

INDIAN OFFICE.

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Miss Para Aubrey McIlhenny, 6-19-08 6-23

Relative to the enrollment of Chatinaches Indians,
St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana, in CARLISLE SCHOOL.

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Hon. Francis E. Duff
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir

My sister Mrs Henry
Bradford has had some
correspondence with the
Indian Bureau, on behalf
of a remnant of the tribe
of Chestnaches Indians living
on their reservation near
Charenton, St. Mary's Parish.

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take them on, but I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Friedman, the new Superintendent in which he tells me that a recent circular from the Indian office "makes it impossible for a non-reservation school to send a solicitor into a field to gather students," & he suggests that some one be found at this end to take the children on. This is not feasible! The Indians themselves are incapable of such an undertaking, & are not inclined to trust their children to any but a Government representative.

after finding it impossible
to get a school established
for the Indians, we decided
to send the children to
Carlisle, & after some
correspondence with Maj.
Mercer, he sent Mrs. Lyon
from Carlisle to this place
where Mrs. Bradford & I joined
her & went to Chariton
a distance of about 30 miles
& succeeded in inducing the
parents to send sixteen of
the boys & girls to Carlisle.
This was two years ago & there
are now more children of
a suitable age to go to
Carlisle if the school
could send some one to

take them on but I am in
receipt of a letter from the
Friedman the new Superintendent
in which he tells me that a

I am entirely responsible
for the "Soliciting of scholars"
& write to ask if in this
instance Mr. Friedman
could not be allowed
to send Mrs. Lyon or
some one equally capable
to Charenton to take
charge of the children.

If so, will you kindly
inform Mr. Friedman & have
him notify me what to
expect. Hoping for your
favorable consideration
I am very truly yours
(Miss) Para Avery S. Bennett.

For reference or further
information, you
may apply to my
~~brother~~
~~Miss W. Stearns~~

Hon. John Avery Esq. Attorney
Civil Service.
Commissioner
Washington.

Mr. Dostel;

Is this a matter we
can attend to, or
should the Comm. see + direct
action C.F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

Education
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F.I.P.

SUBJECT:

July 1, 1908.

Escort for party
of Indians from
Louisiana.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo, concerning the enrolment of Chatinache Indians from Louisiana, and to the permission granted you in Office letter of the 24th to send a representative from the school to bring them to Carlisle, you are advised that the liberal construction placed on the Circular, No. 217, applies only in the present instance, and that, unless special authority is given for any deviation from the procedure outlined in that circular, strict observance will be required in all other enrolments.

Your letter of the 26th ultimo indicates that you have very good prospects for the coming year, and it is expected that when the practice of soliciting pupils is discontinued throughout the school system there will be little difficulty in filling your school through the influence of graduates and others who are acquainted with the instruction given there.

Very, respectfully,

C. J. Furber,
Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., June 26, 1908. *line*



Subject:
The Enrollment of
Louisiana Indians at
Carlisle school.

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

Sir:-

The contents of your Office letter Education 42028/08, JHD, dated June 24, 1908, concerning the enrollment of Chatinaches Indians from Louisiana in Carlisle school have been carefully noted.

I have also read the letter from Miss Sara Avery McIlhenny to Commissioner Leupp. Miss McIlhenny is very much interested in these Indians and is certainly desirous of doing all she can to further their interests.

According to your letter, a liberal interpretation will be placed on Circular #217, and a discreet representative will be sent from this school to St. Mary's Parish as you suggest. The representative will be instructed to properly fill an enrollment blank for each student.

The letter from Miss McIlhenny is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

W. G. Bidman
Superintendent.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

JHD

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Subject:

WASHINGTON.

June 24, 1908.

Re enrolment of
Chatinaches Indians,
Louisiana, in Carlisle
School.

Miss Para Avery McIlhenny,
Avery's Island, La.

Madam:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, concerning the enrolment of some more pupils in Carlisle of the Chatinaches Indians, living on their reservation near Charenton, St. Mary's Parish, La., you are advised that the matter will be taken up with Supt. Friedman, and in all probability he will be able to make the necessary arrangements for getting these pupils.

His representative will be directed to visit you, and I ask that you have the necessary blank forms for enrolment fully prepared, so that they may accompany the children on to Carlisle.

Very respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.

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42028-08
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Subject:
Re enrolment of
Chatinaches Indians,
Louisiana, in Carlisle
School.

WASHINGTON.

June 24, 1908.

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

The enclosed letter from Miss Para Avery McIlhenny, of Avery's Island, La., relative to the enrollment of children of the Chatinaches Indians, who live on their reservation near Charenton, St. Mary's Parish, La., in your school, is referred to you.

This is an exceptional case, in which the terms of Circular No. 217 should be liberally interpreted. These Indians, I understand, while on a reservation, are not under any Government officer; therefore there is no representative of the Government there to assume the responsibility of transferring the children, which, by the Circular, is lodged in our Agents. Therefore, you may correspond with Miss McIlhenny, and send a discreet representative of your school to St. Mary's Parish for the purpose of bringing on such eligible pupils, whose parents may wish to have them enrolled in Carlisle. See that each child is accompanied with an enrolment blank properly filled out.

Very respectfully,

W. J. Farabee
Acting Commissioner.