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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Nov. 8, 1899

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

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Mr. King.

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To King Nov. 11-99

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 8, 1899.

To the Honorable,

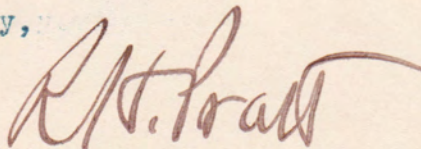
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 2nd instant marked "Education--
51794--1899" I respectfully inclose to you a copy of my letter to Mr.
King and also return herewith Mr. King's letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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Sincerely your friend,

(Signed)

R. H. Pratt.

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I have in the past in the education of your children. I am
assuring you of my great desire to continue to help you in the

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AN END CLOSE OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR IN 1899

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Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 8, 1899.

Mr. George King,
West De Pere, Wis.

My dear Friend:--

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs sends me your letter dated October 28th and also a copy of his letter to you.

It became necessary for us, years ago, to establish a rule concerning applications of parents for the home-going of their children because of the sickness of their parents or others in the family. It was evident that if we allowed the question of sickness among those at home to govern the stay of the child at Carlisle, there would be many students on the road all the time, for the reason that there are few families where there is not sickness during some period of the year. We therefore made a rule that children should not be allowed to go home on account of the sickness of parents or other members of their families. This was confirmed by the Department, and we have followed it ever since.

Your son Charley is here, in good health, and is making fair progress, and the all-important thing to him until he becomes of age is his education, and this is the all-important thing to you also on his account. We all have to make sacrifices for the education of our children. There is no people called upon to make fewer sacrifices in

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the education of their children than the Indians. The Government undertakes all the expense of tuition, board and clothing and yet there is no people that I know of more restless and discontented and opposed to education than the Indians. This is unfortunate for them and unfortunate for those who desire to help them.

At the close of this school year, in June, Charley will have the right to determine for himself whether he will go home or whether he will remain longer at Carlisle. You can, of course, write him what you like about it.

Assuring you of my great desire to continue to help you in the future as I have in the past in the education of your children, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

Dictated.
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(Signed)
R. H. Pratt.