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**Indian Industrial School,**

Carlisle, Pa. *May 5 1902*

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**Pratt, R. H.,**

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

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*In reference to more pupils  
from Porto Rico.*

*To Carlisle June 22*

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., May 5, 1902.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Samuel M. Lindsay, Commissioner of Education for Porto Rico, the successor of Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh. He writes me in reference to one of the girls sent here from Porto Rico who is so well pleased with her outing advantages that she solicits her father to allow her to remain in the family where she now is indefinitely. While writing on this subject, he adds,

"I would like to ask in this connection whether your school can take any more Porto Rican pupils. There are no public funds to enable us to send additional pupils to the States this year and there are many worthy boys and girls here who would like to go. If you could help us, as I know this matter will appeal to your sympathies, I will be greatly obliged."

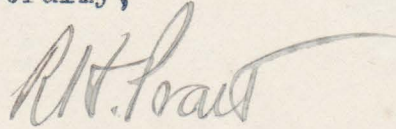
In reference to this matter I can say that the Porto Rican pupils have been so satisfactory that we can cheerfully recommend an increase of the number. If the Department should favor doing this I would suggest that the responsibility of delivering them without Government cost in New York be one of the conditions. That would place a part of the obligation upon the parents and friends and the educational interests there and be a factor in the continued success of



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the movement.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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