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Mr. A. S. Wyly, Supervisor,  
Five Civilized Tribes Schools,  
Muskogee, Okla.

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My dear Mr. Wyly:

Replying to your letter of July 22d, in reference to the request of Mr. Victor M. Kelley for the transfer of Amanda Williams to Sherman Institute, I have to advise that Amanda is now in one of our outing homes and will not return to Carlisle until the first of September.

I do not understand what Mr. Kelley means when he says that the transportation for Amanda to Carlisle has been the only money that has been given her since she has been attending school. Of course, we have given her no money, but she has received board, clothing, tuition, and all that any school gives its pupils.

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I doubt very much if the Indian Office would approve the transfer of Amanda from Carlisle to Sherman under any condition, as it has recently refused to grant authority for students to be retained at Carlisle, who have paid their own expenses here but who have failed to complete their course in the Indian Schools they were previously enrolled in. It is now a very strict rule that no pupil once enrolled in an Indian School can

be enrolled in any other Indian school until they complete the course in the school in which they were first enrolled. If we made a practice of paying transportation for pupils and after a year they decided to withdraw, you can see that our transportation fund would not go very far. The object in requiring Amanda to reimburse the Government for money expended in paying her transportation to Carlisle is in order that the money might be used to pay the transportation of some other students to take her place. Unless Mr. Kelley is able to give some extraordinary justification, I doubt very much if the Indian Office will consider his request favorably.

In reference to the protested check of Mrs. Kelley, which was cashed in this office for Amanda Williams, I have to advise that a day or two ago, we received Mr. Kelley's check for the amount of \$16.60, as stated by him to you. Regarding his statement that the check was originally for \$5.00 but had been raised is probably true, but when Amanda was questioned at this office regarding the matter and asked to produce the letter of Mrs. Kelley transmitting the check, she immediately went to her room and got the letter and brought it to me. I compared the letter with the check and both erasures appeared to have been done at the same time and by the same person. The impression I received was that Mrs. Kelley first wrote the check for \$5.00 and then decided to send Amanda a larger amount and changed the check and also the letter. This is only a

conclusion I received after talking to Amanda about the matter. The girl is a full blood Indian and appears to be honest and trustworthy, and if she did raise this check, she certainly exercised unusual forethought in the matter and showed unusual shrewdness.

If Mr. Kelley still insists on having Amanda transferred to the Sherman Institute, he should write me a letter, giving full justification for his request, and I will then put the entire matter before the Indian Office for decision.

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

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