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R. H. Pratt

Carlisle Ark

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

November 20, 1899.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-- Referring to my letter of September 4th, in reference to a Sloyd teacher, I have the honor to respectfully advise you that Miss Stewart, the teacher referred to, reported here October 16th, and has general charge of duties. Her services and knowledge of her duties are exceedingly satisfactory. I am sure she could easily pass the required Civil Service examination. I request, therefore, if her temporary appointment is not satisfactory, and it is at all practicable, that a special examination be held at Carlisle, or Harrisburg, or other nearby place, of candidates for this position; or that I be allowed to continue Miss Stewart on duty temporarily in this position.

Referring to our conversation in regard to a Girls' Manager, who has been on duty here since July 8th, Mrs. Ellen R. Dorsett, I was led to believe that as this was the only position of the kind in the service, the selection or appointment of this particular person would be entirely satisfactory. If, however, it is not within the rules, I request that such action for examination by the Civil Service be taken as will permit Mrs. Dorsett to appear as a candidate, believing that she will meet the requirements of the examination without any trouble.

I respectfully request that the position of Fireman at this school, at \$360, be withdrawn and that I be allowed to employ a laborer at \$360 per year.

I also would request that the position of Assistant Seamstress,

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now filled by Mattie A. Harn, at \$300, and the position of Assistant Laundress, at \$300 per year, now filled by Mrs. Dora Peters, be cancelled, and that I be allowed to employ laborers to fill those positions, this being, I understand, in accordance with the suggestions from your office.

Miss Erickson reported last Friday and her nomination was sent in Saturday in the regular way. I do not insist upon retaining Miss Carrie L. Miller in the office of clerk, if not entirely consistent with your views. Should you permit her to remain, I shall use Miss Erickson in my own office, and put Miss Miller in the other position, now filled temporarily by Mrs. Eastman.

Mr. Taylor, who has been filling Mr. Ralston's place as Assistant Disciplinarian, has proven so acceptable that I would like to secure his permanent appointment. If the position of Assistant Disciplinarian can be abolished, and I can be allowed to hire a laborer at \$600 per year, I ask that this be done; if that cannot be done, and an examination can be held here for the position of Assistant Disciplinarian, I feel sure Mr. Taylor can pass the examination, and I would request that this be done. If neither of these, then I request to be advised as to what course to pursue.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt
Major and Supt.

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