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Carlisle, Pa., May 7, 1904.

Concerning Nicodemus Billy
whose mother wishes him re-
leased from the school.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., May 6, 1904. , 190

To the Honorable,

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

Sir :

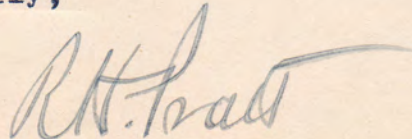
Replying to your letter of May 5th marked "Education - 30,126", referring the communications of Hon. D. S. Alexandria of the House of Representatives and Mr. Nelson T. Barrett, of Buffalo, N. Y., desiring the release of Nicodemus Billy from this school, which is referred to me for report and recommendation and which communications are herewith returned, I have to respectfully advise you that Nicodemus Billy was a pupil at this school from Sept. 13, 1898 to July 2, 1901, having been entered for a term of five years but returned home on account of health. Between his going home and return to the school he himself wrote to me direct, asking to return to the school. Fearing his health was not staunch, I urged that he would better not return. Later he got into correspondence with my bandmaster who came to me and asked that he be readmitted. I finally agreed to it on the assurance that his health was all right. He came back without any conditions of any sort, for a further period of five years. He is a member of the band. It was thought that the band would go to St. Louis, and I had practically arranged that, but an emeute in the body against the leader led me to conclude it would not be best and that denial of their going to St. Louis would be a proper punishment for the whole of them. When that was determined, Nicodemus attempted to desert, having been furnished with money from home. He and another boy from the same place who was

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also a member of the band were intercepted at the railroad station. I recovered the money for his ticket from the railroad and sent it to his mother. He claimed that he came here under promises to go to St. Louis, but that cuts no figure in his return, as my bandleader and all were particularly instructed to hold out no inducements of that kind. He has lately expressed himself as satisfied to remain at Carlisle; and as his return was accepted under some obligations, I feel that his own interests, which are after all the most important, require that he should remain.

I may say that the boy himself has improved and shows a cheerful pleasant disposition about it; and I am entirely hopeful that his return to Carlisle will be in every way satisfactory to him and his friends, eventually.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name below.

Col. & Supt.

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J. E. Alexander,

Washington, D.C.

If not imposing too much upon you, I desire your assistance in the admission of pupils to Carlisle Indian Industrial School as per your letter. One Woodman Billy, an Indian from the Rosebud Reservation, please accept my thanks.

Yours of recent date, enclosing rules and regulations concerning the school, are enclosed as a bill in the Carlisle Report.

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If I am not mistaken, it is within the Province of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to grant the request of said Bill to be admitted to the school for three years, and they are all suitable Indians.

The lives practically alone on the Reservation. I have known the mother of Billy is an aged woman, and she much desires him to return to all the rules have been compiled with concerning the admission. Independent decides to permit him to do, as doubtless he has a right to do. A few months ago. He now desires to leave said school; which the independent decides, this country, enclosed as a bill in the Carlisle Report.

One Woodman Billy, an Indian from the Rosebud Reservation, please accept my thanks.

Very truly yours,

W. D. Brewster

before you leave Washington, it will greatly oblige me. If you can find time to communicate with the Commissioner before that he was previously at the school for three years. He enrolled on the request of some official of the Institution. It could go to St. Louis with the same, as he is a good Indian, and may be before bringing you with the matter.

the Institution. Communication has been had with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to grant the request of said Bill to

MAY 24, 1904.

NELSON T. BARRETT,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
422 MOONEY-BRISBANE BLDG.,
BUFFALO, N. Y.

May 2d, 1904.

Hon. D. S. Alexander,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:--

Yours of recent date, enclosing rules and regulations concerning admission of pupils to Carlisle Indian Industrial School at hand for which please accept my thanks.

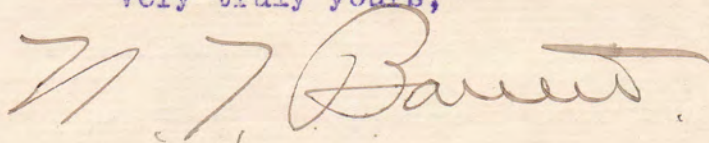
If not imposing too much upon you, I desire your assistance further. One Nicodemus Billy, an Indian from the Tonawanda Reservation, this County, enrolled himself as a pupil in the Carlisle School a few months ago. He now desires to leave said school; which the superintendent declines to permit him to do, as doubtless he has a right to do, if all the rules have been complied with concerning the admission. The mother of Billy is an aged woman, and she much desires him to return as she lives practically alone on the Reservation. I have known the family for many years, and they are all estimable Indians.

If I am not mistaken, it is within the Province of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to grant the request of said pupil to leave the Institution. Communication has been had with the Superintendent, before troubling you with the matter.

Billy states that he enrolled on the promise that he could go to St. Louis with the Band, as he is a good musician, and says he enrolled on the request of some official of the Institution. It seems that he was previously at the School for three years.

If you can find time to communicate with the Commissioner before you leave Washington, it will greatly oblige me.

Very truly yours,



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Hon. D. J. Alexander,
House of Reps.

May 3, 1904.

Enc. letter of Nelson
T. Barrett who desires
to secure the release
of Nicodemus Billy
from the Carlisle
School,

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Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Fifty-Eighth Congress.

May 3 1904

Hon. W. A. Jones,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a letter from Mr. N. T. Barrett, 422 Mooney Bld., Buffalo, which explains itself. It appears that the mother of Nicodemus Billy, who lives alone on the Tonawanda Indian reservation, desires him to return home, and I beg to request that Billy be released from the Carlisle school for this purpose.

Very respectfully,

D. S. Alexander