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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Sept. 30. 1899.

Pratt, R. H.,

Major
Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Enclosing letter from Supt.
Pierce, Oneida, Wis. in
regard to consent of parents
of Phoebe Doxtaters

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To Henry Doxtater '6-99

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Penna., September 30, 1899.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:--

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, marked "Education-44448-1899," enclosing communication from Henry Doxtator, saying his daughter Phoebe was enticed away from her parents against their will, I have respectfully to enclose to you my letter from Superintendent Pierce, who was interested in making up the party for Carlisle, of which Phoebe Doxtator was a member. This letter shows that the girl is here through the urgency of the mother. The girl is herself very anxious to be in school and to remain at Carlisle. I think the mother's and daughter's wishes, under the circumstances, should overrule the father's opposition and the girl be allowed to remain here.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated.
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Superintendent.

Respectfully Yours,

Richardson Taylor, Jr. District Agent, U. S. Indian Office, Carlisle, Pa.

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Pratt, R. H.,

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Correspondence concerning
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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

United States Indian School,

Oneida, Wis. Sept. 27, 1899.

Major R.H. Pratt,
Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle,
Pa.

Dear Sir:--

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter as to conditions under which Phoebe Doxtater was taken to Carlisle and would reply as follows:-- In the first place Henry Doxtater is one of party that has always opposed citizenship, preferring to be an Indian, and has not allowed his children to attend school, except perhaps for a short time at the district school near him. His daughter Phoebe came to my office one day when I was away and left her name as a candidate for Carlisle, and I believe she also had some talk with James Wheelock relative to going. I saw her sister about a week before starting and was informed by her that the mother was very anxious to have the girl go away from home to school, as she was kept out of the district school by her father to assist him in his work on the farm. She told me that that they did not intend to inform the father that the girl was going to school as he would put a stop to it, that the mother would sign a consent blank for her transfer. The day before starting I sent Mr. George W. Haus to their home to inquire if the girl was to be one of the party, and he was told by the girl and her older sister, in the presence of the mother, that Phoebe would be one of the party and would be on hand for her physical examination. She appeared the next day with her older sister, who is of age and was taken with the party.

I find that the mother took active part in getting the girl ready, getting clothing washed and in condition, and that in the afternoon of the day that the party started, sent one of the boys with her satchel or bundle of clothing to her in the woods where she was herding cattle.

The girl was in no way "enticed away" from home, for I had a conversation with her as to step she was taking on the evening of starting and she was very determined to leave home and go to Carlisle. She has a brother Andrew at your school who left home under almost the same circumstances two years ago this fall, and was anxious to go to him.

After the boy left the father wrote the Indian office concerning his being kidnapped etc, and under date of Sept. 22nd in reply to communication from the Indian Office, marked "Education, 36660-37324", I made a report recommending that the boy remain at Carlisle. As to mother being sick and needing Phoebe, I hardly that is true as she has another large girl that can assist her if she is needed at home. When Phoebe left home I asked her if her mother could get along without her, and the other sister said that if it were necessary, she would stay at home to help her mother if Phoebe went to school. The mother I am told has occasional spells of sickness of a nervous character but these would not warrant the girl being kept from school. I think the girl should stay where she is and would so recommend. I herewith transmit transfer papers, for the Keshena party, which lacked Agent's signature when I was at Carlisle.

Respectfully Yours,

Chas F. Peirce
Superintendent.

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Carlisle, Penn., September 21, 1899.

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INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

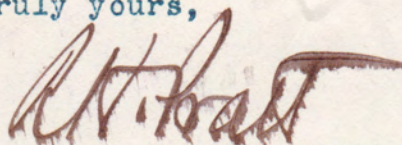
Carlisle, Penna., September 21, 1899.

Supt. Charles F. Peirce,
Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:--

Won't you please give me the information necessary
to answer the enclosed and return letters to me?

Very truly yours,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated.

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