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

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 11, 1901.

To The Honorable,

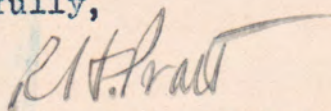
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to your letter of Dec. 10th marked "Finance, Claim 129075" asking whether it is advisable to send back annuities to Eugene Perrier and Elizabeth Aiken, Osage pupils of this school, I have to respectfully advise you that under our system the few Osages we have have shown an admirable disposition to make proper use of their money. Elizabeth has now \$1134.21 to her credit, on which she is drawing interest. She has never invaded the principal, but rather adds to it by her labor during the vacation months. Eugene is a sensible boy and has \$51.61 to his credit, his own earnings, and part of which is on interest. My judgment is that in the management of his resources under our direction he is fitting himself more surely to handle them well later than he would if they are withheld from him now on the ground that he is incompetent to handle them. If given to him all at one time when he leaves the school, a proper use of it would be very doubtful, as he would be more or less likely to become a prey to designing men under whose influence he will probably fall.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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