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Hon. Henry H. Aplin
City Feb 5

Enclosed letter from
Joseph Johnson rel.
to dismissal of some
pupils from Mt
Pleasant school

Enclosure sent to Carbis
Feb. 12-1902

To Aplin Feb 12-1902
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HENRY H. APLIN,
TENTH MICHIGAN DIST.,
Member of Committee on
Invalid Pensions,
Education, and
Expenditures in the War Department.

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

2/ 5/ 1902.

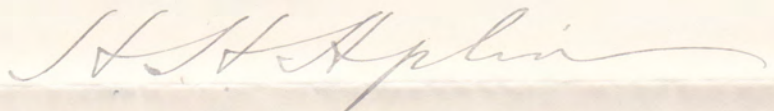
Comsr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Dear sir :- I beg to hand you herewith, letter just
received from Joseph Johnson, in relation to the dismissal of
some students from the Indian School at Mt. Pleasant.

I know nothing of this case, beyond what is contained
in this letter. If consistent, I hope that the request made, may
be complied with.

Very truly yours,



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CAN'T VISIT DYING MOTHER.

Young Indian Kept at Carlisle School by Stringent Regulations.

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 9.—While his aged mother, an Indian, is lying on her death-bed at Bay City, Mich., Henry Sampson is compelled to remain in the confines of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School by the ironclad regulations with which the United States government hedges its dusky wards about. The appeals of family friends for his presence, reinforced by the assurance of a Michigan sheriff that he will be responsible for his safe return to the care of the Carlisle officials are without avail.

Lieut. Col. Richard H. Pratt, superintendent of the school, before starting on a Mediterranean cruise, refused the request of Sampson's friends, and acting Superintendent Allen said yesterday the boy could not go West, as regulations governing the school did not allow the Indians to attend the bedsides of their sick relatives. Mr. Allen said if the training school authorities should relax the rules to allow pupils to go home all sorts of impositions would be practiced to secure leaves of absence.

Sampson's conduct has been exemplary and general sympathy is manifested for him.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Feb. 17 1902

Pratt, R. H.,

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

Forwarding correspondence
regarding return of
Mrs. Sampson's
children

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 17, 1902.

To The Honorable,

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

Sir :-

Replying to your three letters dated Feb. 12th, 13th, and 14th marked "Education, 8431 - 1902", "7306 - 1902" and "Education", all relating to the return of Henry and Lucy Sampson to their mother, I have the honor to enclose to you copies of all the correspondence between Col. Pratt and those interested in Mrs. Sampson.

I am informed that in past years a great many applications have come for the return of students for the same reason, which reason in many cases was unfounded, and in many others the sickness was grossly exaggerated; that if the Superintendent of the school should accede to these demands there would be students leaving with a frequency that would seriously affect the school and cause it to be often imposed upon. For this reason Col. Pratt informed me at the time he answered the telegram from Sheriff Kanney that he had been compelled to make a rule that children could not be granted the right to go home to visit sick relatives.

You will notice in this correspondence that no application has ever been made for the return of Lucy Sampson. From the best information obtainable here it seems that Mrs. Sampson is not in a position to support her children and it would be very much better for them to remain at Carlisle where they are blest with opportunities

they could not possibly have under their mother's care.

It was Col. Pratt's deliberate judgment as the result of intimate knowledge of the circumstances that Henry remain at Carlisle. However, the school will cheerfully carry out any instructions your Office may give in reference to the matter. Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

Edgar A. Allen

Acting Supt.

Dictated(P)

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Feb. 17. 1902

Pratt, R. H.,

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

Copies of letter + telegram
received - concerning Mrs.
Sampson.

West Bay City,

Jan. 22, 1902.

Mr. Pratt

Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir :-

Mrs. Sampson has requested me to write you to see if her son Henry Sampson would be permitted to come home at once as she is very low and wishes to see him before long. Hoping you will kindly let him return at once to see her, I remain

M. Washer.

Dictated by Mrs. Sampson.

C O P Y .

T E L E G R A M R E C E I V E D .

Bay City, Mich. Feb. 6, 1902.

Richard H. Pratt,
Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Will you allow Henry Sampson to come and see his mother if money is sent for railroad fare here and return and will guarantee his return to school. Answer.

(Signed) HENRY KENNEY. Sheriff.

W. U. 3:52 P.M.

C O P Y .

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Feb. 17 1902.

Pratt, W. T.

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

Copies of answers made by
Supt. Carlisle to letter + tele-
gram.

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 28, 1902.

Mr. Jno. Washer, Supervisor,
West Bay City, Mich.

My dear Sir :-

I have your letter advising that the mother of Henry Sampson is dying of consumption, and asking that Henry be sent home.

I am very very sorry not to be able to do as you desire, but it became imperative in the early days of the school to make a rule against allowing children to go home on account of sickness or death in the family. Among such a large number of pupils as we have here there are always a good many whose parents or families are afflicted. To return pupils in such cases would be the greatest detriment to the school.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R.H.PRATT.
Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)

C O P Y .

T E L E G R A M .

Feb. 6, 1902.

Henry Kanney, Sheriff,
Bay City, Mich.

Your message. Rules forbid. Entitled to go home July.

Pratt. Supt.

Postal. 5:03 P.M.

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Jos. Johnson
West Bay City
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Writes in behalf
of Mary Sampson
who desires her chil
dren sent home from
Carlisle sch

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West Bay City
Feb 1st 1902

Department of the Interior
Indian Affairs
in Replying from
Mary Sampson or Thos Sampson
who has Pupils at Carlisle
Indian School, been now
since 1894. Mrs Sampson
now near Dying been sick
for long time she has 3 small
children no body take care
of them. she ask me if I could
write to this office our
Supervisor has write to
Mr Pratt in this case he dont
consent to let them go for
whild she want see there

Before she Died. Specially
Lucy Sampson her Daughter
she wont live long now
now Please authorized and
be consented let these Pupil
go till she Satisfied and gone
Please answered by return
Mail

We will send those Pupil
back if Mr. Bratt want them

Joseph Johnson
Writer

West Bay City
Feb 1st 1902

N. A. Aplin

Washington D. C.

Will you please help us out
on this matter to talk
for us to Department of the
Indian Affairs our sick
woman Mrs Mary Sampson
who has pupils Roy and Gil
has been there since 1894

She want see them for some
business she ~~is~~ nearly dying
our Supervisor John Washer
in Bangor has write to
Mr Pratt Superintendent
Carlisle Indian School
to let those pupils go

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Specially her Daughter of
this sick woman her name
Lucy Sampson

you Please talk to
Indian affairs to authorized
Mr Pratt let these Pupils go
one of The Pupils has stay now
over time got and Sampson
has agree this Pupils stay five
years time answered to ones
Passible

Joseph Johnson
Writer
W. B. City