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Indian Industrial School,

Cripple, Pa. Mar. 18 1902

Pratt, R. I.,

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

Concerning James Down.

Enclosures.

Letter of M. J. Bentley
" " James Down.

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To Bentley Mar 22
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E. J. [Signature]

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Mar. 18, 1902.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

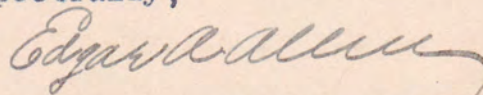
Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Referring to Office letter "Education, 14463 - 1902" enclosing communication from M. J. Bentley of Shawnee, Okla., and one from James Down, a student of this school, relative to the return of James Down from Carlisle, I have the honor to state that if there was a special arrangement made between Colonel Pratt and Mr. Bentley for a three years term for this young man, it is not on record in this office. I notice that consent of parents as obtained by Mr. Bentley was for a term of three years, but this arrangement on his part was evidently made without consulting Col. Pratt, and the party of which James Down was a member was brought on. The uniform and well known rule of the Carlisle school is to receive pupils for a term of not less than five years, unless that term should be sooner completed by graduation.

My recommendation is that unless an agreement was entered into for the return of James Down at the end of three years, he be retained at the school for the usual period. He is getting on well in school and this course is better for him. However, any instructions from your Office will be cheerfully complied with, though it would be inconvenient to return him before the first of July on account of lack of funds.

Very respectfully,



Acting Supt.

Dictated(P)

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M. J. Bentley

Shawnee, Ok.

Mar. 3, 1902.

Relative to desire
of James Down to
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School.

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with him that I would use my influence and see that he was not re-
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Most respectfully,

M. J. Bentley

Shawnee, Oklahoma, 3 - 3 - 1902.

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Honorable Commission Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The enclosed letter from James Down (Mah-she-nah), a Mexican Kickapoo boy, is self-explanatory. He comes from one of the best families of his people, was of great service to me securing the first batch of Kickapoo children that were sent way to school, and I agreed with him that I would use my influence and see that he was not required to remain in school longer than three years, and I think you made the same promise to him when he called upon you when en route to school. He is a splendid boy and I believe he should be permitted to return home; and, if upon his return here, the agent in charge of his people would give him proper encouragement, and such as the gratuity appropriation for the support and civilization of the Kickapoos would warrant, he will become a useful and valuable member of his tribe. Year ago I met him at Carlisle and was impressed with his sincerity in his want to return home and go upon and farm his allotment. He asked that his letter be referred to Mr. Frank A. Thackery. This I have not done for the reason that Mr. Thackery would not know anything about it; the further reason that Mr. Thackery is only a tool of Mr. Flynn, the land sharks and traders, and I think has no other interest in the Indians other than to help somebody steal what I have helped them to accumulate.

Most respectfully,

W. B. Bartley

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Carlisle, Pa.,
Feb. 26, 1902.

Dear Sir,-

I received your letter not very long ago. I was very glad to hear from you. I am now going to answer your most kind and welcome letter. All the Carlisle pupils are well. I am very glad you are going to try to help me with what I want to do this year. But I am so sorry you have quit being Agent. I wish I could go home this middle of March. I want

to work on of my farm this early
spring. I think I know how very
well to work on a farm. I want
I want you ask Mr. Frank A. Thacker
to let me draw some of my
money when I get home.
I want to buy some horses and
Plow, Roller, Drill, Cotton-
planter, Hay-rake, Harrow,
Mowing-machine, Top-buggy.
I think I know how to take
care of the horses and cows.
You know I have been worked
on a farm every summer
since I came here to this
Carlisle Indian School. I
will not chew tobacco or

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drink whiskey, I will not
play cards nor gamble and
will save as much of my
money as I possible can.
I will try to study use of
my money all the time
if I can. This is all for this
time. Please answer soon

From your friend,
Respectfully,
James Down.