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SITKA, ALASKA, July 27th 1904

To the Honorable Commission of
Indian Affairs,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

We have here a girl Georgie A. Cook. She was born just twenty years ago near Wrangell, Alaska. Her mother an Indian woman still lives near Wrangell. Her father was a white man, and he died some years ago. When Georgie was five years of age she was taken to the home of a Mrs. Thomas of Wrangell, a Christian woman who was in charge of a public school at that place. Georgie remained with Mrs. Thomas for nearly five years and until she was taken to the home of a sister of Mrs. Thomas, a Mrs. Fiddler who lives in West Virginia. She, Georgie A. Cook remained in the Fiddler home for nearly ten years and until last November when she returned to Alaska. The Fiddlers are intelligent Christian people, and Georgie has had a good and careful upbringing. Since her return to Alaska last November Georgie has lived almost continuously in our home, or at the Training School here. Miss Cook has had a good common school education, is intelligent and well-informed and of very prepossessing manners and appearance.

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While we believe Miss Cook has a good constitution, and almost perfect health, yet she is not a rugged girl, and with only domestic service before her a half-breed girl, the outlook and prospect is forbidding; besides we believe her, the opportunity given, to be capable of something better for herself and her people. She has good taste in sewing, and for dressmaking, which is a very available asset here; also with further education I believe she would make a very capable common school teacher among her people.

We made application for her admission to Carlisle, also to Chemawa. Now Superintendent Potter of Chemawa writes suggesting that I state the case of Georgie Q. Cook to you. With your approval and consent I understand he would be pleased to receive and admit her at Chemawa.

Hoping, my dear Sir, that you will see your way to grant permission to have this, as I believe, very worthy young woman admitted to one or other of these schools believe me

Yours very truly

W. S. Bannerman

Minister of the Presbyterian Churches of Sitka.