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Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Replies in answer to letter
of 29th ult. marked "Education
47131" in reference to the
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 1, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to your letter of the 29th ult. marked "Education 47131" in reference to the revocation of appointment of Miss Mary E. Jackson to the position of clerk at this school and in which I am informed that Hon. C. E. Littlefield, member of the House of Representatives from Maine, advises you that I wrote Miss Jackson making some comments on her failure to report which were entirely unnecessary and uncalled for under the circumstances; I enclose to you copies of Miss Jackson's letter to me dated Sept. 8th and my reply dated Sept. 11th.

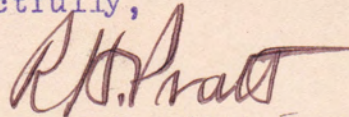
It will be seen that twenty-two days elapsed between Aug. 17th the date Miss Jackson should have reported here as fixed by herself and Sept. 8th, the date of her letter. She had been granted a delay of one month at very great inconvenience to me, as you know. Ordinary carefulness on the part of an employe would indicate that sometime prior to the 17th of August when she should have reported by her own arrangement, I should have had some information from her and an expression on account of the delay granted, and also an assurance that she would report promptly on Aug. 17th. Nothing came; but twenty-two days after she should have reported she writes informing me that she will report Sept. 18th, taking arbitrarily another month. I see nothing in my letter to her that was not warranted by the facts as they have come to me, and have therefore nothing to recall. I feel very sure that if Mr. Littlefield had been in my place and subjected to

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the inconvenience and annoyance I was subjected to in this case, he would have been no less indignant. There may, of course, be ample justification on the part of Miss Jackson, but nothing that has yet been presented to me indicates any justification whatever.

My task is somewhat difficult under the best of circumstances, and I must have employes who will be quick to respond to their obligations.

Very respectfully,

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

Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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Portland, Me., Sept. 8, 1900.

Dear Sir:-

Having been informed by the Civil Service Commission of my appointment as clerk in your office at the Indian School at Carlisle I write to inform you that I expect to be there by Sept. 18th or possibly the 16th. Had I received the notice sooner I could have been there sooner, but I am obliged to give my present employer a short time in which to get my successor.

If not too much trouble I would like to have a line from you to know if you received my letter, and also as to whether the Government pays my traveling expenses or whether I am expected to do that.

Hoping that the date of my arrival will meet with your approval,
I am

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) MARY E. JACKSON.
70 Free St.

To Major Pratt,
Carlisle, Pa.

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(V.V.V.)

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 11, 1900.

Miss Mary E. Jackson,
70 Free St.,
Portland, Me.

You were appointed clerk at this school July 17th. I wanted an assistant immediately, and your order was to report immediately. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs telegraphed me that you asked a delay of one month. I telegraphed back agreeing to it if absolutely necessary, but said I hoped you would report not later than the 15th of August. As you did not report on the 15th nor on the 17th as you had yourself arranged, and I had no word from you up to Sept. 1st, I wrote the Department asking the promotion of one of my teachers, an Indian girl, to fill the place. On receipt of your letter of the 8th yesterday, I called up the Commissioner by phone and was informed that a telegram had been sent me advising that your appointment had been cancelled because of your failure to report.

It was at the price of great inconvenience that I delayed for you from the date of your appointment until the 1st of September, and your carelessness in this matter indicates qualities that would prejudice your success as a probationer here. However, the matter is now closed and the place filled.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. H. PRATT.
Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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