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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Jan. 1. 1901

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Referring to former letter concern-
ing appeals to accept Porto Rican
children as pupils of this school.

Asking whether special act of
Congress is necessary to permit it.

Yours

Comrs Supt

E. J. Hill

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 1, 1901.

To The Honorable,

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

Sir :-

Referring to my letter of Dec. 4th in regard to accepting of a limited number of pupils from Porto Rica, I enclose a letter just received from Commissioner Brumbaugh, who has charge of Education on that island, and to whom I wrote that I had submitted the matter to you. The appeals to me to take children from Porto Rico are so pressing, not only from the young people already here who come to me in behalf of their friends at home, but also from people of apparent prominence in the island and from the educational people, that I feel assured of the great satisfaction there would be all around if the government saw fit to authorize the movement. Those already here, numbering ten in all, are from Ponce and San Juan. My idea, as explained in my former letter, is to have them from different parts of the island, and it would seem from Dr. Brumbaugh's letter that he favors that line of action.

As an indication of what is best to be done in the future and as aiding the general cause of education along, it seems to me we might undertake this limited number without any special act of Congress, especially as we always carry a number far in excess of our appropriation number anyway.

Very respectfully,


Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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Department of Education of Porto Rico.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
SAN JUAN.

December 20, 1900.

Major R. H. Pratt,
Superintendent Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear friend:-

I take it that your letter of December 4th is proof of the old saying that the willing horse must bear the burden. I certainly am grateful to you for the interest that you have taken in the young people of Porto Rico, and I most heartily agree that an additional group of 25 or 30 young men and women from this Island, would be most helpfully benefited in your school; and I sincerely hope that the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs will approve of the plan and that we may be permitted through our educational organization to select these young people, my idea being to have it understood at the earliest practicable moment that the young people who do the best work this year in the public schools of Porto Rico will have the preference in being admitted to your school. This will help us and give to you the best material. I would personally see to it that these young people are selected from the different parts of the Island, allotting one or two to each of the sixteen Supervisory districts of the Department of Education.

Awaiting your further pleasure, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]

Commissioner of Education.

M.D.H.