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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. *Sept. 18 19 02*

Pratt, R. H.,

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

*Requesting reinstatement + ap-
pointment of Dr. O. C. Benson, of
Sandstone, Minn. to Carlisle as
physician at \$1200.*

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 18, 1902.

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

Sir :

Referring to my letters to the Department of this year and last expressing dissatisfaction with the present arrangement of having a physician from the town, stating that we need the constant attendance of a resident physician, who would be thoroughly in touch with and useful to us in addition to his profession, I have to respectfully advise you that Dr. O. O. Benson of Sandstone, Minnesota, advises me he has been in the Indian service, but that his eligibility recently lapsed. From correspondence only I am led to think that Dr. Benson is the man we need, and if he can be reinstated in the service I would be glad to have him appointed physician. He would come for \$1200 per annum.

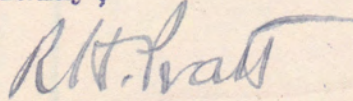
I request that the physician's salary at this school be increased from \$800 to \$1200 per annum, as formerly, and that Dr. Benson be made eligible and appointed. If this cannot be done at once, then that I be authorized to employ him for special service at that salary under the same conditions in force now, until he can become eligible by re-examination.

In view of the abolishment of the salary of Professor Bakeless, notwithstanding the addition of \$450 to the salary of the Assistant Superintendent to also serve as Principal Teacher, and \$200 additional requested for the Assistant Principal, and the \$400 more for phy-

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sician, our salary list will still be \$450 below the aggregate sum allowed this year.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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