

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 23, 1904.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Replying to yours of the 22nd instant marked "Education - 4937" covering the matter of Miss Peter, I respectfully invite your attention to the statement in my former letter advising you that "There is no desire to leave Carlisle except for the increased salary." This statement was written by Miss Peter herself and she is writing this letter and does not withdraw it.

Very respectfully,

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 24, 1904.

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

Sir :

You have Colonel Pratt's letter, and I owe you a statement of my conduct.

I was in earnest when I made application to you for a transfer to the Indian Office and was fully determined to take the position you were kind enough to tell me I might have when vacant. On returning to the school I told Colonel Pratt what I had done, and was honest with him, telling him it was for the advantage the change would be to me that I acted as I did. But it seems I am needed here more than I had thought and my going would seriously handicap Colonel Pratt at a critical time. Unfortunately, I seem so constituted that I cannot, to another's disadvantage, seek my own gain, and for that reason am, perhaps, not worthy future thought.

I thank you most sincerely for the opportunity accorded me and the belief that my experience would be of some value in the Indian Office. Were it not as I have explained, the increase of salary here would not be a consideration, but I have told Colonel Pratt I would remain and will stand by that. He knows I am writing you, but has not read my letter. However, he understands my action.

Very respectfully,

Fannie J. Peter