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Duplicate copy of letter to  
Wm. Patterson <sup>Res. House, N.Y.</sup> concerning his  
daughter Cora, written in com-  
pliance with directions in letter  
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# Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

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*Carlisle, Pa.,* ..... Jan. 3, 1902/90

William Patterson,

Red House, New York.

Dear Sir :-

Your letter of the 7th addressed to Mr. Andrew John, Washington, intended for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and your letter of the 26th ult. to the same party, together with the November report of your daughter Cora, have all been sent me by the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, directing me to reply to your letter.

Your daughter was in my office yesterday, apparently in the best of health, and asked a private conference with me, and with tears told me she was informed that you had appealed to Washington to have her returned to her home; that she did not want to go home but wished to remain here and complete her education; that your habits in regard to drink are such as to make her home very unpleasant.

I was not at the school recently when you went to Flora Dale and forcibly took her away from her country home with the intention of removing her to New York. An examination of the report made about the matter shows you were drunk at the time you arrived at Flora Dale and were still drunk when you reached Carlisle Junction with Cora; and this report is confirmed by Cora's statement. In addition to this I think it right to inform you that I understand your real purpose in regard to your daughter, which is anything but creditable to you and not at all what you present to the Honorable Commissioner.

Cora came here for a fixed period, and it seems from our records was properly entered for the regular term, five years. She appears to be an excellent girl with a great desire to make something of herself and to rise above the deplorable conditions which she says surround her at her home. We do not accept of students for a shorter term than five years and cannot permit such arbitrary action as you attempted. Cora's commendable desire to remain at Carlisle and go on with her education will be allowed to prevail.

In order that the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs may know the facts regarding the matter, I send him a copy of this letter in addition to writing you as he directs.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. H. PRATT.

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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