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Decides that Agnes
Sanderville a Black-
foot Ind. girl must
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To Blackfeet Dec 31/00
To Carlisle Dec 31/00

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your office.
The papers in the case are herewith returned for file in
agent.
Carlisle School until her term expires, and you will so inform the
best, under all the circumstances, for the girl to remain at the
consideration of the matter I am of the opinion that it will be
agency on the subject. I have to advise you that after carefully
and submitting reports from the agent and clerk at the Blackfeet
your letter of the 15th instant, returning the papers in the case,
turn to the Blackfeet reservation is desired; and especially to

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Very respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

[Handwritten signature]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON. December 22, 1900.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:-

Referring to previous correspondence respecting Agnes Sanderville (or Somerville,) a Blackfeet Indian girl, daughter of Richard Sanderville, now at the Carlisle Indian School, Penna., whose return to the Blackfeet reservation is desired; and especially to your letter of the 18th instant, returning the papers in the case, and submitting reports from the agent and clerk at the Blackfeet Agency on the subject,- I have to advise you that after careful consideration of the matter I am of the opinion that it will be best, under all the circumstances, for the girl to remain at the Carlisle School until her term expires, and you will so inform the agent.

The papers in the case are herewith returned for file in your office.

Very respectfully,

Thos Ryan
Acting Secretary.

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BLACKFEET AGG'Y, MONTANA,

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James H. Montreath
N.S. Inspr.

Req. the transfer of
Agnes Sanderville to
Carlisle School.
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Department of the Interior,

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE,

Blackfeet Indian Agency,

Browning, Montana,

Dec. 6, 1900.

Hon. Commissioner

Of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the matter of your letter of Sept. 19th, Education 45220-1900, I have the honor to report that I have this day had Richard Sanderville and Tearing Lodge in the office and as the result of the examination there had submit the following:-

Richard Sanderville, (a half-blood Piegan) now aged 33 years, on October 13, 1887, went to live with Hellouise Tearing Lodge, (a full blood Piegan), at the home of the latter's father, Tearing Lodge. No ceremony of marriage, other than that usual in the tribe at that time took place. This usual Indian ceremony took place.

On Feb'y 15th, 1889, a daughter was born. This girl was the sole issue. She was baptized by Father Damiani of the Holy Family Mission, located on this reservation, about a week after birth, both parents being present and consenting, and was named Agnes.

On March 14th, 1890, Richard Sanderville left the reservation to attend Carlisle school, remaining there without returning to the reservation until he was discharged, Nov. 5th, 1892, on account of sickness.

Upon returning to the reservation, Sanderville went to the house

of his aunt, Mrs. Jack Miller. Shortly after this, Sanderville visited Hellouise at her father's home, but states now, that it was not his intention at that time to live with her again.

In December, 1892, Sanderville went to Ft. Shaw school as "Disciplinarian", remaining there until January, 1894.

In the summer of 1893, Hellouise Tearing Lodge, went to live with First One Russell, (a full blood Piegan) leaving her daughter, Agnes, with her father, Tearing Lodge. She (Hellouise), lived with Russell about one year.

November 22nd, 1894, Sanderville, having returned from Ft. Shaw in January of that year, was married to Lancey Shephard, (a Flathead) the ceremony being performed at Great Falls, Mont, license thereto being issued by the County Clerk and Recorder of Cascade County, Montana.

One child is the result of this marriage.

Agnes Sanderville, the child of Richard Sanderville and Hellouise Tearing Lodge, up until the time she was 5 years of age, was cared for and provided for by her mother and her mother's father - Tearing Lodge. Sanderville has not contributed to Agnes' support since 1890.

At the age of 5 years she was taken to the Holy Family Mission, remaining there 2 years. In 1896, she was transferred to Ft. Shaw school, returning to the reservation in 1899, when she was again sent to the Holy Family Mission. This transfer in 1896, from the Mission to Ft. Shaw, was at the request of Richard Sanderville and against the wishes of her mother and Tearing Lodge, the grand-father.

It was upon Richard Sanderville's request, and against the wishes of Hellouise and Tearing Lodge, that Agnes was sent to Carlisle in the fall of 1899.

The Clerk simply followed the instructions of the Agent, the latter

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being temporarily absent.

Since March, 1900, Hellouise has been living with John Eagle Ribs,
(a mixed blood) on this reservation.

Sanderville claims, that in Feb'y, 1890, he was ordered to leave
the Tearing Lodge home, where he was then living with Hellouise, by
Tearing Lodge and his (Tearing Lodge's) wife. This is denied by Tearing
Lodge.

I enclose herewith letter of O.G.Van Senden, Clerk, and the other
papers as requested.

Very respectfully,

James H. Muntrath
U.S. Indian Agent.

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O.G.V.S.

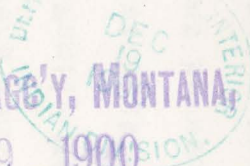
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O. Waudenden
clerk.

Regarding the transfer
of Agnes Sanderville
to Carlisle School.

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Department of the Interior,
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE,

Blackfeet Indian Agency,

Browning, Montana,

Nov. 9, 1900..

To
The Hon. Secretary of The Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The various letters and reports concerning the transfer of one Agnes Sanderville to the Carlisle Indian school have been handed me for explanation as to why such transfer was made, under the many protests as therein set forth:

In reply thereto, I have the honor to advise you that at the time a number of children of this reservation were listed for transfer to Carlisle, the name of Agnes Sanderville was included. The girl at the time was attending school at the Holy Family Mission. Some time prior to the date of their departure for Carlisle, the mother of the child and Tearing Lodge, (grand-father), protested against said transfer to Agent Logan with as many pitiful tales as they could produce, and upon an investigation of all, with the knowledge that at first the girl was given to Sanderville by Capt. Cook, formerly Indian Agent, and afterwards taken out of the Mission school by Agent Steell and placed in the Ft. Shaw school, his final impression was, that the custody of the child belonged to Sanderville, and as it was his earnest wish that she be sent to Carlisle, her name remained on the list. A few days prior to the the date the children were to leave, Agent Logan was called away from

his post of duty, and he instructed me to see that all the children he had listed were sent. The girl, as above stated, was attending school at the Holy Family Mission, and when sent for, the priest refused to release her without he be furnished with an order from this office. Supposing that he would not release her on merely hearsay and that he wanted some order that his books may be kept straight, I furnished him with a written order and the girl was released. She appeared at the Office in a cheerful manner and seemed much pleased over the proposed change. I personally am very much displeased with the Rev. Priests letter, wherein he concurs with the Plegan law to that of the Agent representing the government, who is , under its instructions , the only law, and to that of the civilized country; and more especially to that portion of his letter wherein he states that "It has been an abuse of authority on the part of the Clerk last year, and when I met the clerk, I gave him a sound instruction about the Indian Rights".

I remember his interpretation of the law and considered that as above stated that the laws of the reservations were fixed by the government through their respective Agents, and that I consider it no abuse of authority to carry out in full the instructions given by them as an employe.

Very respectfully,

O. W. Henderson
Clerk.

Through

James H. Monteath,
U.S. Indian Agent

and

The Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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Refers for, immediate action
letter from Inspector Walter
H. Graves re: to destitute
wife of Dick Sommerville
Blackfoot Indian - and who
desires return of her child
from Carlisle

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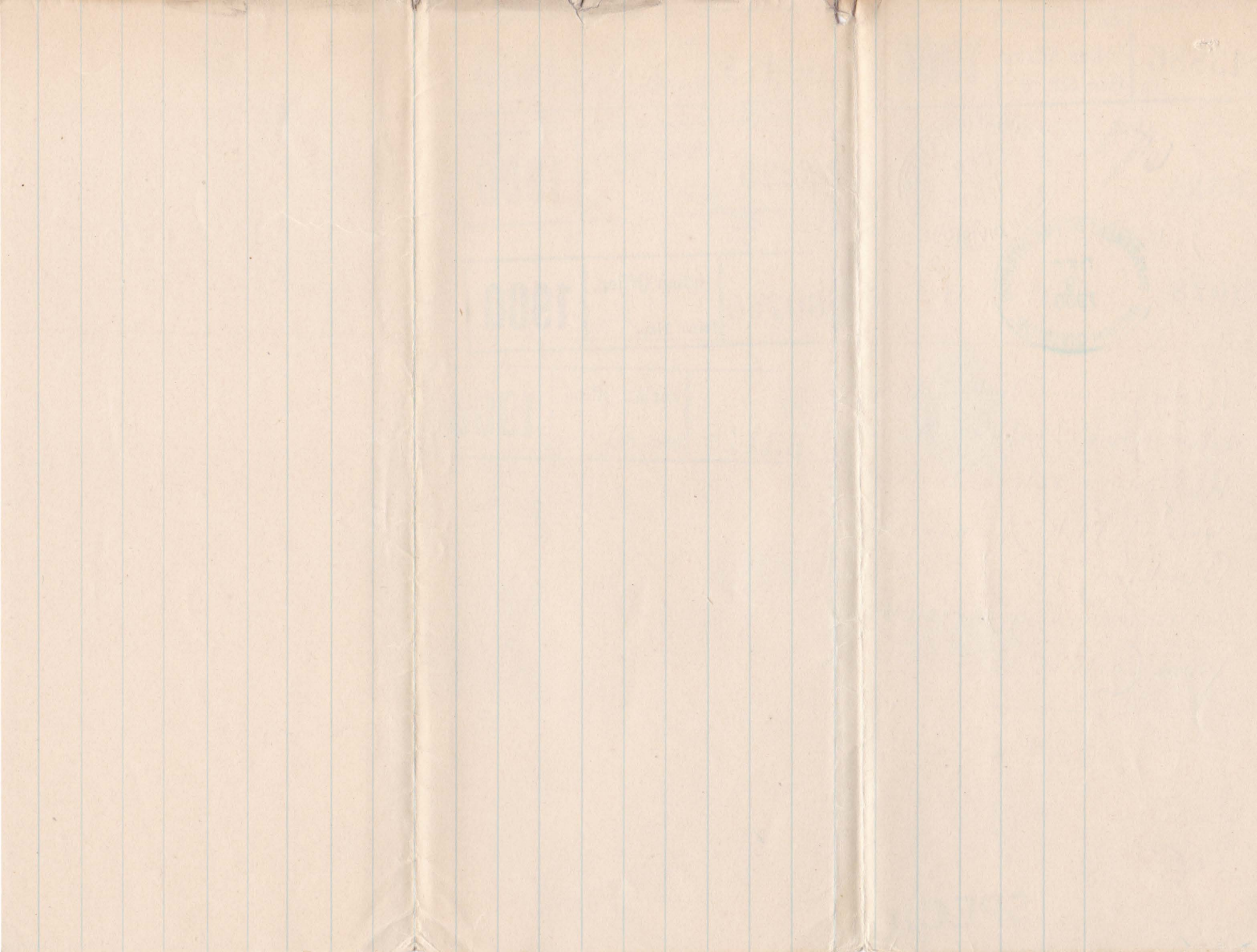
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Acting Commissioner

Very respectfully,

Somerville. Return the entire record.

ed, taking the statements of the clerk and of Richard Sanderville or
matter, which you will make a full and complete report as direct-
this report. I therefore inclose the entire correspondence in this
yourself to the clerk of the Blackfeet Agency for a full report on
Section of the Superintendent of the Carlisle School as referred to

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Refer in reply to the following:

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

Sept. 19, 1900.

U. S. Indian Agent,
Blackfeet Agency,
Browning, Mont.

Sir:

U. S. Indian Inspector Walter H. Graves in a communication of Aug. 30, 1900, to the Secretary of the Interior forwarded a letter from Rev. Father Prando, of the Holy Family Mission, in which it seems that a Carlisle school boy by the name of Dick Somerville (or Sander-ville) deserted his wife, who being left in a helpless condition returned to her father's home, who was old and destitute; that the child born of this union was turned over to the Sisters of the Holy Family Mission, who took care of it and nursed it through a sickly existence for some eight or ten years and up to the time that Somerville reappeared on the reservation; that in the meanwhile Somerville was found to have another wife and several children, that he ignored his first wife and was censured and reproved by the Fathers for his shameful desertion and neglect; that under some kind of misrepresentation Somerville secured an order from the Agent for the child by his first wife that had been kept all these years by the Sisters, and a policeman took the child away almost by force and under the protest of the Mission authorities; that afterwards the child was sent to Carlisle, where she has now been for sometime. He says that while at the reservation the mother, grandfather and quite a number of relatives came to him and requested him to present the matter to the Department, which he has accordingly done.

This matter was called to the attention of the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, and in a report of Sept. 8 he says that the Carlisle School has on its rolls Agnes Sanderville, daughter of Richard Sanderville; that she is a girl of about 14 years of age; that her father entered Carlisle as a pupil March 26, 1890, and was discharged Nov. 8, 1892, the reason being alleged to be ill-health; that he was not a pupil of Carlisle at any other time; that the allegation of the Inspector that Dick Sanderville while on a visit from this school married a girl at Blackfeet, is not true, so far as any connection with Carlisle is concerned; that it will be seen the daughter was born at least four years before Dick came to Carlisle; that while there he was an exemplary student; that he (the Superintendent) had just had the girl in his Office, and she stated that she first attended the Catholic mission school, that her father took her out and placed her in the Fort Shaw School, where she remained about three years, that after her return home in June last her grandfather put her back in the mission school, where she remained about two months; that her father, not a policeman, came for her and took her to the agency and sent her to Carlisle; that she says that both her father and mother knew all about her coming, that her mother did not want her to come, but her father did and sent her, that while out of school she lived with her parents, that they lived together; that from what the girl says, he (the Superintendent) would think it worth while for truth's sake to have a full report, both from the agent and the clerk, and also that Richard Sanderville be allowed to see what the priest and inspector have written about him, and given a chance to reply.

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The Honorable the Secretary of the Interior directs that the suggestion of the Superintendent of the Carlisle School be referred to yourself and the clerk of the Blackfeet Agency for a full report on this matter. I therefore inclose the entire correspondence in this matter, upon which you will make a full and complete report as directed, taking the statements of the clerk and of Richard Sanderville or Somerville. Return the entire record.

Very respectfully,

A. B. Loomer
Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON.

September 12, 1900.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, submitting a report from Superintendent Pratt, of the Carlisle Indian School, Penn., in regard to Agnes Sanderville, a Blackfeet Indian girl, daughter of Richard Sanderville (or Somerville), now at said school, whose return to the reservation is desired by her mother, the deserted wife of said Sanderson.

In view of the statements contained in Major Pratt's report, I return the papers herewith, and direct that you call upon the agent and clerk of the Blackfeet Agency for a full report on this matter, upon receipt of which it should be resubmitted for further consideration.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock

Secretary.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Sept 8, 1900

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Replying to letters of Inspector
Walter H. Graves + P. P. Brands
relative to daughter of Richard
Sanderville.

Returning letters + enclosing
letter from Richard Sanderville.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 8, 1900.

To The Honorable,

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

Sir :-

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst. marked "Education 43886" enclosing report from U. S. Indian Inspector, Walter H. Graves, and letter of P. P. Prando relative to Mariette Sanderville, daughter of Richard Sanderville; I have to respectfully advise you that we have an Agnes Sanderville, daughter of Richard Sanderville, on our rolls. She is a girl about fourteen years of age. Her father entered Carlisle as a pupil Mar. 26th, 1890 and was discharged Nov. 8th, 1892, the reason alleged being ill health. He was not a pupil of Carlisle at any other time. The allegation of the inspector, therefore, that Dick Sanderville while on a visit from this school, married a girl at Blackfoot, etc. is not true, so far as any connection with Carlisle is concerned. It will be seen that the daughter was born at least four years before Dick came to Carlisle. While here, he was an exemplary student.

I have just had the girl in my office. She states that she first attended the Catholic Mission school; then her father took her out and placed her in the Fort Shaw school, where she remained about three years; after ^{her} return home in June last, her grandfather put her back in the Mission school, where she remained two months; then her father, not a policeman, came for her and took

her to the agency and sent her here. She says her father and mother both knew all about her coming here; that her mother did not want her to come, but her father did, and sent her; that while out of school she lived with her parents; that they lived together. From what the girl says, confirmed by my general knowledge of the unreliable character of reports made by Catholic priests among the Indians, I would think it worth while for truth's sake to have a full report both from the agent and the clerk; and also that Richard Sanderville be allowed to see what the priest and inspector have written about him, and that he be given a chance to reply. I enclose a letter written me last May by Richard.

In regard to the return of the girl, I have to advise you that when she came here, her eyes were so bad as to interfere greatly with her school work. I sent her to the hospital in Philadelphia and had her eyes treated. They are now greatly improved, but she is not yet equal to her school duties. In addition to that she steals from her fellow students and is persistently troublesome about working. I should be glad to have your order to send her back, so that I may be excused to her father, and those who made up the party and sent it here. In this connection I should advise you that the party was made up entirely under the direction of Agent Logan and sent under care of Charles Buck, one of our pupils long ago, who is himself a Catholic. I can easily fill the girl's place with better material.

Inspector Graves' report and P. P. Prando's letter are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt
Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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Graves, Inspector

Rel. destitute wife of
Dick Sommerville, on
Blackfeet Indian
Reservation. &c., and
who desires return of
her child from Carlisle.

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S. B.
Department of the Interior,
September 5, 1900.

Respectfully referred to the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
for immediate attention and pro-
per action.

E. A. Mitchell

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Sacaton, Pima Indian Agency, Arizona.

Aug. 30th. 1900.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to invite your attention to a matter that was presented to me while at the Blackfeet reservation, some months ago, and which is again called to my notice by a letter just received, from the Rev. Father Prando, of the "Holy Family Mission" on that reservation, which is enclosed herewith.

It seems that a young Indian, by the name of "Dick Somerville", while on a visit,-- as I am informed,-- from his school, (Carlisle, I believe), one summer, married a young girl, at the Blackfeet reservation, and when he returned to the school, deserted his wife, leaving her without so much as, even an explanation, as to where he was going, or when he would return, or without making any preparation for her support or protection whatever. Being left in this helpless position, she returned to her father's home, who was not only an old man, but quite poor and destitute. Some time after the desertion, the girl gave birth to child, and being unable to properly care for it, she turned it over to the Sisters at the "Holy Family Mission" who took care of it and nursed it through a sickly existence for some eight or ten years, and up to the time that Somerville reappeared on the reservation, after spending more or less time at several of the Non-reservation schools.

When Somerville returned it was found that he had another wife and several children, and naturally under the circumstances ignored his first wife altogether, although, under the advice of the Sisters, she had waited patiently and uncomplainingly for his return.

When the opportunity came, the Fathers censured and reproved him for his shameful desertion and neglect, and in doing so incurred the displeasure of the man.

Under some sort of misrepresentation Somerville secured an order from the Agent for the child by his first wife, that had been kept all of these years, (about ten, at the time of the removal), by the Sisters, and the Policemen took the child away, almost by force, and under the protests of the Mission authorities.

Afterwards the child was sent to Carlisle, where she has been now for some time.

She writes to her mother that she is sick, and that her health, which was never very good, has been poor ever since she left the reservation, and she pleads to her mother secure her release and return to the Res.

The mother, the grandfather, and quite a number of her relatives came to

me while I was on the reservation, and requested me to present the matter to the Department, to secure the return of the child, as they felt that she had been forcibly taken away, really kidnapped, and was being forcibly detained, against her own wishes, and the wishes of mother and grandparents, and friends, and to the injury of her health. They feel that the father has, under the circumstances, no right to the possession of the child, nor to direction of her affairs.

I promised these people to present the case to the Dept. and called the attention of the new Agent to it, and he promised me that he would look into it, and inform the Indian Office, as to the facts as he might determine them, but he may not have had time to attend to it, and by the letter of Father Prando, it is now called to my attention again.

From the interest taken in the matter by the Indians, as manifested by the number that came to me to talk about it, and their earnestness and feeling, and their indignation at the wrong done the mother of the girl, who has been gradually fading away under the burden of her wrongs, until she is near the end of her troubles, as I judge from her appearance, I think the girl should be returned to the reservation.

I am sure that the Carlisle authorities are not so greatly in need of children as to participate in, and perpetuate such an injury as this evidently is, and hasten the death of a broken-hearted woman, when they once know the facts of the case.

I sincerely hope the Dept. may find it agreeable and proper to show these people, at least, that it is not the intention of the Govt. to countenance the course of this man Somerville in the desertion of his wife, by helping him to rob the deserted woman of her only child, as she and her friends firmly believe.

I am,

Very respectfully:

Nathaniel H. Graves

U.S. Ind. Inspector.

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Hamdy, Mont.
July 30th 1900

Hon. W. M. Graves

Dear Sir,

The Indian by the name of Cearing-Lodge came to the mission inquiring about his Grand daughter Marveta Sanderoville who is at Carlisle, and he is waiting for her to come back. The girl has been taken by force by the policemen from our school and sent to Carlisle, the parents knowing nothing about.

It is in this way, Dick Sanderoville the Father of the girl sent away by wife as soon as she gave birth to this girl. The woman went to her Father, Cearing-Lodge, with the baby and raised her. And Dick married an other woman. Cearing-Lodge put the girl in our school, and when the Agent was looking for children for Carlisle school, Dick Sanderoville to spite the old lady, went to the Agent and told him to get his daughter from our school and send her to Carlisle. The Agent wrote the name of the girl in the list, and went out of the reservation. The clerk sent the policemen to get the girl, we protested, but the clerk said she was in the list, and she was bound to go.

and the policemen were sent to take her.

Now according to the Oregon Laws, Dick Sandersville had no right to get the girl from our school, against the will of Cearing Lodge.

If Dick Sandersville wanted the girl, why he did not go in the house of Cearing Lodge, and get the girl while she was at home? — why Dick Sandersville has been waiting for the girl to come to our school, and then go and deceive the agent, and put us in such a trouble with the Indians? and this is the second time that Dick sends the policemen to get the girl from our school. Four years ago he had her taken by the policemen from our school and sent to Fort Shaw last year, has been taken again and sent to Carlisle.

It has been an abuse of authority on the part of the clerk last year, and when I met the clerk, I gave him a sound instruction about the Indian rights. —

Cearing Lodge is hoping in you now, and he begged me to write to you, to help him. — Because he thinks no body is doing justice to the Indians. — With many wishes
I am respectfully yours

P. P. Prando

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. *Sept. 10* 19*00*

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

*Letter dated May 26, 1900, to
Major Pratt, from Richard Sand-
erville.*

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Pigou P. O. Montana.
May 26th 1900.
Major R. H. Pratt.
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Friend:-

I sent my daughter
Agnes at your school last year,
and I wish you would keep
her until her times up.

I heard that her grandfather
was going to send for her.

If the old man send for her,
I wish you keep the money
for her. The old man told that
she was going blind.

Please let me know in near
future, my best to Miss Ely, Miss Bull,
Mr. Standing and your family.

Your friend,
Richard Sanderville.