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To the Hon.

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

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Wichita Agency Anadarko I. T.

June 1890

Capt R. H. Pratt.

Dear Sir:

I now seat myself to inform you of how I have been getting along since I left dear Carlisle. I received those printed question's to be answered and all the answer's are very true. I am the best seamstress here and they say they can not get on without me. I can now make my own dresses as well as any one else. I will undertake to making my sister's clothes for her when she comes home from Phila. And not trouble mother about having them made. We have a small stockade house it is my brother in law's. We have a small farm too. We have a few peach-trees & few apple-trees. and we have a garden in the yard it is going very well, there are onions, beans, tomatoes cabbages, musk and water melons, irish & sweet potatoes, pumpkins and different kinds of corn. we have ten rows of sweet potatoes right in the yard & twenty rows in the field. We always have plenty of sweet potatoes ours lasted from last summer till late this spring. I had about twelve head of cattle some were lost or killed by the

Indians over on the other side of Washita. some were sold and two or three were killed when we were out of beef one was killed last Christmas for a dinner when May Belle was born. my wife she is Cra's daughter. Cra has two children the oldest is my favorite her name is Elvira Tatum we called her Helen for short & the youngest is May Belle Tatum. my mother has got so she wears dresses sometimes on Sunday. All in our family belongs to church except my little brother that is off to school. We sold our farm to one Indian woman. We have selected a new place six miles from it. It is a beautiful place. There is a large Grove and there is a wide opening at the end of the grove where the house will be, they will corral in some trees to make it a shade spot for the cattle. this Summer or fall when not tending to their crops. and by next summer we will be ready to move to the place. it is a wide valley and on each side are two long solid rocks of walls of rocks instead of hills they are very high and is all over grown with moss, ferns & wild ivy. It will make a pretty home. if we just had a house to commence with a house here costs so much to get the lumber & then to

have it made. I will try and go without getting new dresses for awhile and give the money toward getting the lumber I will give them most of my wages for the house. I could do very well if we just had a house. next summer I will stop working here and go home to stay & keep house for my mother. we have no man at our home but my brother in law and he does all the work for we cannot afford to have a man work for us. but I promised my brother-in-law I would pay a man out of my wages or hire him to help him put up the fence we are going to enclosed ~~us~~ in our land by barb wire fence. and hire a man to break the land where our field will be. I am not married yet. I have had offers to but refused them. I do a great deal for all my nieces I make them dresses and bought them some jewelry and I made a baby quilt for the youngest and byy them sweets. I love them & they love me. Helen thinks that there is one one like her Auntie. both of them have worn dresses ever since

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I have three cows and I guess they will
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and milking but we have only one Tame
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to try to milk her and see if she is good.
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as well as any man ^{on} a spirited horse. and
a wild horse cannot very easily throw me.
I can ride bare-backed & straddle & side
ways & have run races lots of times
sunday I was out riding & a runaway
horse with a bridle and a rope past
me & I race it all around the field
tried to catch but it went across the
creek and I let it go. I must stop now
for I must get to work.

From your scholar

Cecilia B. Pickard.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Seger Colony

June 8, 1892

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Enlistment as scout
since I came here have been
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at this Colony and have
farmed here for about
six months have kept
a small stalk of
geese which I sell
when the Indians come
for Rations and make
a small profit on them
when I come out here

Capt Lee who was acting
Indians Agent, ^{I gave me out} ~~got me~~
~~was~~ ^{now} I have kept him
and Insreas and bought
a few head ^{so that now} I have
16 heads I built a house
last winter I bought about
half the lumber the gov
furnished the other half I
don the hauling and helped
the seges and Indians carpenter
to do the work in building
I have this year 12 acres of
wheats most ready to ~~cut~~ ^{cut}
about six acres of oats &
garden I have him kept back

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Belotir though my wife
is a camp woman she
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children there is always
some camp Indians that
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because we try to do like the
^{white man}
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self & family as well
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United States Indian Service,

Agency,

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made with the government that
they had a large Reservation,
in Colorado & western Kansas and
I believe if we had our just dues
we would have Land enough for
our own use in farming and
stock raising & enough to spare to
get as good timber & lumber for
houses and stock cattle why
cant we get this among your self
in my place what would be done

your respectfully
Jah Seger

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Seeger Colony
June 8, 1890

Dear Sir Capt. Pratt

as you request it I will now write to you since I left Carlisle I have worked at different things the first thirteen years after I got back I checked in the Trader store at Darlington I then worked for J. H. Seeger on Cows Ranch three months then enlisted as an scout one year

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then settled at Seeger Colony and opened up a farm have served six months enlistment as scout since I came here have been in place for one year here at this Colony and have farmed hender for about six months have kept a small stalk of grosbeaks which I sell when the Indians come for Rations and make a small profit on them when I come out here

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Capt Lue who was acting Indians Agent & gave me one cow & I have kept his and have increased and bought a few head so that now I have 16 heads I built a house last winter I bought about half the lumber the other half I don't the handling and helped Mr. Seeger and Indians carpenter to do the work in building I have this year 12 acres of wheat most ready to cut about six acres of oats & garden I have his kept back

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a good deal by having to feed Indians friends & relatives through my wife is a camp woman she makes dresses for my children those in always some camp Indians that resemble as school boys because we try to do like the white man I can take care of myself & family as well as sell a good example to the camp Indians if I could have the help

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ordered me that I wish none I want a title to my Land I need a better team as I only small horse ponies when I try to farm as I did in Bucks Co. Pa I find I cannot do so with a small pair of ponies

I need more cattle to raise stock from after I get my Land I would like to use it so I could use it for the support of my family there is a dissatisfaction you want to know my education & experience in business is behind money what person get we or now being brought in close contact with white man what can you do to help as out, dealing among the Arapahoe

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breaking the white man kept saying we own No Land I share this feeling with the rest as I know from reading Treaties that the Indians made with the government that they had a large Reservation in Colorado & western Kansas and believe if we had our first dues we would have learned enough for our own use in farming and stock raising & enough to spare to get a good team Lumber for houses and stock cattle why can't we get this among your self in my place what would be done

Your Respectfully
Jah Seeger

Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Grand, River, Ind, Ter,

June 12th, 1891

Capt. R. H. Pratt.

Carlisle Pa. Dear Sir,

I have done
as you have wanted. And am
glad I have had the chance in
filling out the blanks.
I have said nothing but the
truth. Capt, I ask you to
let me enter your school this
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There is also a young boy
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old, We would like to start
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Yours most Respectfully
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So I would not have
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Very Truly Friend

Hubbell Big Horse.

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Scarcely any ~~I was a Scout~~ any of the Boys they join the Scouts. I worked on a farm in New Jersey I saw how white men lived way to. I know that is a better way the Indian live now. Had I the chance to do so, I would open up a farm and live on it and make my own living. But to do this I need a horse a team a wagon and farm implements I need seed and rations of for one year at least I need wire for fencing to keep my stock at home

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so I would not have to spend all my time hunting them. I need about 10 head of cows to start with so that when crops failed I would have something to fall back on, and live upon until I could raise a crop. about all I want a title to my land so I will know that no white man or Indian can take it from me I wish the Commissioner could

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give me this start not as a gift but as pay for land that once belonged to my people which the white man is now farming

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Department of the Interior,
Chey & Arapaho Agency

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Darlington, Ind. Terr.

June 13, 1890.

Capt. R. H. Pratt,

Supt. Carlisle School.

Dear Sir,

You requiring ^{letter} is at hand. I am well at present. It is hard matter require in you letter. I must tell you that we return pupils have no place what we would call a home. no matter how much we may educated after return here we have no means of progress. We need team implements to work

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this is all your friend
Percy E. Kable,

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency

June 10....., 1890.

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Department of the Interior,
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Oneida Wis.

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I am working my father's
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a land 45 acres, but
not cultivate yet. I didn't
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read good deal better than
last spring, Now I need

to run a little grocery store
for my own, and to
enable to succeed in my
life for futures,

Or else I'll go to school
again, or so, and learn
more English language
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Dear Sir;

Your letter is received. I shall write a few important facts requiring in your letter. Since my return I have never made much progress. In fact I did not remain at home but one year. I went back to go school at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, KS, I remain there three years. but the most difficult at home is that we have no way of made progress or there is no work here. I am always very anxious to go work when I come back but have no means to do so. That is why so many of the return students gone back in Indian ways. There is a subject which I have hold & excepted your assistance is very much need. it is important to return pupils as well as Indian education. Last year I gather 40 return pupils to plant a "Colony" for ourselves. After talked over & encourage by each young men about the Colony we start to select our farms. After looked over where to make a Colony we return at Agency and ask the Agent for assistance but never pay attention. It was then Change of Administration. I believe my

good friend a separation of return pupils from old Indians is good plan. If the Government wanted enable us once more in our exertion. Let the return pupils place in Colony. Let the Government furnished houses furniture team implements & other necessary things. If the Government cannot afford to furnished these things, then perhaps he can lend us money to start with. I have figured if Government Can lend us have at least \$400⁰⁰ each young man to start with for two years we return the same amount. You might say how Can you return the money in two year, now the Government pay \$3⁰⁰ per acre for breaking farms. if we going to work break our farm for first year we would break at least 40 acres, next year the same. and 80 acres is sufficient to farm on. the rest of \$160⁰⁰ we would earn among the Indian farms. instead white man getting all money from Indians in breaking their farms. I Can but feel this in my heart. that it will be a refuge for the the return pupils if you pushed the matter.

hoping to see the day when we shall stand on the same ground with our white brethren. Yours truly

Leonard Wm Tyler

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Department of the Interior, ^{no 1}
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Segev Colony

June 8th, 1895

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Dear friend Capt Pratt
your friendly letter come
a few days ago. I am
now seating for the
purpose of answering.
I was glad to be
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thankfull to know that
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Crow Agency Mont.
June 8th, 1890

My friend and beloved father,

It has been to your
question's letter came to hand
sometime ago But I have to away
from the Agency so that is the
reason I can answer soon.

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Prof. James Rhodes Davis
Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

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June 8, 1890

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questions that you wished
to be answered, I will tell
you "full and strictly truthful"
As I am getting on very well.
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this month, So I came back
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farm about 12 acres of land
to work at, and when I got
that done then I take care
about over one hundred
head of cattle my father has
50 head of cattle 14 of my own
Besides three of my uncles in
this cattle, My father has 37
horses, 11 of my own, and I
have 3 pigs only. But I am
a month nothing. I am now trying
to get find all our cattle, My age
is 24 years old, single man
I attend to Episcopal church.
I never wear an Indian clothes
since I left Carlisle.

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Never my hairs let it grow an inch.

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Resp. Yours,
Charles Bird

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Seger Colony

June 9th, 1890

Dear Capt. Pratt.

Your printed letter of recent date was received. And I will now try and answer your enquiries as well as I can. We returned students have a good deal to contend with, and I am glad to know that the Honorable Commissioner is interested in us, and we are glad to tell him how we are situated.

When we came back, while it is true, we had better education and understood work better than the Indians on the reservation.

We had no teams to begin farming with and no place to make our home while engaged in farming, except with the Indians, and when we lived with them we must live like them, to a great extent. If we worked for wages the Camp Indians begged from

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them have, until, we found
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it our selves. I married
a returned school girl
who could keep house,
cook, and sow. But she
could not prevent her
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although I had no team.
The Agent paid for the
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break about 5 acres.

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Now I will here state the help I would like to have to enable me to support myself and family, in a civilized way.

1st I want my land given to me with a clear title.

2nd I would like the old

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Lapwai Ag. Idaho.

June 4. 1890

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little of History. My ears were filled with, but Indian, my eyes, my brains were shut with ignorance.

I breathed with of sound; native language, untill I went to Carlisle to learn the English language, which I now speak every day since I left Carlisle. While There, I learned how to sew, cut and fit dresses, wash & iron, cook, and teach. Now I am house-keeping, and have been boarding our principal teacher of this school, and earned \$12.00 a month, at that time untill last month.

In answer to your eleventh question, I have asked the Supt. of this school, to work in the school, and no

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I do not know how to wear
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I am married to a graduate
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Laguna New Mexico

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many horses, - graet many sheep and
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