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Carlisle, Pa. Aug 9 1902

Pratt, R. H.,

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

requests that
Mr. Hart be
requested to
do nothing to
hinder Carlisle
enrollment.

~~E. J. [Signature]~~

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 9th., 1902.

To the Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am sending Mr. James Wheelock to the Oneida and Green Bay Reservations and to Marinette Wis. for children. It seems necessary to me, at this time, to make a formal complaint against Mr. Hart, Superintendent and acting Agent of Oneida.

Last year I sent Mr. Wheelock on the same errand. Three boys, one of them being Purcell Poyless, a former student of Carlisle, wished to come to this school. Mr. Hart would not allow them to come here, and the three boys are now at Haskell. There was a number of other children whose parents wished their children to come to Carlisle, but Mr. Hart insisted on putting the children to school in Hampton.

This disposition on the part of Mr. Hart has been manifested for some time back; but, inasmuch as Carlisle is a government school, and in every respect entitled to as much consideration as Haskell, and for the same reason, is entitled to more consideration than Hampton, I insist that Mr. Hart be instructed that he is not to interfere with the free will of the parents and children, in respect to the children's coming to Carlisle or going elsewhere to school.

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

To the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs --2.

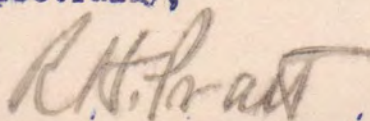
Inasmuch as the Indians are citizens of the United States, I would make the further suggestion that it is no part of Mr. Hart's business to interfere with their doing what they please; and that the matter of going away to school or staying in school at home, is not in any sense a part of his official direction. So I beg that he may be notified at once, accordingly.

In order that the case may be met promptly, I request that this instruction go to Mr. Hart by telegram, and that I may receive notice of the fact.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

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Lt. Col. & Supt.