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Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

*Referring to Mr. J. Banks
Ralston.*

To Ralston Sept. 25/1900

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

CARLISLE, PA., Aug. 8, 1900.

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

Sir:-

Replying to your letter dated Aug. 7th, marked Education 37705, I have to respectfully advise you that on Sept. 1st, 1898, J. Banks Ralston was temporarily appointed Asst. Disciplinary and when the fiscal year expired I asked for his reappointment which was granted. He sometime in August, following, found that he could as he thought graduate from the School of Law through an arrangement to pay his way by foot-ball and other athletics and so resigned here.

My present excellent Asst. Disciplinary temporarily appointed, has announced his intention of quitting the service, shortly, and return to his former work of school professor.

Mr. Ralston has been several times to me and insisted that he could be reinstated, believing that he was regularly in the service and that his year out of it had not expired. I thought otherwise and so informed him, hence his application to you.

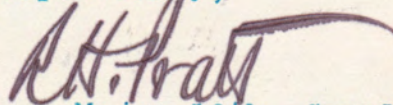
Mr. Ralston is a very good man with generally satisfactory principles and would make a good Disciplinary for even one of the larger schools. Being a college graduate and knowing something of law he would be especially useful. My objection to him for a position here is that he wants to continue to use the school as cats paw.

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By the time he becomes really of full use he will have gained the money he wants and then intends to again quit and take up law.

It is something of a job to become acquainted with the foibles of hundreds of Indians and also gain the other knowledge necessary to become a successful Disciplinarian here. My necessities are for some one who intends to stick to the Indian work and who will when entirely acquainted with it be ready to fill a higher position, if necessary, without so much jarring as new employes make.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A.H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Major 10th, Cavalry, Supt.

R.B.