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Indian Indus. School,
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 2, 1903.

Pratt. R. H. Col. & Supt.

Case of Moses Raub.

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To Supt. 12/8/03

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 2, 1903.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington , D. C.

Sir :-

Referring to Office letter "Education 73856 -1903 " dated November 19 , 1903, I have the honor to state that Moses W. Raub was admitted to the Carlisle school September 23rd of this year, being transferred from the Chemawa Indian School at Salem, Oregon. He informs me that for the three years immediately preceding his coming to Carlisle he was a student at the Chemawa School; that before entering that institution he was married to an Indian girl named Julia Hart at Port Townsend, Washington; that soon after his marriage he started off to school leaving his wife with his mother, and has been away ever since. He also states that Assistant Superintendent Campbell of the Chemawa School told him he must come to Carlisle, and laboring under that impression he came. Two other boys, Henry Vinson and Joseph LaFramboise, who accompanied him to Carlisle , say that they came of their own free will and that Moses Raub had never told them that he came under duress.

Both Moses and Joseph tell me they had been out of school for some time while at Chemawa on account of sore eyes and some trouble they had, which they are a little reticent about specifying. When Moses came he was unable to attend school at all on account of his eyes. He was sent to Philadelphia to an oculist and provided with glasses, since which time he has been attending school regularly. His

general health is excellent. He could not possibly have been in better physical condition before coming here than he is now. Henry Vinson, the other pupil, tells me that Raub was confined in the guard-house at Chemawa for some months on account of trouble with a girl whom he would have been required to marry but for the fact that he was already a married man. Joseph La Framboise, Vinson says, was confined several months in the county jail and one month at the school for stealing and attempting to pass counterfeit money. No one connected with the Carlisle school was made aware of these blemishes in the character of the two young men mentioned, the facts having been elicited in the investigation made in pursuance of instructions in your letter above referred to. This somewhat lengthy statement is made at this time to show the character of students that are often sent to us.

It seems not to have occurred to Moses while at Chemawa that he was under any obligations to provide either for his wife or his mother and it is only since his arrival here that his conscience pricks him. However, it does not seem that when he has undertaken the care of a wife he should leave her and enter a Government school. I therefore respectfully recommend that as soon as he is able to reimburse the Government for the expense of bringing him here and to pay for his return trip that he be allowed to return not to Chemawa nor to any other Indian school, but to his home.

His letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,


Acting Supt.

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M. W. Raut
Carlisle, Pa.

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Wants permission
to leave Carlisle
School,

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Indian School
Carlisle, Pa.

Nov. 10, 1903.

Mr. W. A. Jones, Commissioner
Washington, D. C.
Dear sir:—

It is so
that I was told that I had to
come here for my education
and is so they send me here
with out funding and what
my mother would say, that
is when she had influence
over me. When she
found out she didn't like
to hear that I was that far
from her. She also stated
that of her being in poverty
and not able to earn her

and my poor little brother
living. She said that
she only gets two meals
a day some times.

So I think it is best for me
to go home and help her out and
work for their living, and give
her rest for the rest of her life.
You know she is poor.

And besides I am a man of
age, and don't learn much. It
is this why I don't learn is because
I think more of my poor mother who
has to work for her living and
just can get enough to eat
and little clothing of what
she earns every month.
So I think it is best for me ⁱⁿ to
go home and take care of them.
And besides I am a married
~~ed~~ man by rights and have

a little child to take care of
and a wife. So please
help me out and I shall
pay back the Government ba-
ck of what ^{my} expenses was ~~to~~
and shall pay it back by the
month when I get home and
shall work hard for it too, in
order to be honest.

Another thing I ~~want~~ to go
for is about my health, my
health has been failing
ever since I've been here
and I not as strong as I was
when I was in the West
and also I feel ill and not
well every day pretty near.
Write Pratt the Supt. of this
School about it and then
explain it to him.
There won't be nothing lost

on me. And besides I
 am in debt with a trading
 company at home and have
 been in debt with them
 for the last five years
 and wish to pay them back
 but I can't, it is impossible
 for me to do on account
 of my absence from home.
 I have got several letters from
 them asking to pay them back
 but I can't just now.
 I have my mercy for my
 poor mother and I am
 willing to do any thing
 for her till the end of her
 life. So please let me
 keep her out of the hard work
 she is doing now for her
 living. I feel ~~very~~ very
 much for poor mother,

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and my father is dead too,
~~that~~ what makes life so
hard. So please have
mercy on us. (Please)

Yours respectfully

M. W. Rumb

Marble (Ind. St.)

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