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Referring to the return
of Roger Jimieson.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 18th. 1902.

To the Honorable,

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

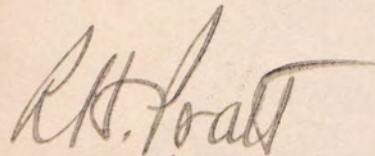
Sir:

Referring to "Education, 47440-1902", that the case of Roger Jamieson may be entirely understood, a copy of a letter just written to Mr. Congdon, Attorney-at Law, Randolph, N.Y. is herewith enclosed. Mr. Congdon's letter to the Commission is also enclosed.

Respectfully,

Dictated.

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Darwin H. Congdon.
Randolph, N.Y.
Aug. 9, 1902

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Jenison for his return
from Carlisle Sch.
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Enclosure sent to
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E. J. [Signature]

DARWIN W. CONGDON,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
RANDOLPH, N. Y.

9 August 1882

Office of Indian Affairs

N. E. Fournier

Acting Commissioner.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 26th July in
regard to Roger Jimerson is at
hand. I have seen the old man
and he wishes me to write to you
once more.

He has brought me a letter from
Roger giving his version of the
interview with Col. Pratt from
which I quote as follows:

"I was very sorrow to hear you was
sick nearly all winter, if you want
me bad to come home. just tell
Col. Pratt it is impossible for you
gett long with out anney body around
the house. just tell him you was

sick all winter you just getting better now.

led. Pratt he only aske me if I get letter from you. I said yes, well he said how you like your country home. I said alright. well he said that is all now. This was one 30 of May 1902. it was on Friday.

an soe that was the time I came out the country."

There is no claim made anywhere so far as I know that Rope is dissatisfied or anxious to leave Marlside but simply that his people cant get along without him, and he knowing that, desires to come home and help them.

In regard to the fathers health, he is better than he was last winter he is no longer confined to his bed but is able to go about and even to ride up here to Randolph, but he cannot do any work and apparently is not going to be able to.

DARWIN W. CONGDON,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
EAST RANDOLPH, N. Y.

Your paragraph stating that this is a common excuse offered to get children home reminds me very strongly of the difficulty some of us used to have in college getting excuses for bona fide cases of sickness because there were a lot of fellows to whom much practice had given great plausibility, who were always getting sick excuses when they felt particularly well, in order to give themselves a little vacation.

Finally in regard to the contract under which the children were sent to Berkshire Mr. Jimison says: Mrs Pratt came to Steamburg and wanted to take the children and Mr & Mrs Jimison made conditions, could they get the children back if they wanted them and particularly if they were sick, could the children come home, Mrs Pratt

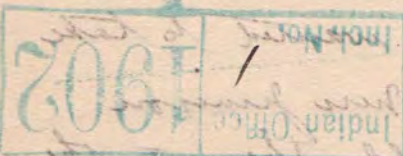
so the Jimersons both say, kept saying
"Yes, yes, its all in the contract,
any time you are either of you sick
you can have them sent right home,
sign the contract quick, you are going
to make me late for my train"
and so because of her urgency Mrs.
Jimerson signed the contract without
reading it, and she went away.
He has no copy of the contract.
But Mr Jimerson and his wife cannot
understand. They talk about it every
time they come up here, why after
that explicit promise made by
Mrs. Pratt herself, there should be
so much trouble made them.

very truly yours

Darwin Leonardson

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Pratt, R. H.,

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

Copy letter referring to the return of Roger Finneson.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. E. Pratt,

Lt. Col. 4. Supt.

COPY.

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 18th. 1902.

Darwin W. Congdon,
Attorney-at-Law,
Randolph, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Under date of Aug. 15th. a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs comes to me, enclosing a letter of yours to him with reference to Roger Jimieson, and directing me to "inform the writer of the letter my conclusions relative to the matter of the return of this boy".

My school nurse, Miss Barr, not Mrs. Pratt, brought this boy to the school. I referred your letter to Miss Barr for her statement in regard to the allegations coming within her knowledge. The following is her reply:

"Communication regarding Roger Jimieson received. The father of this boy brought him and his sister to me at Mrs. Tripp's house in Salamance.

"I feel satisfied that the father and the boy knew thoroughly the contents of the consent blank. I did not misrepresent the same nor make any promises in addition to it. I did not see them at any other place. I was not in Steamberg at any time and did not see Mrs. Jimieson at all.

"I did not know the boy was coming until he came with his father on the morning of my departure. I told the father it would be necessary for the boy and his sister to stay five years. I had the boy examined by the physician and he came with my party.

(Signed) M.S. Barr, Nurse."

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On your and other urgency, I had Roger brought from his country home and arranged for his ticket home. When he came to the office, he told Miss Ely, my outing agent, that he had a letter from home just before and his father was well; that there was no need and he did not want to go home, but desired to stay under the school and return to his country home. He repeated this statement to Mr. Allen my assistant superintendent. They reported it to me and I had him come to my office, where he reiterated his statement alleging that he had received a letter from home, that his father was not ill and there was no need for his returning home; that he desired to remain and return to the country.

On this statement I allowed him to go back to the country where he is now. It is best for him to remain there until his time is up, Sept. 15th., when he will come back to the school. Then I will again take up the matter, but in a disciplinary way.

In order that the Commissioner may know these conditions, I am sending him a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

Dictated.

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,

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Lt. Col. & Supt.