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Asking transfer of Jas. Hanner
from Mt. Pleasant to Carlisle
and enclosing explanatory
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United States
Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., July 21st 1900

To the Honorable
The Com^r of Indian Affs
Washington D.C.

Sir.

In connexion with my request for an additional salary of \$25. for an Assistant Tailor, the enclosed copies of letters will explain, and I request that James Flannery be transferred from Mt Pleasant to Carlisle to date today.

Very respectfully
R. H. Pratt

Major & Supt.

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If this can be done
please do it very

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Copy of letter - Jas. Flannery.

Very truly,

Jas. Flannery

(Signed) Jas. D. Flannery.

(Copy)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Indian School Service.

Carlisle, Pa.,
Feb. 20, 1900.

Major R. H. Pratt,
Supt.

My dear Major:

Because of indiscretion and bad advise. I resigned my position at Mt. Pleasant, and I am here. not by your invitation, but because I was out of work. I have invitations to go on the road and play for Theatrical companies, but the life is so irregular, that I would rather not do it. This school is like a home to me, I like the band, the people and the surroundings, and always feel grateful to you and the school for what I have gained here, and the Muscial education that I obtained here through Dennison has been of great value to me since I left Carlisle, but while I was traveling and at Mt. Pleasant I was under influences that led me to do wrong. For my own sake and especially for my wife's sake, I wish to regain my character, I feel that I can do it best here at Carlisle. I wish Major that you would give me one more chance and let me stay here at Carlisle and I will obligate my self and I will be entirely obedient to your directions. as to my going and general conduct. If I drink intoxicants again or associate with persons or indulge in practices I ought not to I will expect you to immediately send me away.

Very respt.,

Your school son,

(Signed) Jas. D. Flannery.

(copy)

Mount Pleasant, Mich.,
Feb. 15th, 1900.

Maj. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your telegram relating to Flannery came day before yesterday, and I wired you that evening as follows: "Flannery's record forbids continuance here. Failed to answer charges. Tendered resignation on 9th. Will gladly recommand transfer to your school but no other. letter "

I did not write yesterday, as I wanted to talk with Mrs. Flannery about her husband.

According to the testimony of nearly all the employes here and his own admissions Mr. Flannery has been using intoxicants (whisky) freely and constantly in fact when he gave his testimony under oath, he was under the influence of liquor. I questioned him particularly upon the question of the Supts. (Graham) habits in this respect, and tried to ascertain whether or not the influence and example of Supt. Graham had not been hurtful to him. Flannery, but he steadily maintained that he had never seen Mr. Graham take a drink of intoxicating liquor or stimulants of any kind.

I had several talks with Mr. Flannery about the matter. He said that he did not crave whisky or beer, but can give no excuse for the course that he has pursued. Several of the larger boys testify that Mr. Flannery has offered them whisky, and one of the boys (Simon Teeple) admitted that he had accepted some at his hands.

Mr. Flannery is a good worker and musician and seems to have the greatest respect and confidence in you and I am satisfied if he is transferred to your school, that your influence over him will be such that he may be induced to give up drinking entirely. It seems to me that he is worthy of a trial.

My report on his matter will be on this line, and if it meets the approbation of the Commissioner and yourself, I trust he may be transferred to your school.

Very truly,

(Signed) Chas. H. Dickson.
Act'g Spl. Agent.
of
Indian Affairs.