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To the Honorable

The Commissioner, Indian Affairs

Washington, D.C.

M. A. Embick,
Boiling Springs, Pa.
Feb. 21, 1903,
Rel. to the resignation
of Col. R. H. Pratt
as Supt. of Carlisle
School.

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F. J. [Signature]

I remain yours very truly

After his resignation as the School and not to doubt
was intended him but still hope that you will urge him to remain
have a right to be indignant about what he considered the wrong
of Col. Pratt during the war, and his involuntarily soldiers since I
hope you will

As the old soldier of 1861, knowing the record
of Col. Pratt I should have been a pillar of support for the opinion of the
militant treatment accorded Col. Pratt of the war, but, and the
the active committee and the State as well, even in view of the
report on the subject of the
I hope this will not be done
of the Indian School in Carlisle and that he will be satisfied
I am sure you will be glad to receive his resignation as Superintendent
and hoping to do with the resignation of Col. R. H. Pratt
with I realize that you have

Boiling Springs Pa, Feb. 21st 1903

To The Honorable ,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington Dear Sir:-

While I realize that you have had nothing to do with the compulsory retirement of Col. R. H. Pratt yet I fear you may be led to accept his retirement as Superintendent of the Indian School in Carlisle and thus do that splendid school an irreparable injury. I hope this will not be done. The entire community and the State as well, are up in arms at the humiliating treatment accorded Col. Pratt by the War Dept. and the editorial I enclose from a Phila. paper voices the opinion of the people fully. As an old soldier myself, knowing the record of Col. Pratt during the war, and his invaluable services since I have a right to be indignant along with my comrades at the treatment accorded him, but still hope that you will urge him to reconsider his resignation so the School may not go down.

I remain yours very truly

M. A. Emlick

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Cooking School

TODAY'S Programme—
10.30 A. M.—
Braised Heart Oyster Omelette
Fruit Muffin
2.30 P. M.—
Court Bouillon Broiled Oysters
Stuffed Peppers
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INJUSTICE TO A GOOD SOLDIER.

By arbitrarily placing Colonel R. H. Pratt, of the Carlisle Indian School, upon the retired list, the War Department has inflicted grave injustice upon a deserving officer. By every consideration of good service and established precedent he should have been retired as a brigadier general, or else permitted to remain until he attained that rank in the ordinary course of events.

No officer in the American army has a cleaner record than this unassuming soldier, and few have performed more distinguished service. In the civil war he won his way upward by gallantry and devotion to duty. In the Indian campaigns he fought with rare courage. As head of the Indian School he has been faithful, painstaking and efficient. As negotiator between the government and tribes from whom lands were bought he served justice and honesty conspicuously well.

It may be that his activity in defeating fraudulent claims brought by speculators ostensibly in behalf of Indians made enemies for him. Certainly the War Department has not been actuated by open justice in dealing with him.

When he was made colonel a few weeks ago he received an official hint that his retirement would be graciously received. Lacking two years of 64, the age of compulsory retirement, he did not accept the suggestion, for he knew that if permitted to remain he would become a brigadier before the end of his service, through the retirement of those ahead of him on the list. He would willingly have retired immediately on that rank, which would have been only a reasonable reward for his long and useful service.

But the War Department has many candidates for brigadier generalships, and many of them are equipped with political or social influence, while Colonel Pratt has only his record to recommend him. Hence the President has been induced to retire him under the law which empowers him so to dispose of officers who have reached the age of 62 years.

The substance of the decision is that this officer, who for years has performed duties far more difficult and arduous than those of a colonel of regiment, is reduced to three-fourths of a colonel's pay, or less than that of a lieutenant colonel, from which rank he was recently promoted. The order is in effect an insinuation that he is no longer capable enough for a colonelcy, whereas his ability and long service ought naturally to lift him into the higher grade.

Colonel Pratt has accepted the decision to mean, further, that he is considered unequal to the office of superintendent of the school, and therefore he has resigned. His resignation is a grievous loss to the school, and it is also a fitting answer to the cruel slight with which the War Department has rewarded a soldier's fidelity.