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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 7, 1900

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Referring to run-away
students accepted in
other non-reservation Schools.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

CARLISLE, PA., August 7, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

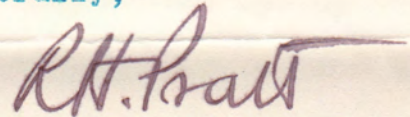
Referring to my letter of the 3rd inst. sending you the names of runaways and expelled students for the last fifteen months, it seems to me that now most stringent measures should be adopted throughout the service to punish runaways and break up the school tramp business. I respectfully suggest as a remedy that orders be issued to every agent not to allow runaways from any school to go to another school without first explaining the reason therefore and securing the consent of the department. I believe a general order covering these points, widely published among the Indians, and read and published in all schools, would if enforced strictly in a very short time break up the runaway and school tramp business.

I know that Carlisle is generally loaded up with the responsibility on these lines, but I have invariably instructed my agents not to bring in any students belonging to any other non-reservation school, and in every case coming here so far as I have known, we have been deceived and led to believe they had entire right to come here. Some years ago I received a large party of Oneidas. Soon after they arrived, I had word from Superintendent Meserve of Haskell that four of them were his students, at home on a furlough, and he

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wanted them. I immediately sent them to Haskell at our expense. At the same time I had an investigation made and found that upward of thirty former Carlisle students were ^{then} students of Haskell a very considerable number of whom, from their conduct here, ought not to be at Haskell or any other school.

Respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

R.H.P.(M)