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Mr. J. Brown Kelley,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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Sir:

Your letter of Oct. 19, addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in which you enter complaints against the Carlisle School boys making depredations on your premises, was referred to the Supervisor in charge of the school. He was requested to look carefully into the matter and take necessary steps to correct the evils of which you complain.

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The Supervisor says that he has instructed the disciplinarian to do what he can to keep the boys from your place and from causing you further annoyance. He suggests that you call up the disciplinarian on the telephone should the boys make any further attempt to depredate on your premises. In this way the school authorities will be able to find out the particular boys who have been bothering you and to put a stop to any further trouble to you.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

Complaint.

October 26, 1914.



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

Sir:

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I am in receipt of Office letter dated October 23rd, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. J. B. Kelley, of Carlisle, Pa., in which he make serious complaint against the conduct of the boys belonging to the Carlisle Indian School. The Office requests me to take the necessary steps to correct the evil complained of by Mr. Kelley and advise.

Regarding this matter, I have to advise that Mr. Kelley has called my attention to this matter on two different occasions. In each case I sent Mr. Griffiths, the disciplinarian over to investigate. Mr. Kelley's farm joins our first farm; it is just across the lane from our large spring near the dairy barn. I am informed that there has been bad blood between Mr. Kelley and some of our boys for some time, and that it originated when Mr. Kelley a year or so ago put barbed wire around a favorite swimming pool in the creek just across the road from our large spring. I am also informed that Mr. Kelley has a rank growth of watercress in the stream, which collects trash, and that the holding back of the water is due to this cause rather than to rubbish



in the spring.

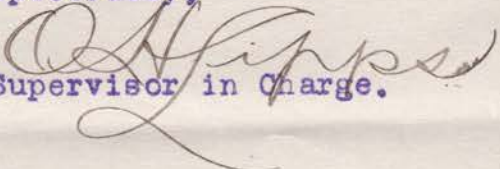
It is no doubt true that some of our boys have been getting into Mr. Kelley's orchard and tramping through his wheat field. We have been trying to find out who the boys are that are doing this, but so far have been unable to get the names. Mr. Griffiths has spent considerable time trying to catch the boys who are going into Mr. Kelley's orchard, but has been unable to do so. I sent Mr. Griffiths to have a talk with Mr. Kelley only a few days ago. It seems that Mr. Kelley has been into a quarrel with the boys, has set the dogs on them, and a few days ago he went out with a gun or revolver and threatened to shoot them. They, no doubt, took a keen delight in calling "his bluff", as they term it. Mr. Griffiths is of the opinion that the trouble is due largely to the lack of ordinary tact on the part of Mr. Kelley, and he feels that the boys would not bother Mr. Kelley if he would talk to them respectfully and not try to use such rough means in dealing with the case. If Mr. Kelley would quietly call up the disciplinarian over the telephone when the boys are around his place, Mr. Griffiths would be glad to run over and find out just who the boys are that are bothering him.

The farmer and dairyman do not think it is their boys, and as a great number of our boys walk out that way around the farm of evenings, it is rather difficult unless one is

right on the ground to find out who the guilty parties are.

I have again called this matter to the attention of the disciplinarian and he will do what he can to keep the boys away from Mr. Kelley's place.

Very respectfully,

  
Supervisor in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

Oct. 26, 1914.



Supervisor O. H. Lipps,  
 Charge of Carlisle Indian School.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request for statement concerning action taken by me to suppress trespassing on neighboring farms, and particularly on farm of J. Brown Kelley,-

Upon receipt of the first communication from Mr. Kelley, I inspected his premises, instructed the dairyman and farmer to do all in their power to suppress depredations, requested the disciplinarian in charge of the small boys' quarters to instruct his boys to keep away from the farms, and at prayers that evening spoke to the large boys at some length on the subject.

When the second letter from Mr. Kelley, dated Oct. 16th, was sent to me, I immediately called on Mr. Kelley and he told me of his troubles with the boys. I took descriptions of the boys, and particularly of the leader among them, and gave descriptions to Mr. Denny, disciplinarian of the small boys. I again told the farmers and dairymen to be on the lookout and to phone me at once in case of further trespass.

As the apples are all now picked, I am of the opinion that there will be no more trouble and I assure you that I have done, and will continue to do all in my power to teach these boys respect for the property-rights of others.

Respectfully yours,

*F. W. Griffiths*  
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Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

There is herewith inclosed copy of a letter from Mr. J. Brown Kelley of Carlisle, Pa., in which he makes serious complaint against the conduct of the boys belonging to the Carlisle Indian School.

Please give these matters your careful attention, take necessary steps to correct the evils complained of by Mr. Kelley and advise the Office of your action, returning the inclosure.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt  
Assistant Commissioner.

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Mr Francis:

Looks like

Something ought to  
be done for Kelly

Can't you help  
the man out?

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Carlisle, Pa.

Oct. 19, 1914

Mr. Cato Sells,  
Washington, D. C.



Hon Sir:

As a citizen and neighbor of  
The Indian School, I appeal to your  
Honorable judgment in regards to  
the depredations of the boys on  
my premises. Stealing, tramping  
crops, destroying fences & which  
have been so bad of late as to become  
unbearable and to say in the least  
is outrageous, and it is not only  
me, (altho I suffer the worst) but the  
whole community for miles around.

There is no call whatever for their  
running over other people & their  
actions, and acting like outlaws

for such they may be termed  
as they have two farms and  
why should they not be kept on  
them to run over, not molesting  
the neighbors. As I live so close  
I am continually driving them out,  
at much loss of time and money  
and they just go a short distance  
till on their own, and when I go the  
just come back and thus they  
banter me around, and curse &  
use foul language to man or  
woman. The other day a mandrake  
them out one of them threw a  
stone hit him in the face and  
cut him badly and on his own  
premises. So you see a person  
is in danger of life or limb with  
them, I have reported to the Supt  
different times but he seems to  
ignore it all, as nothing has been



done and things growing worse  
all the time. They come up to  
my buildings, and steal apples  
&c. they have taken 15 or 20 bush from  
me besides, tramping growing crops  
breaking fences, that I have built  
and rebuilt, time after time

Another thing I called your Sup<sup>r</sup>  
attention to was the Throwing  
of Rubbish in the Spring holding  
back the water &c. I took a two  
horse load out last fall and  
now it is worse than ever, all put  
there by idle boys,

The farmer & Lairyman sees  
these actions and know the boys  
and can report them.

Now I hope you will give this  
your attention and cause an inspec-  
tion in the surrounding community  
of the actions tell them to come to see me.

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We know the boys can be controlled in some way or other as I have lived here a good while and there was very little trouble when Capt Pratt was here and if there was and it was reported there was something done at once, and can be again if the proper person is there.

Why cannot it be so again making it worth while to be in this community, which is very unpleasant now.

Yours resp,  
J. Brown Kelley  
Carlisle, Pa.

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