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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Oneida Indian School,

Oneida, Wis., October 24, '04.

Captain W. A. Mercer,
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Miss Juliet Smith presents an order from you for transfer of three Oneidas to Carlisle, and seemed to consider that I should sign the vouchers as a matter of course and without waiting to satisfy myself that the proposed pupils were eligible for transfer. This, is, of course, a logical conclusion from the action of Carlisle representatives in the past, and against which I have protested, vainly as it happens, on two occasions this year.

I informed her that it was necessary for me to know that the record of the proposed pupils is clear, which I shall endeavor to do as soon as possible. My present knowledge of the applicants is as follows:

Milton Smith, age 20, returned from Hampton something over a year ago. So far as I know his record is fair but under instructions from the Indian Office I am not at liberty to send him elsewhere until the consent of the Hampton authorities is secured. I am to-day writing Hampton to get his record.

Oscar Smith, age 20, is also a Hampton student, and the same remarks apply.

Demster Smith, age 17, has been at Flandreau and left before his term expired. I wish to know from Supt. Pierce whether there is anything in the circumstances of his leaving Flandreau to make it inadvisable for him to go to Carlisle or elsewhere.

I would again suggest that instead of placing transportation to the order of returned students for such number as they may wish to bring, that the order be placed to my credit so that we may be sure that pupils are eligible before they leave.

I would like to say in this connection that the last party contained two pupils from this school, one 11 and one 14, who, if enrolled at all are illegally so, and under the Rules the transportation is not chargeable to the government. I hoped that my report of the matter to you would bring some assurance that this way of securing pupils would be stopped, but the only result was that the letter was turned over to the very man who was responsible for the irregularity, and he did not answer the letter, and as I was informed privately, although that might not be wholly trustworthy, simply boasted of his ability to ignore the local authorities, which it appears he has very successfully done. I think now it would have promised more cordial relations between the schools if I had protested vigorously and at once to the Indian Office against the allowance of transportation for these pupils when the issue would have to be fairly and promptly met.

I will report fully on the three young men as soon as the report of the other schools is received.

very respectfully,
(Signed) Joseph C. Hart., Supt.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Oneida Indian School,

Oneida, Wis., Oct. 13, 1904

Captain W. A. Mercer, Supt.,
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 5 concerning Charles King is received. Some time ago I wrote you concerning some very serious departures from the rules on the part of your representatives on this reservation, but so far have received no answer. Will you please advise me if you received my letter on this subject and calling your attention to the illegality of the transfer of several of the party taken by Genus Baird. A later party was taken by some one unknown to me, and consisted in part at least of pupils who should be in this school. I wish to hear from you before taking the matter up with the Indian Office. I cannot believe that it was done by your direction or even with your knowledge. I hope to be able to attend the meeting at Mohonk this year and may have opportunity to talk this matter over with you.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) Joseph C. Hart,
Superintendent.
If Charles' term has expired, he should be allowed to come home, but if you hold that it has not expired, his work there before coming, although that will require the answering of monthly appeals from his people, unless he has a little money to send which will answer the purpose quite as well.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Joseph C. Hart,

Superintendent.

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Department Of The Interior,
United States Indian Service,

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Oneida Indian School,

Oneida, Wis., Sept. 14, '04

Captain W. A. Mercer, Supt.,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

You will doubtless recall my letters of July concerning the collection of Oneida pupils for Carlisle, and the hope I then expressed that the relations between the schools made more cordial than they had been by a closer compliance on the part of Carlisle agents with the rules for collecting such pupils. Genus Baird finally presented such credentials and I made such suggestions to him as seemed necessary and instructed him that pupils of 13 and under would not be considered for transfer unless there were particular reasons and that of those reasons I was to be the judge. I also instructed him that consent blanks must be signed and that the required medical examination must be had, and that the whole list must be submitted to me for approval. Some time afterward I was rather disagreeably surprised to learn that he had gone apparently without complying with any of the requirements, and I must confess that I was rather chagrined that no explanation of any kind came from your office.

Mr. Baird did not tell me when he expected to leave and I supposed he would report at the office from time to time as he needed information but the next I heard of him he had gone.

These may seem small matters, but if I am not mistaken, similar small violations of the regulations made much friction for the school in former years, friction which is needless because the interest of Carlisle will be much better served by a manly compliance which they, in common with the rest of us, are expected to obey.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Joseph C. Hart.

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Oneida Indian School,

Oneida, Wis., August 30, 1904.

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly furnish me with a list of the pupils taken from Oneida by Genus Baird. I gave him full instructions as to what I thought he had better do but he finally left without filing any list or submitting any papers whatever to me.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Joseph C. Hart,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Oneida Indian School,

Oneida, Wis., July 25, 1904.

Superintendent,

Carlisle Indian School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

Mr. Genus Baird requests permission to enlist a party for Carlisle, and I have requested him to get a request from you, stating that he is authorized to solicit pupils. For some time the Carlisle agents have persisted in ignoring this office and I desire to have the future relations more cordial than in the past, and will give any accredited agent every assistance in my power.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Joseph C. Hart,

Superintendent.

The Oneida reservation is now in my charge and wholly detached from the Green Bay Agency, which has headquarters at Keshena.

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STATEMENT OF JULIET SMITH.

My term having expired at Carlisle I went to my home in Oneida, Wis., for a short vacation, and wishing to return to school I desired to bring Milton Smith, aged 20, whose three-year term at Hampton had expired, Oscar Smith, aged 20, whose three-year term at Hampton had also expired and Demster Smith, aged, 17, who had gone to Flandreau one year but finding the studies not far enough advanced for him returned to his home. I called on Superintendent Hart and told him about these three boys who wanted to come to Carlisle with me. They were all my cousins and their parents wished them to come to Carlisle and be enrolled as students here.

Superintendent Hart said that he would make investigations about the boys before he would approve of their coming, and when I reported this to their parents, their parents said they were to come without Supt. Hart's consent. They said that there was no use in asking Mr. Hart's consent anyway, that he would not approve of students coming to Carlisle, and that other people said the same thing regarding him. The people in general say that he would not consent to any children coming to Carlisle as he would rather have all of those who wished to go away to school go to Flandreau or some other school.

I told the parents that I did not think their children could come, not because they were not eligible but because Mr. Hart did not want them to come. If the boys had not come here to school they would not have gone to any other school. Their parents were willing to pay their way here and were determined to have them come here to school.

I wanted to get back to Carlisle in order to start in school by

Monday and when I asked Supt. Hart for his consent, he said that it might be ten days or two weeks before he would let me know. I could not possibly stay that long and would have returned alone but for the fact that their parents insisted upon their coming to school with me.

From his conversation with me I could easily see that he was prejudiced against Carlisle, and favored Haskell and other schools. This is the impression that his talk with me gave me, and this is the general impression among all my friends on the reservation.

Juliette Smith

STATEMENT OF GENUS BAIRD.

I am an employee of the Carlisle school and while home on a vacation on the Oneida Reservation, spoke to Superintendent Hart about getting some students for Carlisle. He stated that he would do all in his power to get as many students as I wanted, providing I did not take children from other schools, except from Wittenberg. I first went to the parents and after getting their consent went to the doctor for his consent. When the papers had been signed by the parents and physician, I took them four times to Superintendent Hart, one of these times being the occasion of an appointment, he had made with me at a stated time, for his approval. On the day of the appointment I was there to see him but found that he had gone away. Mrs. Hart stated he was taking his vacation two and three days at a time, duty keeping him from using it all at one time.

My leave of absence had expired and I was obliged to come back to Carlisle, so did not wait to get his approval but supposed everything I had done was in compliance with the rules and that he would approve it. The mistake I made was the fact that I did not have his formal consent to the students coming here, but this was due to the fact that he failed to keep his appointment.

G. E. Baird

(Signed) Joseph C. Hart

Very respectfully,

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Young's report of November 11 concerning Baptist Hill received.

Dear Sir;

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

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Oneida Indian School,

Oneida, Wis., Nov. 14, 1904.

Captain W. A. Mercer,

Supt. Carlisle Indian School,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of November 11 concerning Baptist Hill received. I am not well acquainted with Mr. Hill and do not know whether he is capable of taking care of money, but I learn from his neighbors that the statement made is substantially true. However, the ground will be frozen within a week or two and plowing will be over until spring. I suppose the son's wishes might be consulted but I do not feel like advising the son to furnish money.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Joseph C. Hart,

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., November 11, 1904.

Mr. Joseph C. Hart,
Supt. Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter dated the 7th instant from Baptist Hill, an Indian of the Oneida reservation, asking assistance from his son, Hyson, here in the way of a loan of \$35.00, with which to purchase a horse to replace one that has recently died.

Before presenting the matter to the son, we deemed it desirable that the matter should be inquired into by you in order that we might have an expression of your opinion as to whether this is a case where an appeal for help to the boy is justifiable.

Please return the enclosed letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W.A.Mercer,

Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

1 Enclosure.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., October 19, 1904.

Miss Juliette Smith,

South Oneida, Wis.

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of recent date stating that you will soon be ready to return to Carlisle, and inquiring about the admission of three boy cousins of yours, aged from 17 to 20 years, as pupils here. In reply I have to state that we do not think it would be advisable to have new students enrolled here, with the understanding that they may attend commercial school in Carlisle half of each day. The privilege of taking such a commercial course is sometimes extended to pupils of the senior class here, but not, as a rule, to students below that grade. We will be glad to have your cousins come with you and be enrolled as full students at Carlisle, as it is felt that much good can be done them here. It is assumed, of course, that they are suitable boys and are in sound health.

Before coming they will need to fill out the enclosed application blanks, and secure a physician's certificate whose examination should be thorough. Certificates of the school physician would be preferred. Then you should also consult Superintendent Hart with reference to the matter, and secure his consent to their coming; it would be well to show him this letter.

I have this day requested the eastern agent of the Chicago and North Western Railroad to cause transportation to be placed at De Pere subject to your order, for from one to four persons to Carlisle.

Your Friend,

(Signed) W. A. Mercer,

Captain 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

3 Enclosures.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., October 18, 1904.

Mr. Jos. C. Hart, Supt.,
Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir :

This office has a letter from Solomon Webster dated the 10th instant, asking permission to be re-enrolled as a pupil at this school, and in reply of this date he was told that transportation would be sent for him to come here and that he would be re-enrolled upon filling out and forwarding the required application blank.

This young man returned to his home in June last from this school, after a course of over six years here. While not as far advanced in his studies as might be wished, he made an excellent record while here, and it is felt that this school can be of much additional benefit to him if he is allowed to come for a few years. It is suggested that if you see your way clear to do so, you give your consent to his return and render him any aid that may be necessary in his preparation for coming.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) J.R.Wise,

Actg. Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., October 17, 1904.

Mr. Joseph C. Hart,

Supt. Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant relative to the departure on the part of a representative from this school from the rules governing the procurement of pupils, I am directed by Captain Mercer to state that your former letter on the subject was turned over to the, then Assistant Superintendent, for reply, he having a full knowledge of the subject, and that I am unable to find that any reply was made, or to ascertain what disposition was made of the matter.

I am also asked by Captain Mercer to state that it is his sincere purpose and wish to comply strictly with the regulations in the matter of procurement of pupils, and that where the latter are under the jurisdiction of an Agent or Superintendent, the latter shall always be consulted and their consent obtained to a transfer to this school. If this mode of procedure has been departed from in the past, it has not been done with his knowledge and approval.

It is hoped that you may be able to come east to attend the Mohonk Conference, and if you do, we would be pleased to have you visit Carlisle, and talk over this and other matters of mutual interest to us.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) J. R. Wise,

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Acting Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., October 17, 1904.

Mr. Joseph C. Hart,
Supt. Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated the 13th instant relative to the return of Charles King, a student at this school, to his home, I have to advise you that Charles was enrolled here on September 13, 1901, for a period of five years. It is clear from your letter that there is no real necessity for returning this boy to his home so far as his parents are concerned, and I am certain that so far as his education and training are concerned, he should remain in the school here until his five year term has expired. He will, therefore, be kept here, at least until more urgent conditions arise which will render his return desirable. I should be pleased to have you advise the parents of the exact situation, and of the conclusion reached by you and myself.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W.A. Mercer,

Captain 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., October 3, 1904.

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Selinda and Charles King from your reservation are students here. Selinda has appealed to me to allow Charles to go home, on the ground that his father and mother need his services very much; his father has also written several letters on the subject, but I have not been able to satisfy myself that his services are really needed and I appeal to you for the information. It is stated that his father is an old man and an invalid, also that the daughter about 16 years of age who is at home, is an invalid, that the family own a little tract of land, some horses and that Charles is needed to cut wood, take care of the horses and work on the farm.

Will you kindly advise me as to whether Charles' services are urgently needed, and whether, in your opinion, it would be a proper thing to send him home. I shall be very much obliged for this information.

George King is the boy's father, and his address, I believe, is West Depere, Wis.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. A. Mercer,

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Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., September 1, 1904.

Mr. Jos. C. Hart, Supt.,

Indian School,

Oneida, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, the following students were brought to Carlisle by Genus Baird:

Chauncey Powless	Age - 13	Mother's name-	Rachel Powlas
Joseph Denny	11	Father's "	W. Denny
Eli Powless	10	Mother's "	Rachel Powlas
Josephine Smith	18	" "	Harriet Smith Denny
Hyson Hill	15	Guardian's "	Mrs. David Abrams
Ernest Kick	20	Father's "	Aaron Kick
Albert Kick	18	" "	Aaron Kick
Charles Hill	22	" "	Daniel Hill
Wilson Dextator	20	" "	Thomas Dextator
James Metoxen	19	" "	Albert Metoxen
Romas Baird	19	" "	Amos Baird
Celinda King	22	" "	George King.

These names are given as they appear on our records. You will note that several are returning students.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Edgar A. Allen,

Acting. Supt.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., August 11, 1904.

Supt. Joseph C. Hart,
Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I have to-day asked that Phineas Wheelock be recalled from the country with the view of his going home to make the visit he desires. It is Phineas' own fault that he did not go home with the others in June. He elected to go to the country, knowing that if he went out he would forfeit his home visit. In cases such as this, students well know that the privilege of going home is forfeited until the next going-home season, if they take places under the Outing; but having respect for your recommendation Phineas will be allowed to go.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Edgar A. Allen,

Acting Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., July 29, 1904.

Mr. Joseph C. Hart, Supt.,
Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th with regard to Phoebe Skenandore, I have to advise you that an examination of the records here shows that Phoebe was entered Dec. 16th, 1900, for a five years term. Her term at Carlisle is therefore not completed. She is in the country for the summer, and as she is in good health there seems no reason why she should not continue here and make as much improvement as she is capable of until the expiration of her term.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W.A. Mercer,

Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., July 28, 1904.

Mr. Joseph C. Hart, Supt.,
Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that I have this day ticketed to De
Pere, Wis., James Metoxen, a student of this school from your Agency,
who has completed his term of five years.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W.A. Mercer,

Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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Mr. Genus E. Baird
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

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Carlisle, Pa., July 27, 1904.

Mr. Joseph C. Hart, Supt.,
Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your communication of the 25th instant in regard to the application of Mr. Genus Baird, for permission to obtain a party of children for Carlisle. I note what you say about your office being ignored, and desire to assure you that hereafter you will have no complaint of that nature, for I certainly wish to and will maintain, so far as I am concerned, the most cordial relations with your school.

I wrote you yesterday, asking you to allow Mr. Baird to collect students for Carlisle and requested that you give him every assistance in your power.

I myself was not aware that the Oneida Reservation was detached from Green Bay Agency. I congratulate you upon your independent command. You have my very best wishes for your school.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. A. Mercer,

Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

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Carlisle, Pa., July 26, 1904.

Supt. Joseph C. Hart,
Indian School,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Genus E. Baird, of your Agency, who is employed at this school as Assistant Printer, is now on a visit to his home in Wisconsin. I would be very glad to have him bring back with him a party of desirable pupils, and to this end will greatly appreciate any assistance you may find it convenient to render him.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W.A.Mercer,

Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Indian Service,

Carlisle, Pa., July 26, 1904.

Mr. Genus E. Baird,
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant to Mr. Allen, I enclose herewith copy of a letter I have written to Supt. Hart, authorizing you to represent this school in the collection of a party of pupils, and asking his assistance.

Be sure to adhere closely to the age, blood and health requirements, viz.: To be accepted students must be between 12 and 20 years of age; must have not less than one-fourth Indian blood; must be in good health as shown by examination by the Agency physician, or in case there is no agency physician, by a reputable doctor in the neighborhood.

As soon as you inform me as to where you wish transportation placed returning, the matter will be attended to. This should be done so that word will reach Carlisle at least two or three days before the time you wish to start. Application blanks are herewith.

I hope your labors will result in securing a good party.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W.A.Mercer,

Capt. 7th Cav. Supt.

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Capt. W. A. Mercer,
Carlisle School

Dec. 6, 1904

Rel. to the complaint
of Supt. of Oneida
School of violation of
regulations by repre-
sentatives of Carlisle
School, in collecting
pupils.

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To Supt. / 2/12/04
" Oneida " "

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PENNA.

December 6, 1904.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, "E", dated November 18, 1904, inclosing a communication dated November 14 from Superintendent Joseph C. Hart of the Oneida Indian Training School, Wisconsin, protesting against the violation of Rule 17 in the collection of pupils by representatives of this school on the Oneida Reservation, upon which communication you request that a full report be made with return of the papers.

Reporting upon this matter I have to state that the cases mentioned by Superintendent Hart and the contents of his letter have been carefully considered. In connection therewith I would respectfully invite attention to the inclosed copies of correspondence had with Superintendent Hart since I assumed charge of this school. While some of this correspondence does not bear directly upon the cases referred to by him, the same is submitted together with that relating to such cases in order to show that he has been treated with uniform courtesy at all times, and that every effort has been made to defer to Superintendent Hart's wishes in the matter of the procurement of pupils and in all other matters, in full compliance, so far as practicable, with the Indian School Regulations as understood by me.

Your attention is also invited to the signed statements of Genus E. Baird and Juliet Smith, ^{the parties} referred to in Superintendent Hart's letter, and also to the signed statement of Wallace Denny of this school.

The statement of Mr. Baird explains fully how it came about that he brought the party of pupils to this school without having previously procured Mr. Hart's consent. It will be noted that this party of pupils consisted for the most part of students who had been previously enrolled here. The manner of their coming was keenly regretted by myself, even though, as indicated by Mr. Baird, every effort had been made to meet Mr. Hart and procure his approval. The latter's letter to me calling for an explanation was turned over to the then Assistant Superintendent who had had full charge of the procurement of these pupils and of the correspondence in connection therewith, and who was cognizant of all the facts, for reply. It appears, however, that none was made. This incident was keenly regretted, as indicated in letter dated October 17, 1904, of the Acting Superintendent of this school, to Superintendent Hart..

Respecting the delegation of pupils brought by Juliet Smith, it will be noted from the correspondence that every effort was made by this school to comply with the regulations and to have Superintendent Hart's approval before any pupils were brought. Miss Smith's statement explains fully how the party came to be brought without Superintendent Hart's consent. This outcome again was most keenly regretted, but as will be seen, the occurrence against which Superintendent Hart protests came about in spite of all precautions. In

this connection attention is respectfully invited to paragraph 18 of 1900. Rules governing the Indian School Service, ^ It is respectfully submitted that it was hardly proper for Superintendent Hart to require Miss Smith, who was anxious to return to this school and resume her studies, to wait, together with the three new pupils who desired to come, for two or three weeks until their record could be ascertained by the superintendent. No doubt they would have waited any reasonable length of time required by Mr. Hart to procure this information, which, however, he should already have had at hand. While I do not wish to excuse the error of Miss Smith in bringing the pupils without the consent of the Superintendent, yet it is respectfully submitted that the reasons given by her should be accepted as a satisfactory explanation from the viewpoint of Miss Smith and the parents of the children who desired to come.

It is difficult to believe, as indicated in the statements of Baird, Denny and Miss Smith, that Superintendent Hart would permit prejudice to influence him in the matter of the enrollment of pupils at one non-reservation school rather than at another, and I am disinclined to believe that he has endeavored to prevent pupils from coming to Carlisle and to persuade them to go to Haskell, Flandreau or elsewhere.

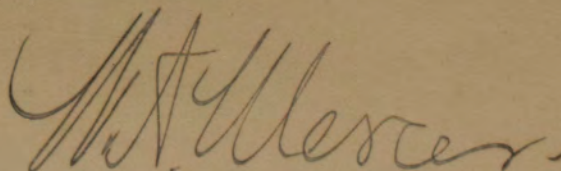
If the Smith boys mentioned by Mr. Hart completed the terms of their respective enrollment at other non-reservation schools, as is understood to be the case, it is not seen why they should not properly be subject to enrollment at this school for a new term

in order to pursue their studies further. I have not yet been advised by Mr. Hart whether these boys served the full terms of their enrollment at Hampton and Flandreau, as he indicated in his letter to me of October 24th he would do.

In conclusion I desire to say that it is my sincere wish to avoid all occasion in future for differences of this nature with Superintendent Hart. I shall do all in my power to prevent their occurrence, and it is suggested that if Superintendent Hart could be instructed to comply with the letter and spirit of Par. 239, of Indian School Rules, 1904, and to inform representatives of this school within a reasonable time whether pupils procured are eligible to transfer, thus avoiding the expense of holding a party in waiting as well as the danger of its disintegrating and disbanding, all danger of future friction would be done away with and the welfare of pupils and schools promoted.

The letter of Superintendent Hart is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



Captain. 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Oneida Indian School,
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Joseph C. Hart, Supt.

Protesting against violation of
Rule 17 in collecting pupils.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Oneida Indian School,
Oneida, Wis., November 14, 1904.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the following named Oneida pupils have been taken to the Carlisle Indian school without complying with the Rules governing the transfer of Indian Pupils.

In August 1904, exact date not known to me.

Chauncy Powless, age 13.
Joseph Denny, age 11.
Eli Powless, age 10.
Josephine Smith, age 18.
Hyson Hill, age 15.
Ernest Kick, age 20.
Charles Kick, age 18.
Charles Hill, age 22.
Wilson Doxtater, age 20.
James Metoxen, age 19.
Roman Baird, age 19.
Celinda King, age 22.

The first five had not previously been enrolled at Carlisle. I instructed the representative of Carlisle to report to me the names of any that desired to go and I would ascertain if they were eligible.

This he did not do and I am not aware that any physical examination was had as required. I reported the matter to Carlisle and asked that no further transportation orders be placed here except subject to my approval. A little later, probably in August also, I was informed that another agent of Carlisle, also an Oneida I think, had taken three other pupils, without even notifying me of his intention to solicit pupils. Two of these were pupils of the boarding school and no reason existed for sending them away. These were

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Melland Schuyler, age 13, a pupil of the boarding school.

Cleveland Schuyler, age 11 " " "

I reported this fact to Carlisle and again requested that orders for tickets should be subject to my approval.

On October 24 a Miss Smith, also an Oneida, presented a request or more accurately a demand for the approval of the transfer of three young men as she was to go the next day. I informed her that I could not give my consent until I knew the circumstances under which they left other schools. I afterward learned that they left the next day on tickets furnished from Carlisle. The pupils taken were:

Demster Smith age 17, enrolled at Flandreau, stayed one year and was allowed to return to work in his father's cheese factory.

Oscar Smith, age 20, Returned about a year ago from Hampton.

Milton Smith, age 20, returned from Hampton a year ago and drew his tool money to buy stock.

It will readily be seen that I was right in refusing my consent to these transfers without investigation, and that even then I could not give it without the sanction of your Office. I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the present superintendent of Carlisle but from his reputation and from the tone of his letters to me on the subject of such transfers I can not think that he is fully cognizant of the facts in the case or he would realize that any influence for good that the superintendent here may have will be almost or perhaps wholly neutralized by continually and openly ignoring his authority. I have always given aid to every accredited representative of the training schools and have sent pupils from the boarding school rather sooner than was necessary when it seemed for their

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to their interest but I must decidedly object to the practice of giving returning pupils a free hand to pick up pupils when and where they will ignoring all rules of the service as well as of common courtesy in order I suppose to have an excuse for getting their own expenses paid. I am of the opinion that the five persons named, ie Milton Smith, Oscar Smith, Demster Smith, Melland Schuyler and Cleveland Schuyler were illegally enrolled at Carlisle Indian School and that the expense of transportation is not properly charged to the government. Rule 17 is very explicit on this point and was wholly ignored in the case of the Schuylers and practically ignored in the case of the Smiths as they were taken in spite of my refusal to consent until I was satisfied they were entitled to go.

I regret the necessity for making the complaint so specific but am compelled to do so by the failure of the proper officers to take notice of my protests.

Very respectfully,

Joseph E. Hart

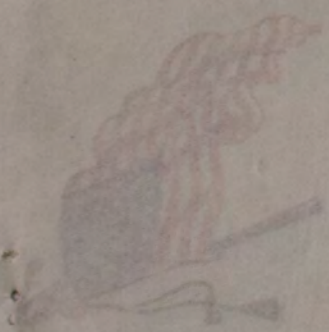
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Willie Brown

STATEMENT OF WALLACE DENNY.

Three years ago I came to Carlisle as a student from the Oneida reservation, and during that time I have been home but once. On that occasion I recall a heated argument that took place between Superintendent Hart and Mr. Wheelock, in which I could plainly see that Mr. Hart was prejudiced against Carlisle. Although Mr. Hart in so many words did not express himself, yet he gave one the impression that he very much favored Haskell, Hampton and Flandreau and was prejudiced against Carlisle.

Wallace Denny.

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