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Forwards letter  
from Sara Williams  
who denies a posi-  
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Respectfully forwarded to  
The Honorable Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs/  
Washington, D. C.

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I make no recommendation  
in this case. Sara was a  
good pupil, but of course  
should stand on the record  
she has made since leaving  
Carlisle. While here she  
specially prepared herself  
for teaching.

*R. H. Pratt*

Major 10th Cavalry,  
Supt.

*This girl while here was  
too familiar with one  
of the boys. Otherwise  
she was a good employee.  
She can do good work  
and probably the experience  
she has had has taught  
her such a lesson as  
will insure good  
behaviour in the  
future.*

*Sept. 22, 1900.*

*L. M. Compton*

*Supt. Pomah Valley*

Belding, Mich.

Sept. 7, 1900.

Major R. H. Pratt,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Major I find I can not make but enough to pay for my board, which is two dollars per week and this will not do for me while I am in debt \$450. for our home. I went in debt for this place while I was in the Indian service thinking it was the best way I could help my mother as well as save my earnings. and things went along



nicely, paying fifty dollars  
every three months until last  
April when I left Tomahsch.,  
where I was then employed  
with the understanding I  
would get another place at the  
Mt. Pleasant school as there were  
many changes to be made there.

When Mr. Compton told me  
this and that he could get  
another in my place at the  
time I told him I did not  
like to leave my present work  
unless I was sure of getting  
another place right away &  
I also told him the amount

of debt I had to pay he said, "I understand, but I will write to supervisor Right who is there taking charge. for you to take along." so I said I would go. and when I was ready I asked for the letter and he said he did not have time to write but would do so and send it. so I came with out it.

As I think the matter over now how I left through his request I can not help but feel he did not do just the right thing by me

He always seemed to be pleased about my work and often said that I kept the dining room best of any that had ever been there.

It is true that I wrote three letters to Washington one to Miss Reel and two to Commissioner Jones asking for a teachers position.

The letters I wrote to the Comm. I gave to Mr. Compton to send on to Washington.

The last one I wrote I asked for a transfer home or to some other school as my health



was then very poorly. and  
another thing I thought  
it best to go away from  
there as I could not get  
along with the nation and  
at times I really did not  
have the help I needed  
and have gotten down to  
scrubb the dining room  
floor myself in order to  
get through with the work  
in time for dinner. Two  
girls age about twelve & thir-  
teen was all the help that  
I generally had.

now I see nothing but

failure before me in my attempt to make a home for my mother as my next payment is due the first of October.

I asked my sister Julia to help me out but she writes me saying she has been out of the service until lately.

I thought I would work for my board nights & mornings when I came here but have failed to find such place. my hours of work in the mill are from quarter after



six in morning till twelve  
at noon & from one till six  
in the evening.

And now I wish to have  
your help for some kind of  
a place. If I can not get  
teaching, I will take the  
next to be had.

Yours truly  
Sara A. Williams.