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Mr. O. H. Lipps,

Superintendent, Carlisle Indian School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4 advising that some of the larger boys at Carlisle have agreed to look after William Thomas and help him to keep out of further trouble.

The Superintendent of the Winnebago Reservation enclosed a communication addressed to you from him, also one from you to him, in regard to William Thomas. The letter of Mr. Babcock addressed to you is herewith enclosed. The Office agrees with him that it would not be advisable to send William Thomas back to the reservation, and is of the opinion that he should be retained at Carlisle. Therefore you are authorized to deal with him according to your best judgment in the matter of strict discipline.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed) C. F. Hauke*

Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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Mr. Omar L. Babcock,  
Superintendent, Winnebago School.

My dear Mr. Babcock:

I have your letter of April 3, enclosing a communication addressed to Superintendent Lipps in regard to William Thomas, an incorrigible Indian boy, now a pupil at Carlisle School.

Mr. Lipps has been instructed to keep this boy at school and subject him to strict discipline. Your letter to Superintendent Lipps has been forwarded to him and his letter to you in regard to this matter is herewith returned as requested.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. F. Hewitt  
Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

May 4th, 1916.



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

Sir:

I respectfully state, in reply to the Office's letter of the 20th ultimo in regard to punishment that should have been meted out to William Thomas of this school, that our cadet officers do not punish students at this school. It was suggested in my letter to Superintendent Babcock on March the 29th, last, that an arrangement should be allowed whereby such a fellow could be given the proper thrashing if his dismissal from this school could not be effected, but in view of the fact that no such permission was given by his parents or authorized by the Office another influence, probably a better one, has been brought to bear on Thomas. Some of our larger boys have agreed to band together to help the young man keep out of trouble by looking after him closely and helping him to overcome his tendency to fight the first boy smaller than he at every opportunity he had to pick a quarrel.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

*O. H. Lipps*  
Superintendent.



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Mr. O. H. Lipps,  
Superintendent, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Referring to your letter of March 29 to the Superintendent of the Winnebago Reservation in regard to William Thomas, an incorrigible pupil of your school, copy of which you transmitted to the Office, you are requested to advise in what way your cadet officers punish pupils who are turned over to them. Please answer as soon as practicable.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed E. B. Meritt)*

Assistant Commissioner.

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Encloses letter to Superintendent O. H. Lipps

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Winnebago Agency,

April 3, 1916.



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

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter to Superintendent O. H. Lipps, together with letter received from him and request that the Office make such recommendation in the matter as will cover the case.

Please return Superintendent Lipps' letter as the Office has a carbon copy and it is needed in our files.

Very respectfully,

*Omar H. Babcock*  
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Winnebago Agency,

Winnebago, Nebraska,

April 3, 1916.

Superintendent O. H. Lipps,  
Carlisle, Penna.

(Through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.)

Dear Mr. Lipps:

I have your letter of the 28th ult. in regard to William Thomas, a Winnebago Indian boy and of his record both at Carlisle and at Pipestone. Upon inquiry among the office force at this place, I will say that neither the employes nor Superintendent Young knew that his record at the latter place was not what it should have been. He went to school when Mr. Young was at Winneberg and his record was good there, this will explain Mr. Young's attitude in trying to get him to Carlisle.

As to the matter of his punishment by your Cadet officers, in my opinion, it would be a good thing to give him a reasonable punishment. His parents are both dead and there is no one here to take charge of him. Since I stand as his guardian, I recommend that you be instructed by the Commissioner to see that the boy has the punishment by your Cadet officers deemed by you to be reasonable. A punishment of this kind and at this time might be his



salvation, otherwise if he is returned to this Reservation he will only get in with a bad crowd, there being no home influence whatever for him. As to reimbursement of his expenses to and from Carlisle, I will say that all the money the boy has to his credit is \$18.41 and as he is not of age yet, he cannot draw his trust funds for over a year.

Very respectfully,

OMAR L. BABCOCK.

Superintendent.

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March 29th, 1916.

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Mr. Omar L. Babcock,  
Superintendent, The Winnebago Agency,  
Winnebago, Nebr.

My dear Mr. Babcock:

I must report that no sooner was William Thomas released from the Cumberland County jail in Carlisle and allowed to return to this school than he picked a quarrel with another boy here and gave him a beating. This is the third offense, for one of which he was sentenced to a 90 day term in jail.

As the Indian School rules do not allow us to give the fellow the thrashing which is the only means of ever settling such a cowardly bully, his return home must be effected, unless his parents authorize me in writing to turn him over to some of our Cadet officers to give him just punishment.

If his return home is desired I must insist that a sufficient amount of his funds be turned over to me to reimburse the government for the amount that had to be expended to bring him to Carlisle and with which to procure a ticket for his going home. I take this stand because I have learned that he was trouble maker at the Pipestone

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-2- Mr. Omar L. Babcock, Superintendent.

School and that I should not have been urged to accept him for enrolment at Carlisle without a full statement of the facts in his case.

Yesterday his offense was referred to a court martial here and it is the consensus of opinion among our Cadet officers that he should go to the Reformatory, but as that is not feasible I hope I shall have your cooperation to the extent that money will be made available soon for his return home. Under no circumstances will he be kept here unless it can be agreed that he may be given the punishment such a fellow as he deserves and needs.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) O. H. LIPPS

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Commissioner of Indian Affairs.)