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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 8 1901.

Pratt, R. H.,

Lt. Col. 15th Cav'y, Supt.

Requesting that Siletz Agent
Qu. or Supt. at Chemawa be
instructed to forward \$55.00 from
money due Robert Depoe to cover
his debt to Col. Pratt.

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To Salem Aug 13/01
To Siletz Aug 13/01

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 8, 1901.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

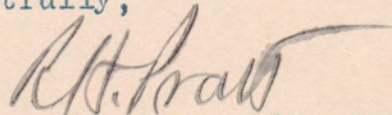
In February of last year Robert Depoe, then an employe at the Chemawa School begged to come to Carlisle to attend either the high school in town or Dickinson College. I opened the way for him to do that, he to pay his own expenses, this school to treat and otherwise care for him as a pupil. He came and commenced at Dickinson, but did not hold out, and it seemed that he really came to be in the band and take the trip to Paris if it went. When it was decided the band would not go to Paris he at once became desirous to go west, which I agreed to provided he paid his way back. In June he came to me with a note from some money lenders in Carlisle stating that if I would endorse him they would lend him \$50. On talking with him I found he had a letter from Agent Buford, of Siletz, Ore. (See enclosure dated June 8th). From this letter it appeared to me then as it does now that ~~that~~ he had money with the agent upon which he could draw. So, rather than let him pay \$5 for the use of \$50 for a very short time, Robert made a sight draft at my instance on Agent Buford for \$55.00 and I advanced him the amount from my personal funds. The draft was forwarded for collection through the bank here. At the same time I wrote to Agent Buford. The draft was returned to me with Agent Buford's answer dated July 15th, which is here enclosed. His

letter of July 3rd in direct reply to mine of the 26th of June is also herewith. The money was not paid me and I wrote Agent Buford repeatedly about it, but was always put off in the same way. See sample letter dated June 10th, 1901.

In order that the Department may have a fuller understanding of the case I enclose Robert Depoe's letter asking to come to Carlisle.

I respectfully request that the agent at Siletz be instructed to pay this amount from monies due Robert Depoe or that the Superintendent at Chemawa where he is employed be instructed to forward me the amount I advanced Robert, from his salary there.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)

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JUL 18 1900
W. F. & CO. BANK
PORTLAND, OREGON

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE

Siletz, Oregon, July 15, 1900.

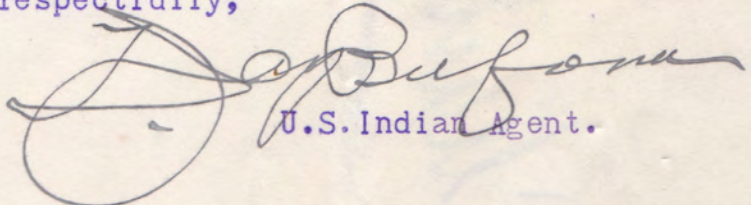
Wells Fargo & Co's Bank,
Portland, Oregon.

Sirs:

Replying to yours of the 13th instant would say that the draft you have was drawn through an error, on the part of Robert DePoe and a misunderstanding on the part of Major Pratt.

Mr. DePoe has no money here to his credit, and I am owing him none, so I can not pay the draft.

Very respectfully,


U.S. Indian Agent.

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United States Indian Service,

Siletz Indian Agency,
Siletz Or

July 3rd 1900
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Maj. R.H. Pratt
Superintendent
Carlisle Pa

My Dear Maj

Yours of 26th just recd.
In reply, you have misunderstood my
letter. De Por has no money to his
credit here, and he knew that, and I
did not aim to convey such an im-
pression. The situation is this.
Out of money to their credit the last
Congress appropriated some \$65000.
to be paid to the adult Indians of this
Reservation and Robert comes in
for his share of that money which
will likely be paid in this or the
next quarter. Many of them give
orders on this money for supplies
and when such orders come in
we record them, against the payment
of the parties giving them, and so

I intended to convey this impression to Robert. The draft will be considered in the light of an order and so recorded and payment made to you in this amount when the money is paid out. I hope the misunderstanding will cause you no inconvenience.

I should be greatly pleased if it were possible for you to attend our Local Institute to be held at Chemawa August 14th to 17th inclusive and give our people one of your ringing talks then you might visit Sittitz and buy a few trout. were the distance not so great I would gladly send you some of our catch.

Very respectfully
 D. W. Bayard
 US Ins Agent

R. H. Pratt
Major

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK OR BANKER,
Endorsements guaranteed,
Carlisle Deposit Bank,
CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA,
A. K. ... Cashier

Wells Fargo

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
WELLS FARGO & CO., Bank
Wells Fargo & Co., Bank
SAN FRANCISCO
H. Wadsworth, Cashier
JUL 7 1900

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK, OR TRUST COMPANY
Prior Endorsements guaranteed,
CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
A. S. ... Cashier

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\$ 55 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀



Carlisle, Pa., June 26, 189



At sight

Pay to the order of Maj. R. H. Pratt,
Fifty five _____

⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars,

Value Received, which place to account of

To T. J. Buford U.S. Indian
Agent, Sibley Oregon }

Robert De Poe.

Corvallis 18485

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Carlisle, Pa.
R. Robert De Poe,

DEAR SIR:-

Go to Maj. Piffle & make the order for the amount that you want in duplicate. As you have to sign the order yourself, I would suggest that you have him assist you in getting the money from one of the orders, and for-
Your money for funds to come home.

Oscar Brown informs me that you desire to give an order on

them to have that sent at to spare.

Very respectfully,

U.S. Indian Agent.

Siletz, Oregon, June 18, 1900.

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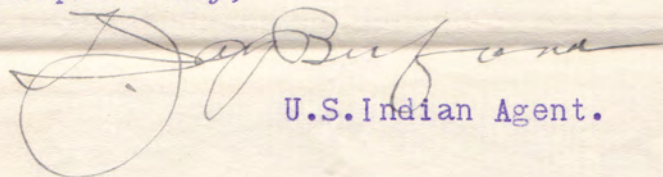
Mr. Robert De Poe,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

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As you have to sign the order yourself, I would suggest that you go to Maj. Pratt, make the order for the amount that you want in duplicate, have him assist you in getting the money from one of the orders, and forward the duplicate to this office to be filed on our order book. In this way the money can be taken out of the payment made to you and payed to the parties who advance the money to you. This is the only way that I know of in which you can obtain the money, as none of your friends here seem to have that amount to spare.

Very respectfully,


U.S. Indian Agent.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Aug 8 1901

Pratt, R. H.,

Lt. Col. 15th Cav.

Correspondence in reference to
right draft drawn by Robt.
Depoe & money advanced him
by Col. Pratt, still unpaid.

etc., Oregon, June 10, 1901.

In reply to your favor of May 31, permit me to say that I
am in no way respon si le for the Department withholding this payment
which should have been made last November &
I am pleased to say, however, that Inspector McLaughlin has
just completed a pay roll and forwarded the same to the Department,
and he feels me the money will, in all probability, be paid early in
July.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
U.S. Indian Agent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

Siletz, Oregon, June 10, 1901.

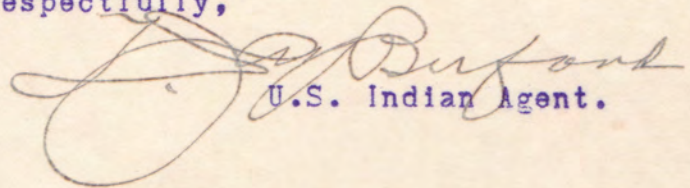
Col. R. H. Pratt,
Superintendent, Carlisle School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of May 31, permit me to say that I am in no way responsible for the Department withholding this payment which should have been made last November.

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Pratt, R. H.,

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Letter from Robert Depoe dated
Feb. 13 + 25, 1901.

Submitted with other corres-
pondence + letter of Aug. 8th, 1901.

Chemawa Oregon

Feb. 25, 1901

Maj R.H. Pratt.

Carlisle, Pa

Dear Friend: Your letter at hand,
and in reply, I will say that I
will start in a day or two.

and bring the Alaskan boy along,
I have not received any information
concerning the half fare ticket,
but have telephoned down.

Please keep that vacancy in the
band for me. If I can have the
advantage of that trip, will be a
great help! and education,

I will remain -

Yours respectfully
Robt D. For

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Chemawa Oregon.

Feb. 14, 1900

Maj. R. H. Pratt.

Supt. of Ind. School

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Friend,

It has been a long time since you last heard from me, it was not a matter of negligence on my part but only in keeping your advice that you gave me when I left school. However I have not neglected to note the progress of your school in its effort to uplift the Indian youth of today. I have not written in the past, regards myself for I am fully aware that you have

many sources from which you can gain a better knowledge of my ups and downs in life.

However I have not lost any interest or old time enthusiasm in my ambition of what life ought to be in, and for every representative of the Carlisle Ind. School.

As it is drawing close to another year in which you hold your yearly exercises, I thought of writing to you about the one thing upper most in my mind and life, and that is to get an education. Probably at no school besides Carlisle is understood the real nature of the Indian problem

and where the real true spirit is more exhibited. It is for this reason that I write to you first of all. I have kept putting this matter of year after year since I left there that I have decided to shake every thing from myself this year and get back there on time for commencement exercises. I ask of you in this matter as a personal favor and a help to a poor Indian boy.

Major, I sincerely ask you to let me come back to Carlisle and go to school again. I want to first go through the schools in the town which will give me a

a better start to go on higher.

I can learn a great deal yet from the high school course offered in your own town.

I will do as all other pupils do work for my board and do what is required of me faithfully as I did before.

And if you can get me reduced rates please let me have that privilege for I will pay all my expenses from here there, as I have not received any invitation of this years exercises, I am expecting me. I will probably be of some service to your orchestra, and if you say so your band.

I have been taking instruction in the conservatory of music in Salem on the Violin and will stand with any one with the same amount of instruction.

I have been playing in the band since I left school and have several instruments. Please let me know what rates I can get straight through to Harrisburg or Carlisle from Portland, Or. on the Northern Pacific to St Paul from St. Paul to Chicago on the Wisconsin Central, and from Chicago to Carlisle on the P. Rail Road. I will be ready to start next month so as to be there for the

graduating exercises, and to start school. I hope and do ask you to grant me this request. Awaiting a favorable reply I remain in the meantime

Your ex-student,

Robert DePoe

Graduate of Carlisle
Class "97."