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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Gen. R. H. Pratt, U. S. A.,
The Kenesaw,
City.

Sir:

The receipt of your charges against Moses
Friedman, Superintendent Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
with specifications of each charge, is acknowledged and
will be given careful consideration.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

*Mr Douthett
Charges & Mr Linneman sent their receipt
concerning sells on the day of receipt
to the Commissioner.*

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The Kenesaw.

Washington, D. C.,
January 29, 1914.

Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose charge and specification against Moses Friedman, Superintendent Indian School, Carlisle, Pa., in support of which a copy of the Public Ledger of January 28, 1914 is also enclosed.

My talks with you and various letters of mine to the present administration and many friends, copies of which I have, as well as the denial of the Indian Rights Association, are ample testimony that the Ledger article is a baseless falsehood throughout in any and all of its allegations as to my acts, words, purposes or ambitions. No man has done as much or will do as much to hold and continue the school at Carlisle as I. This article in all its detail could never have been written except by Mr. Friedman or through his conniving. It therefore becomes an essential part of the present investigation into the quality of Mr. Friedman himself as well as the quality of his administration of

*Copy of Ledger on 2/26
attached when received by office*

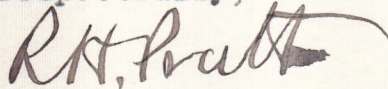
*Tracy
Mr. D. Sells*

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the affairs of the school.

I ask and am entitled to have my charge with its specification put to the fullest test.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Brig. Gen., U. S. A.



Charge and Specification
Preferred Against Moses Friedman,
Superintendent Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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Charge.

Malicious, false and slanderous accusation
unbecoming in a gentleman and a government official.

Specification.

In this, that he, the said Moses Friedman, did
prepare and cause to be printed or did cause others to
prepare and have printed or did encourage others to
prepare and print an article in a widely circulated
public newspaper, to-wit: The Public Ledger of Phila-
delphia, Pennsylvania, under date of January 28, 1914,
an article under the heading "General Pratt Alleged to
be Seeking Revenge on Moses Friedman", in which were
the following and other expressions: "Politics and
revenge and ambition are behind the charges." "So
say the leading citizens of this borough, the bankers,
lawyers, educators, physicians and merchants. They are
united and bitter in their denunciation of Brigadier
General R. H. Pratt, U. S. A." "Carlisle accuses
General Pratt of having instigated the charges which
were made by the Indian Rights Association." "The big
citizens of the town say he is hiding behind the

association and that he is also using Congressman Arthur Ringwalt Rupley to pull Pratt chestnuts from the fire."

"It is General Pratt's ambition to return as Superintendent of the School. He has so confessed." "Rupley was easily led into General Pratt's scheme to oust Friedman and get the appointment for himself." "The leading men of Carlisle * * * say the attacks are unfair, unjust and unwarranted and easily could be used as a pretext for the removal of the school from Carlisle to the far west," which would be "a blow to General Pratt's ambitions."

"Friedman * * would not tolerate incompetent assistants * * a number of them * * are understood here to be working hand in glove with Pratt." " * * that there was not as much profit in furnishing supplies to the school as formerly; that the lowest bidder got the contract." * * "His predecessors were army men who did not pay much attention to the trades" * * * "The head of a public service company of Carlisle who desires his name withheld is authority for the statement that General Pratt told him that he would see that Friedman was removed from the school and that in all probability he would return as Superintendent." * * * "General Pratt has been revengeful against Friedman ever since he asked whether he could visit the school. * * Pratt was his house guest. * * Friedman found that Pratt was making speeches to the students in which he denounced the

President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior. Friedman was obliged to order Pratt to keep silent." All and severally of which allegations, both in whole and in part, were untrue, malicious and slanderous. All this at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on or about January 28, 1914.

R.H. Pratt

Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

Witness: Public Ledger, Philadelphia,
Pa., January 28, 1914.