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Mr. R. A. Cochran, FILED BY G. P. F.
Supt. Mt. Pleasant Indian School.

My dear Mr. Cochran:

Your letter of May 7, 1919.

New York pupils transferred to Mt. Pleasant from Carlisle should be returned to their homes at the expiration of their terms, expenses of such returns to be met from your allotment of "Indian School Transportation".

The enrollment of New York pupils in Government Indian Schools is not now considered advisable in view of the educational facilities provided by that state.

Very truly yours,



Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL
MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington.

Sir:

We have an enrollment of about twenty New York Indians in this school who were transferred from Carlisle. Some of them were in Carlisle two years before coming here and their parents are writing to me asking me to send them home as their terms will expire next June. I would like to know if I am supposed to pay their transportation and allow them to go home?

We have had several applications for pupils from New York to enter this school next year. I would like instructions from your Office as to whether I will be allowed to enroll them. It seems to me that this is the logical school for them since the Carlisle school has been closed, therefore, I would like the permission of your Office to enroll such New York Indians as make application this next term.

Very respectfully,

R A Cochran
Superintendent.

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Mrs. Alice E. Patterson,

Irving, New York:

My dear Mrs. Patterson:

Referring to your letter of October 17, 1918, in regard to your desire to enroll your two sons in a Government Indian School, you are advised that the records show these boys to be one-half blood Seneca Indians of New York State (probably citizens). Robert is sixteen years of age and was dropped from the Carlisle rolls on May 5, 1918; Burnell is seventeen years of age and deserted from Carlisle on June 6, 1918; Heretofore New York Indian children have been received in the Carlisle School; however, now that this eastern school is no longer available, and in view of the school facilities provided by the State of New York for Indian children, I do not find it advisable to receive Indian children from New York State in Government Indian schools.

The following extract from the Declaration of Policy of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated April 17, 1917, sets forth the position of the Office:

"In many of our boarding schools Indian children are being educated at Government expense whose parents are amply able to pay for their education and have public school facilities at or near their homes. Such children shall not hereafter be enrolled in Government Indian schools supported by gratuity appropriations, except on payment of actual per capita cost and transportation."

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Sincerely yours,
(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

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Dear Sir. I desire to inform you that I requested that my two sons Burnel & Robert be transferred to some school & was refused as they claim that Burnel deserted and then Robert wasnt there ^{at Bayville} when the children were transferred that is no fault of theirs. Mr Patterson died on the 30th day of May & I sent him ^{Burnel} by telegraph a message & money to come home with. He never received the message, & the money he didnt receive until the following week, & when he did receive it, he wondered why it was telegraphed, he knew by that that something had happened to his father, he went up to ^{the} Office and asked Mr Francis to let him go home & Mr Francis refused he told him to wait and go when they all went. But Burnel felt he ought to be home to see his father once more, so he went back to the Boys quarters packed his suitcase & came home



He is a member of the Junior class & he had finished his Examinations and there wasn't any reason why he couldn't be permitted to come home.

He was 3rd Corporal in his military honors & his monthly reports are excellent and he was thought a great deal of at the school. Mr Duran the disciplinarian will in doubt be willing to tell you of Burnett's conduct at the school. You see the reason why I am anxious to have him finish in school is because he is so near graduating and then too he is a very bright intelligent young boy & I feel he ought to be in school, as I am desirous of having him attain all the knowledge he possibly can, as I know if he is given a chance there is great possibilities in him. Robert too, I would like to have in school. He is a good boy works every day and helps me all he can. but I feel it is my duty to keep them in school & so as I am unable to pay their tuition I plead with you, to assist me in my effort to educate my boys. Please let me hear from you.

Remain Yours Respectfully

Mrs Alice E. Patterson

Irving N. Y. R.R. #1.

Oct 17. 1918.

P. S. I thought as this was the first time Burnell
ever did anything out of the way & his standing
in his studies are fine & his military honors
also, that perhaps he could be forgiven.

He and his father were very devoted & it was
a hard blow to Burnell.

I will be very grateful to you. Burnell is very
anxious to be in school & wants to graduate.

Hoping you will give my letter your careful
consideration. If you so desire I can send you
his monthly reports which speak for themselves.