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Carlisle School,

June 13, 1890,

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

San Carlos A.T.

June 4th, 1890

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now being at 25 years old. I remained
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School. I studied, as follows, Fifth
Reader Grammar, Arithmetic, Speller,
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to attend, Post Schools in the Army. I was
raised by the Officers in the 5th U.S. Cavalry
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worked for him. When I was ^{at} Carlisle
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girl has to learn some trade, so I was a Carpenter.
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as an Issue Clerk for Capt. J. L. Bullis
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buildings. Since I have adopted the
Civilized habit I have never changed to Indian.
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five years now. I am sorry to state that I have
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several other schools. Public and have
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I had at school as a pupil.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

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June 2th, 1890.

Best Love

Charles Pa

Sir

Very glad to inform
you these few lines, to tell
you the very trouble I have
I am work for all I am
worth to have our present
Agent Jennings remain
& I earnestly & emphatically
refuse to receive Mr C. B. Kiley
as for my agent for they
are the one who from time

into time have tried to
starve the poor Indians
and now I & my father &
grand father is fighting as
hard as we can. and I am
not going to have any one
run my tribe like a mule
or a dog, if I the said
Indian should let Mr Selous
do as he please. I guarantee
that he will starve my tribe
& why should I go back when
I am to the foot of the ladder
that I have climbed since
the ad misustration of my
present agent Mr Thos.

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have them so that I can
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

1881,
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through the administration
of C. S. Kelsey. & I am
sure this the Govt does
not want to hear or see
& further to be & runned
by the Shanaw sharks
I am going to stand for
my right until the day
come when I shall
leave my home & go to
another home yours Truly
Phao W. Chikany

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Keshena, WI
Jun 2th, 1890

R. H. Pratt
Carlisle, Pa
Sir

Very glad to inform you these few lines, to tell you the very trouble I have. I am work for all I am worth to have our present agent Jennings remain & I earnestly & emphatically refuse to receive Mr. C. S. Kelsey as for my agent for they are the one who from time

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unto time have tried to starve the poor Indians and now I + my father & grandfather is fighting as hard as we can and I am not going to have any one run my tribe like a mule or a dog, if I the said Indian should let Mr. Kelsey do as he please. I guarantee that he will starve my tribe & why should I go back when I am to the foot of the ladder that I have climbed doing the administration of my present agent Mr. Thos.

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your truly
Charles W. Chickenny

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Indian Agency I. T.

June 4th, 1890.

Capt R. H. Pratt.

Dear Sir. —

I was very glad to receive your letter just received ^{it} this morning, and I will do my best, to answer all the questions that was on the back of the letter.

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read very well. I learned to talk
English here at the Agency school.
and I worked some on farm
while I was going to school here.
And while I was at Carlisle I
worked at the Shoe maker trade.

Now I am doing the best I can
to improve & to have a place, I do
all my own work, and when I have
no work to do, sometime I get
work from my friends. I don't
work out by the month. I live in
a log house, one I built since
I came home from Carlisle, in
1885. I sold my share of it to my

Brother in law, now it belongs to
my sister & my brother in law. I don't
wear no Indian clothes, only when
I was working for ^{Dr} J. E. Fraser
Specialist in Indian Remedies.
I put on the leggin, Buck skin shirt
& feathers & painted my face. I worked
for him two months then I wanted
to quit, I use to prepare the
medicine, boiled it, bottled it.
labeled it, and corked it, and
sold ^{it} on the streets in ~~Atch~~
Wichita Kansas. but I dress
citizen clothes all the time.
I am a single man. & if marry
I want one that is educated

and I have no children
The Baptist have meeting every
fourth Sunday, and I attend
when I can. I've got along
very well since I left the
school, and I want to try to
do better. I've ^{had} little trouble about
my claim before I allotted, and
since I have fenced it I had trouble
about joining fences, but I am
always willing to do what is right.
I've got Sixty five Acres in cultivation
I have no stock at all, but
I want to soon as I can, raise
Hogs, Horses & cattle
Very Respectfully
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Brother in law. now it belongs to my sister & my brother in law. I don't wear no Indian clothes, only when I was working for Dr. J. E. Fraser Specialist in Indian Remedies, I put on the leggin, Buck skin shirt feathers & painted my face. I worked for him two months then I wanted to quit. I use to prepare the medicine, boiled it, bottled it, labeled it, and corked it, and sold it on the streets in ~~which~~ Wichita Kansas but I dress citizen clothes all the time. I am a single man, + if marry I want one that is educated

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and I have no children. The Baptist have meeting every fourth Sunday, and I attend when I can. I've got along very well since I left the school and I want to try to do better. I've had little trouble about my claim before I allotted and since I have fenced it I had trouble about joining fences. but I am always willing to do what is right. I've got sixty five Acres in cultivation. I have no stock at all, but I want to soon as I can, raise hogs, Horses & cattle.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Burlington I.T.

June 6th, 1890

R. H. Pratt

Capt. & Supt.

Dear Friend,

In reply to your letter of
- date, asking for information relative
to myself. I take pleasure in in-
forming you that I am 19 years old
went to Carlisle Aug 23 1882, remained
one year. Read from 2^d Reader do not
remember what other studies were.
I could read before going to Carlisle,
learned to read while attending the
Apache Agency School, also learned

to teach English at the Ages School &
Worked in the Laundry, while at
Carlisle I worked in Dining room.
Am now keeping house and caring
for my children, am not earning
any money, I live in a frame
house owned by the Government,
I wear Indian clothes and am
married, My husband works for
Agent driving Ox-Team and such
other work as he can get to do,
My husband is educated to about
the same extent as myself, I attend
but not very often the Menonite
Mission services, I have three
children two boys and one girl

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School, the others are not of school
age, have had no particular trouble,
have no farm, own two horses, did
own two cows, they died with Texas
fever

Respectfully, your friend

Carrie Yellow Horse

Now my name is Name is

Mrs Wash Robinson.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Washington Ind. Terr.

June 6, 1890.

Dear Capt.

I am getting on as
far as you see this report.
I never forgot any thing I learned.
I still remember the Trade, I
learned. and that was
Dressing.

I don't feel able to write
a long letter so will let
you see what I'm doing
in that report.

Hope you are well.

Yours E. A. Sloan.

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Darlington, Ind. Terr.

June 6, 1890

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Yours

E. A. Sloan [?]

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The reason why

I fall back in Indiana

may? You dont give
me nothing or it dont
do me no good,

if I have chance to work
I would not do any Indian
way. I don't care nothing
now. I used to go to St John's
ask for work but.

could not get any work,
this is all I have to
say.

Yours,

Ernest L. O. Hand.

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Cheyenne Agency,
Darlington, 1890
June 9, 1890

Found=.

The reason why I fall back in Indian way; you don't give me nothing or it don't do me no good. If I have chance to work I would not do any Indian way. I don't care nothing now. I used to go to Agent & ask for work but

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could not get any work. This is all I have to say.

Yours,
Ernest Left Hand

Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Fort Reno B.Y.

January 1, 1890

Dear Friend

Capt R.H. Pratt

It is I got your
letter a few days a
go. I was very
glad to read that
your letter. Well
I don't not have
time to write
a letter any when
because I am do
to some things.
Every day. and

now I am going to
tell about all the
Cheyennes and it is
all the Cheyennes
we got from. and
some of ^{we got} house. and
I have no house.
because very hard
to get house.
and no body helps
me. and I have
being scout
4 years 10 months.
I got 35 head
horses. And I think
I will going north

same time this
month, and
I want going
see him all
the my folks
at north.

that is all
I will say
of you.

from
Yours
Wm Littlechief
I sent

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Fort Reno, I.T.
June 5, 1890

Dear Friend,
Capt. R. H. Pratt

It is I got your letter a few day a go. I was very glad to read that your letter. And I don't not have time to write a letter any where because I am do to same things every days. And

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now I am giving to tell about all the Cheyennes and it as all the Cheyenne's we got from. And some of us got house, and I have no house, because very hard to got house, and no body help me, and I have being scout 4 years 10 months I got 35 head horses and I think I will going north

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sometime this month, and I want going see him all the my folks at norths. That is all I will say to you.

from
your Friend
Wm Little Chief
I. Scout.

Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Crow Agency Montana
June 2nd 1890.

Dear father

Capt Pratt.

Your questions
letter of May come to hand
and glad to hear from you, &
now I am sorry to tell you
about this Agent. It is not
good man any how.

only got made at to Indian
all the time, now
I am sorry to tell you were
Geo Hill it is a wear Indian
clothes now. It has been

got trouble he is not
truly man Geo Hill.
and my friend Geo
H. Thomas he is good
man so every body
like him so will and
be worker at the
Agency now. And Geo
his good worke so Agent
like him.

will this is all
Good by.

Respectfully,
Edward H. Fines

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Crow Agency Montana

June 2th, 1890

Dear Father

Capt. Pratt,

Your questions letter of May come to hand and glad to hear from you. & now I am sorry to tell you about this, Agent it is not good man any how. Only got made at to Indians all the time, ~~no~~ and now I am sorry to tell you were Geo Hill It is a wear Indian clothes now. It has been

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got trouble he is not truly man Geo Hill, and my friend Geo H. Thomas he is good man so every Body like him so well and he worker at the agency now, and Geo his good work so Agent like him.

Well this is all. Good by.

Respectfully,

Edward H. Fire

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Ponca Agency, S. Dak.,

June 2, 1890.

Capt. R. H. Pratt

Dear Sir:

Your letter of inquiry
regarding Lamotte Preneaux
has fallen into my hands.

In reply let me say that he
came here from Ponca Agency
Ind. Ter. last September.

He lived with his uncle, and
did odd jobs of work. But his
health began to fail in the
early winter. By spring he
was evidently sinking under

Consumption. On the 21st of April he started for Indian Territory. He became no better there and died May 8th 1890.

Lamotte was very gentlemanly and polite, and had profited by his advantages.

No doubt had he lived he would have filled a place of considerable usefulness.

Further information ^{doubt} no, can be obtained by addressing his father Peter

Premeaux Ponca Agency
Ind. Ter.

Yours very Truly
John E Smith

Teacher at Ponca Agency
D. Dak

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Ponca Agency, S. Dak.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Chilocco School

June, 1899

Capt Pratt

Dear Friend

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me. your letter is
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and I took pleasure
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Understood that you
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mountain to climb
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greatly thankful for
the white people had

put me in a better-
conditions than I was
before and now I can
express this greatly language
of the english in the
proper way and that
I could use this great
language in writing a
letter are any where. I
always try to be honest
be just be true. be
kind be inductive and
be polite. He became a
man worth having
for a friend, this is
the wish to do of

what is right.

Your most welcome
and good letter for a
yesterday ago, and I
was great deal of pleasure
in receiving your very
kind letter. Hoping to
hear from you soon
again from your
most humble and
thankful Friend.

Gunny H. Miller
Osage Indian

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Chilocco School
June 1899

Capt. Pratt.

Dear friend your most favorable letter was come to me, your letter is most highly appreciated and I took pleasure with reading it. Understood that you asked me about the question, this is the first opportunity that I have had to answer it.

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so I will give you an opportunity which was in order to write a few facts by my wish to try are telling the beautiful things which I received in each day On year 1885, when I first arrived to the government school it seemed to me every thing is hard for me. and look a like a high mountain to climb me up but to day I am greatly thankful for the white people had

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put me in a better conditions than I was before and now I can express this pretty language of the English in the proper way and that I would use this great language in writing a letter in any where. I always try to be honest be just be true. be kind be industrious and be polite. To become a man worth having for a friend, this is the wish to do of

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your most welcome and good letter for a yesterday ago, and I was great deal of pleasure in receiving your very kind letter. Hoping to hear from you soon again from your most humble and thankful Friend.

Gurney H. Miller
Osage Indian

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency
S. Dak. ^{June 24}, 1890

Capt. R. A. Pratt

Dear Sir -

I will gladly reply
to yours of information
concerning my being at
the Carlisle Co. I was glad
to hear from you.

I will inform you of the
desired knowledge of my
standing &c.

Ever since I came home
from Carlisle I have never
met any misfortune nor any

thing that will interfere
whatever I have been doing.

On acct. of my behavior
that the Agent here had
given me several work
since.

I am now enlisted
in the police force &
have been still with
the Police-force.

As a general thing
that when the students
of Carlisle comes ba-
ck to their homes, they
afterwards turned
back to their old ways;

habits &c, & finally become good for nothing. The reason why that this thing is happening so is that on account of scarce of employment for the graduates of Carlisle.

And also on account of this, some of the old students of Carlisle became members of some of the white show or Circus. In doing this they wanted to earn something for their own living.

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with the understanding
that he gets a position
at his Agency, With the best
wishes from your friend
Ernest Culbertson

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Pine Ridge Agcy.
S. Dak. June 2, 1890

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Moses Culbertson

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Washington, Ind. Ter.

June 3rd, 1890

Dear friend - Capt. Pratt:

I have
answered these questions
the best I knew. In
regard to what I earn
a month. Sometimes I
can have no freight.
When I can get it - I
make \$12.00 a trip and
am gone three days.
Since the railroad
came, there is not much
to do. I have 15 acres

of good corn. We have
potatoes, onions, melons
and peas. I have 16 acres
of oats. My cattle were
driven off by getting
in with other heads.

I paid for my mules
by freighting \$100. each.

They are all paid for
but three dollars.

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Very truly your friend
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(Cheyenne)

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Darlington, Ind. Ter.
June 3rd, 1890

Dear friend - Capt. Pratt.

I have answered these questions the best I knew. In regard to what I can a month. - Sometimes I can have no frieght. When I can get it- I make \$12.00 a trip and am gone three days. Since the railroad came, there is not much to do. I have 15 acres

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Of good corn. We have potatoes, onions, melons, and peas. I have 16 acres of oats. My cattle were driven off by getting in with other herds. I paid for my mules by freighting \$100 each. They are all paid for but three dollars. Well Capt. I try to be Industrious and do as you would like. And not lay around and smoke like some these old camp

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

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I think of our race is excellent to get education so that when go home to the own people they might help a civilized his people. I hope through god to see us a good toward the Indians civilized.

Your affectionate
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency, S.D.

June 6, 1890.

Capt. R. H. Pratt

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I will tell
you how I am getting
along, I am getting along
very nicely. I am still
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my wedge. The Agent
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came to work. But
since he left here my

wedge, not up four years

I was go back to
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McGilluddy told me
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me fifty Dollars per
month. I work six
years now but I don't
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Affairs would rise my wedge
If required about my
conduct I would

Respectfully refer you
to Mr T. J. Reedy Blacksmith
at Pine Ridge under whose
supervision I have been
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Now that is all
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Yours respectfully
Edgar F. Thunder

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Pine Ridge Agency, S.D.

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for me while I not able

- to do any thing, the other
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ect & ect.

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Rosebud Agency
June 6th 1890.

Capt. R. H. Pratt,

Supt. Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear friend;—

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the questions you have sent.
I am now Twenty-six years old.
I went to school at Carlisle
in 1878, and remained there
six years.

I studied Third-reader,
Arithmetic, Geography, and
United States History.

I could not read before I went
to school. I learned to talk
English at Carlisle.

I did not do any work before
I went to school, with exception

of hunting horses for my father.

While I was at Carlisle, I worked in the tin-shop.

I am now working at the Agency school as assistant. I earn Twenty-five dollars a month.

I live in a small frame house, and it is my own.

I do not wear Indian clothes.

I married an educated girl, she was educated at Bope school, Springfield, South Dakota.

I attend the Protestant Episcopal Church.

We have two children.

I have got along very well since I left school.

The particular trouble I have had was about a girl.

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enough potatoes for my family.
I have four mares, and three
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I am sincerely your friend.

Lusher Standing Bear.

P. S.

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