson's successor, I have to respectfully advise you that I dread a repetition of my experience with Miss Wilson if the selection is left to the Civil Service System. A great deal more is needed in this position than can be made to appear through an examination as to mental equipment.

In my recent inquiries in regard to a person to fill Miss Shaffner's position, Principal Matron, I ran across Mrs. Roma Ewbanks, of Holton, Kansas, who has taken the Civil Service examination and is on the eligible list. I gave her some consideration for Miss Shaffner's place now vacant. While satisfied that I would be expecting too much from her in that position, I am satisfied from what has been represented to me that she would do well in a subordinate place, having been a very successful teacher for more than sixteen years. Mrs. Ewbanks herself has signified her willingness to come here at a lower salary in order to get into the service and demonstrate her qualities, feeling sure that when she is known, her services will be appreciated. I think she would come here at the present salary with

the prospect of \$480. which I have asked for the next year. If it is possible for you under the limitations and conditions to get her name from the Commission, <sup>and</sup> <sup>her</sup> appoint~~ed~~ here, I request that. If that is not practicable, I would be very glad to know it at an early date and will then further advise.

Very respectfully,



Major 1st Cavalry, Supt.

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