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Indian Indus. School,
Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 29, 1904.

Pratt. R. H. Col. & Supt.

Submitting correspondence in
case of Joseph Rabbit, new pu-
pil, and asking instructions.

via

To Supt. Feb. 11/04.
Encl. ret. " " 13/"
To L. Lake " " "

(Large blue and red handwritten signature)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 29, 1904.

To The Honorable,

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

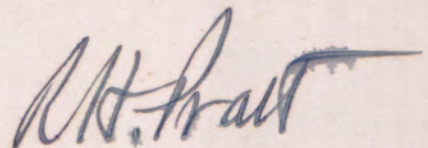
Sir :

I respectfully refer the enclosed correspondence to your office for such action as is thought best.

The boy is entirely blind in one eye, has very little sight in the other, and is totally unfit for school. What he needs is a home in some poor-house institution where he can be taken care of to the end. There is absolutely no prospect of his becoming at all capable or even sufficiently useful to care for himself. I am not satisfied that he has been sent to Carlisle, nor that we should pay the expense of his coming and returning home. In the army a physician who passes a defective recruit is required to pay that recruit's expenses to and from the rendezvous or wherever the negligence may be detected. Dr. Thomas F. Roddell (?) should, in my opinion, be required to pay the transportation of this boy to and from Carlisle, and I so recommend. I shall return Joseph Rabbit to his home, but will hold him until I have your instructions.

Please return the papers for my files.

Very respectfully,



Col. & Supt.