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Mr. Claude M. Stauffer,  
Musical Director, Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

(Through Supervisor Lipps.)

Sir:

Your answer of March 12, 1912 to charges preferred against you have been considered, and from the record it appears that your conduct has been such as to preclude your reinstatement in the Indian Service, and you are hereby dismissed from it.

Very respectfully,

*W. S. Conus*  
Commissioner.

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Carlisle, Pa.,

March 12, 1914.

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

Sir:

Permit me to submit herewith my answers to the charges preferred against me, as a result of the recent investigation of the conduct and affairs of the Carlisle Indian School, in which I have endeavored to show cause why I should not be removed from the service.

**Charge 1.**

"Violating the Department's regulations, and exceeding your authority by administering corporal punishment to a student at the school."

I plead not guilty to this charge, and state that I did not violate the Department's regulations, nor exceed my authority by administering corporal punishment to a student of the school.

The Department's regulations, covering discipline, as stated in paragraph Number 109, Page 17 in rules for the Indian Service, provides as follows, "All disciplinary measures shall be devised with reference to local and individual needs, and on the principle that discipline shall be reformatory. There shall be no cruel or degrading methods of punishment employed, nor shall abusive language or ridicule be used."

I can find nothing in the regulations forbidding corporal punishment, and I shall endeavor to prove that the punishment which was inflicted upon Julia Hardin, by me, was administered with reference to the local and individual needs, and was not cruel or degrading and that it was reformatory. I also contend that I did not exceed my authority in this case, for the reason, that it was at the direction of the Superintendent of the school, who was my Superior Officer, that I rendered assistance to the Matron in this case, and I was acting under his order, and with his approval, when I administered corporal punishment, after it became necessary, when persuasion and all other corrective measures had failed. (Refer to Affidavit of Superintendent Friedman.)

**Specification.**

That in company with the matron and another employee of the school you took one Julia Hardin, a pupil, into a room, closed the blinds struck her in the face and spanked her with your hand, and severely beat her about the head and body with a stick.

I deny that in company with the matron and another employee of the school, I took one Julia Hardin, a pupil, into a room and closed the blinds. Julia Hardin was already in the office, when I entered the girl's building, the second time, and the blinds were not closed until after the punishment



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was over, when they were closed by the matron, to prevent some girls from looking in the window, from the porch.

After persuasive and other measures had failed to make her obey and after she had become impudent, and insolent, and defied me and other School authorities, and after being warned, that unless she desisted, it would be necessary to administer corporal punishment, I admit that I smacked her on the face with my open hand, and afterward spanked her with my hand, on the rear of her body, over her clothing, but I deny that I severely beat her about the head and shoulders, with a stick. After I had spanked her I again prevailed upon her to keep her agreement, and it was while I was doing this, that Mrs. LaFlesche came into the room, and the three of us prevailed upon her to do as she had agreed; but she was as impudent as ever, and we all decided she should be punished further, and Miss Ridenour handed me a small, thin piece of kindling, with which I spanked her a few more times on the rear of her body, over all her clothing, but not about the head or shoulders.

I attach hereto and as part of my answer to Charge one, my sworn statement showing just what occurred and how I happened to assist the matron in this case, together with the sworn statements of Miss Ridenour, Miss Austin, Miss Knight and the Outing Manager Mrs. LaFlesche, all of which corroborate my statement, and show that the punishment was not cruel or severe, that no bodily harm was done the girl, and that the punishment proved to be reformatory (see Julia Hardin's affidavit).

Also Mr. Friedman's sworn statement showing that he authorized my action in this case.

Charge 2. "Insubordination."

Specification.

"That you deliberately opposed the Department's representative in his investigation of the conduct of the school and addressed to said representative language unbecoming a gentleman and an officer of the Government."

I plead guilty to the charge and admit that I addressed to the Department's representative, language which I should not have used to an officer of the Government, but I deny that I deliberately opposed said representative in his investigation of the conduct and affairs of the school, except, that I refused to sign the questions and my answers thereto, in regard to the Julia Hardin case for the reason, that my answers to his questions did not give a complete statement of my connection with that case. (I submit affidavit of E. Beatrice Herman)

Between the time I was questioned and the time I was called in to sign my testimony, I had sought legal counsel, and was advised that as Mr. Linnen evidently wished to use my testimony against me I should not sign the testimony, unless it contained my complete statement of the case. When I was called upon to sign the testimony I explained this to Mr. Linnen, and told him I had prepared a complete statement of the occurrence, and wished to have it incorporated in my testimony, before I signed it. This he refused to allow, and acting upon my legal advice, I refused to sign the questions and answers. Mr. Linnen's seeming unfairness and his unfriendly and antagonistic attitude toward me, caused me to lose my head for the moment, and I said things to him which I had no business to say.

A few days afterwards, I went to Mr. Miller's office, found Mr. Linnen out, but after waiting a few minutes he came in, and I expressed to him my regret for having talked to him as I did, and told him that I wished to apologize. He took my apology in good spirit, said he was glad to accept it, and shook my hand. (I submit herewith an affidavit from Mr. Miller to corroborate this.)

Except for my refusal to sign those questions and answers I had in no way opposed Mr. Linnen's investigation, nor hindered his work here, in the slightest. He did not ask me for a report concerning my Department nor anything about general school affairs, and I answered every question he asked me as fully as I was permitted.

In conclusion I will say that I could procure testimonials from hundreds of prominent citizens of this city as to my moral character, good standing in the community, and fitness for my work; and I might submit numerous press clippings praising the various Musical organizations under my charge, since I came here, but I deem that unnecessary, in view of my more than nine years service here and the fact that my reputation and the character of my work must be well known by the Department. If further evidence however is necessary as to these things, I refer you to the following. The Protestant Ministers of Carlisle; Any of the Banks; All the City Officials; The County Judge; Dr. George Edward Reed; Dr. Eugene Noble, former and acting Presidents of Dickinson College, of which I am an Alumnus; Congressman Arthur R. Rupley of Carlisle, a Member of the Indian Affairs Committee; Mr. Vance McCormick: Governor Tener; Dr. William H. Dana, President of Dana's Conservatory of Music, of Warren, Ohio, of which I am an Alumnus; Former Superintendent Major W. A. Mercer, and Brigadier General R. H. Pratt, founder of the school, at whose suggestion I entered the service as Band Master, but who left the Carlisle School before my appointment became effective.

I can also refer you to former Indian Commissioners, Leupp, Valentine and Abbott, all of whom have listened to the school's Musical organizations at various times, and have praised my work from the Commencement platform.

I wish to ask the forgiveness of the Department for the manner in which I spoke to its representative and I hope the Honorable Commissioner will agree that I have been severely punished already by being suspended by the Department, severely censured by the Congressional Committee, which visited Carlisle, and heralded through the public press as a "girl beater", and I sincerely ask, that my suspension be removed, and that I be reinstated in my position, as Musical Director at the Carlisle School.

Very Respectfully,

*Claude M. Stauffer.*

Claude M. Stauffer, being duly sworn deposes,

and says as follows:

I have been employed at the Carlisle Indian School, as Band-Master and Musical Director, since 1904. Julia Hardin a girl student at the school signed an application blank to go out with the first party for the summer months under the Outing System of the school. When the time came for the girls to get ready, and all arrangements made for them to go, tickets purchased, instructions given for the patron's to meet them at certain trains, etc; she refused to go, giving as an excuse that she had no trunk, and preferred to wait for the second party. It developed that from the time that she had signed her application to the time she was to leave, she had struck up a courtship with one of the boys, and that this was the real reason for her not wanting to go. She was allowed to remain, and arrangements were made for another girl to take her place.

Later when the girls were signing their applications for the second outing party, she again signed to go out of her own free will and accord, complete arrangements were again made for her, and when the time came for her to pack up their trunks she again wanted to back out. She refused to sign a check covering her railroad fare, and absolutely refused the Matron to get ready. After doing all she could to induce her to get ready, Miss Ridenour, the Matron telephoned Mr. Friedman about the case. Mr. Friedman called up Mr. Whitwell, to get him to go over and straighten out the girl, but he could not be reached.

As this case needed immediate attention, and seeing me enter the office building, and passing his door, he hailed me and asked me to step over to the Girl's Building and see what I could do to straighten out a case of discipline. Being at the head of a Department of this school I had on a number of occasions been called into consultation with other Heads of Departments of the school, to discuss cases of discipline, as well as other matters not pertaining to my Department.

I immediately went to the Girl's Building and with Miss Ridenour went to the girls room, and after using all means possible to induce her to see her duty as she should, she absolutely refused to get ready and said she would not go, and that there was not any one here that could make her go. Seeing that all efforts along this line were futile, I left, returned to the office, reported the circumstances to Mr. Friedman, and suggested, that the girl ought to be made to go, even if it were necessary to resort to corporal punishment. He asked me, why I hadn't done it, to which I replied, that I would if he said so, he said, "Go ahead, if it becomes necessary",

I again returned to the Girl's Building, this time the girl was in Miss Ridenour's office, and again asked her what she intended doing about the matter, to which she impudently replied, that I knew what her answer was, that she would not go for me nor any one else. I told her we could put her on the train just as she was, and send her off with a chaperone, to which she replied insolently, that she was not afraid of any one here. I then smacked her across the mouth with my hand, she covered her face with her arms



and got down on her knees on the floor, resting her head and arms on a chair, to prevent me from slapping her again. I then spanked her with my hand, hitting her four or five times, when I stopped and asked her whether she had made up her mind to obey, but she was still as defiant as ever.

By this time Mrs. LaFlesche Manager of the Outing Department had come in bringing the check with her which she insisted upon her signing, she defied Mrs. LaFlesche in the matter, and said she would not sign the check. Miss Ridenour and I told Mrs. LaFlesche what had transpired, to which she replied, it was good for her, only that she hadn't enough. I said I would give her more if they thought she ought to have it, and they agreed she should have more. Miss Ridenour then handed me a little piece of kindling about one foot long two inches wide, about one quarter of an inch thick, and told me to use it, I again hit her four or five times with this stick, on the rear of her body over all her clothing, in the presence of Mrs. LaFlesche and Miss Ridenour, who both sanctioned my action.

By this time Mr. Whitwell arrived on the scene, and he was told of what had happened, he roughly yanked the girl to her feet, and told her she would have to make up her mind to obey. After threatening her and stating that he would recommend that she be sent to a Reformatory if she continued to hold out against the authority of the school, calling her attention to the awful consequences of such action, and admonishing her to give in before it became necessary to do this.

The girl finally agreed to go to the country and sign the check, if she would be allowed to wait until the morning train. It was agreed that she should wait, and Mr. Whitwell then ordered her put in the girl's lock-up over night, so that she could not communicate with the girls and be influenced by them to change her mind. He then accompanied Miss Ridenour to the room, where she was locked up.

Mrs. LaFlesche and I left the building and started off towards the office, and on the way she spoke of the splendid results obtained, not only for the girl herself, but for the effect it would have generally upon the whole student body. That this was a common method employed under a former administration of the school, and she had personally seen the Superintendent administer corporal punishment upon girls and boys of the school, when she was a student herself at Carlisle. She commended me upon the way in which I had handled the case, and said, that if there were more cases handled like that in the school, it would have a good influence.

When we neared the Office Building I heard some girls calling me and returned to the Girl's Building, where I was met by Miss Ridenour who told me that Julia wanted to see me, and had sent for me, and we both went up to the room. She was crying when we entered and in a very penitent mood, and implored me to forgive her for what she had done, that she was ashamed of herself, and that she was willing to go to the country now and work hard, if I would be willing to forget this incident forever. She also asked Miss Ridenour to forgive her, and we both assured her that she was already forgiven, that I had simply treated her as a father would a disobedient and impudent child.

She left next morning for her country home, and during her outing she wrote Miss Ridenour a letter in which she said, that she appreciated more than ever what we had done for her in making her obey. Again when she returned in the Fall she assured Miss Ridenour, that it had made a better girl of her.

Mrs. LaFlesche told Mr. Friedman the next time she saw him what had happened, and said it was just what the girl needed, and that she approved of treating such cases in just that way.

Julia Hardin came back from the country in the Fall, and greeted me as cordially as if nothing had ever happened, showing that she had entirely forgiven me and forgotten the whole affair.

She has during the year been entertained in my home on several occasions with some of her other girl friends, by Mrs. Stauffer and myself. She also sought her place in the Mandolin Club, and it was given her, and there has never been a time when this affair was alluded to, until Mr. Linnen started his investigation, or shortly before. (Refer to Julia Hardin's affidavit).

C. M. Stauffer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen.

C. M. Biggett

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My Commission Expires March 10, 1917.

Anna H. Ridenour, being duly sworn, do hereby certify

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says as follows:

I am the Head Matron in charge of the Girl's quarters at the Carlisle Indian School, that I have carefully read the attached statement of Claude M. Stauffer in regard to the Julia Hardin case, that I was present as stated in said affidavit and that Mr. Stauffer's statement sets forth an accurate and truthful account of what took place while I was present.

That the punishment inflicted by Mr. Stauffer was not cruel or inhuman, that it was administered over all the girls' clothing, on the rear of her body, and that physically the girl was not harmed nor injured in the least.

A few minutes after I came down from the room where Julia had been detained, at the order of Mr. Whitwell, Miss Austin told me she had been in the clothing room, which adjoins the lockup in the Girl's Building, and that Julia Hardin saw her thru the window and asked her to please send for Mr. Stauffer. He had just left the Girl's Building, and was then in front of Mr. Friedman's house, when I told the girls in front of the building, to call him. He returned at once, and I told him that Julia Hardin had sent for him and wished to talk with him. I accompanied him to the lock-up, where she was confined, and she asked both Mr. Stauffer and my self to forgive her and thanked him for what he had done in making her see the right and breaking her stubborn spirit, and plead with us not to hold it against her, nor tell the other members of the faculty of how she had acted, that she was ashamed of herself, and if forgiven, she would go to the country and make a good record, if we would only forget this incident forever. We both assured her she was already forgiven and that nothing would be held against her.

Some time after Julia Hardin had been out at her country home, I received a letter from her, in which she again thanked me and Mr. Stauffer, and said that she was determined to make a good record in the country, with the hope that nothing would be held against her upon her return in the Fall.

Upon her return to the school in September she again expressed gratefulness for the way she had been punished, and stated that it had made a better girl of her. Shortly before Christmas she came into my office and complained of the conduct of her sister Maggie, with whom she is rooming, and implored me to have her punished in a similar manner to the punishment she had received, in order that her sister might be induced to become a better girl.

Judging from the girl's conduct during that summer under the outing, and after her return to the school in the Fall, the punishment administered upon her by Mr. Stauffer, had proved to be highly reformatory, for Julia Hardin seemed to be a better girl and a more earnest student, until the time Mr. Linnen began his investigation.

*Anna H. Ridenour*

me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen.

*C. M. Biggett*

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)  
:SS.  
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND )



Before me, the subscriber, a notary public in and for said County and State personally appeared Miss Anna H. Ridenour, who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that on the 10th day of March, 1914 Julia Hardin, in her presence stated that she was not abused by Mr. Claude M. Stauffer, Musical Director, when he was called into punish her in the spring of 1913, nor did she remember that he struck her over the head and shoulders with a stick; that the punishment was not severe, and at that time she asked him not to say anything of the affair to the other employes; that she never complained to any one at the school or at home about his having punished her; that she did not think any one remembered it until a number of people came to her about it shortly before the arrival of Mr. Linnen, and wanted to make her think she had been cruelly treated, and wanted her to tell about it so that they could embody it in a petition they were preparing to send to Washington; that she would not tell them, and did not want to be bothered about it; that last fall, Miss Sewwney, one of the teachers, asked her to tell her about it; that the said Miss Sweeney has been very active in trying to get the facts from her; that she refused to be interrogated by Miss Sweeney; that Miss Sweeney asked other girls about it; that Mr. Whitwell also interrogated her about it; that Mr. Linnen sent for her to come to the office shortly after his arrival at the school; that she did not want to tell him, the said Mr. Linnen, because she did not consider it worth while, but that he seemed to know more about it than she did.

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 11th day of March, A.D. 1914.

Anna H. Ridenour (SEAL)

*C. M. Liggett*

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Mary R. Austin, ~~being solemnly sworn~~, deposes

and says as follows:

I am an Assistant Matron at the Carlisle Indian School. ~~May~~ ~~1914~~ ~~14~~  
May when the second girls party were preparing to go to the  
country, I twice hunted up Julia Hardin and conducted her to  
Miss Ridenour to make preparations to go to the country. She  
appeared as though she did not intend to go and acted in an  
insolent and defiant manner.

I was not present when she was punished by Mr. Stauffer,  
but afterward was working in a room adjoining the one in which  
she was confined, and Julia Hardin saw me and asked me to send  
for Mr. Stauffer as she wished to beg his forgiveness for the  
way she had acted, and I caused Mr. Stauffer to be sent for.

I afterward noticed the girl preparing to leave for the  
country and she showed no signs of having been punished and went  
about her preparations in a cheerful manner.

After she came back to school in September she seemed a better  
girl in every way. She took up her musical studies under Mr. Stauffer,  
was a guest at his house when some of the other girls were en-  
tertained there and appeared to have a very friendly feeling toward  
him.

Her improved conduct and her friendly feeling toward Mr.  
Stauffer and other employees continued until about the time  
Mr. Linnen began his investigation.

*Mary R. Austin*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7<sup>th</sup>*  
day of March, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen.

*C. M. Biggett*

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Ora L. Knight, being duly sworn, deposes and

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says as follows:

I am assistant matron at the Carlisle Indian School. Last May when the second party of girls were preparing to go to the country, under the school outing, and while I was preparing the girls for their trip, I saw Mr. Stauffer, Mrs LaFlesche and Miss Ridenour in the office at the Girl's quarters, and heard them prevailing upon Julia Hardin to do as she had agreed, by preparing to go to the country. I also heard the girl use impudent and defiant language to Mr. Stauffer, and defy the entire school authorities.

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My duties then called me away for a few minutes, and when I again entered the office, Mr. Stauffer was spanking Julia Hardin with a small flat stick. He did not administer the punishment in any cruel manner, and did not hit her any where except upon the rear and fleshy part of her body, and over all her clothes, and the girl was not injured in the least.

I regarded it as a very mild punishment indeed. I saw Julia Hardin a number of times that evening, and was with her when she left next morning and she did not show any signs what ever of having been punished, nor did she express any resentment against Mr. Stauffer, but went about her preparation for departure in a cheerful manner.

After she returned in the fall her manner and conduct seemed much improved, and continued so until Mr. Linnen's investigation began. I know from my own observation that her feeling and attitude towards Mr. Stauffer had been very friendly up until Mr. Linnen called her up to the office, during his investigation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of November 1914.  
*Ora L. Knight*  
*C. M. C. Biggett*  
My Commission Expires March 10, 1917.

Rosa B. LaFlesche, being duly sworn, deposes and says  
as follows:

I am Outing Manager at the Carlisle Indian School, and last May, when the girls' outing party was preparing to go to the country, Julia Hardin made application to go under the Outing. She asked Miss Johnston repeatedly and called at my office a couple of times inquiring if I had been able to secure a home for her. I told her that we would do the best we could and find a place for her. Shortly after that I called her in the office and advised her that we had found a home for her, and that she was to go on a certain date. She begged to be excused, making as her excuse that she was waiting for some money from home to buy a trunk, and so I excused her at that time. I waited several weeks then another time I called her in and told her that we had a home for her and that she was to go on a certain date, and she made another excuse saying that she had no hat to wear, and so I excused her again; then the third time I set a date for her to go out and she made an excuse again and then I referred the matter to Mr. Friedman and suggested that she be made to keep her agreement. The matter was then in his hands, and he gave Miss Ridenour instructions to get her ready.

I went down to the girls' Quarters for the purpose of securing the signature of Julia Hardin to a check, to be used for the payment of expenses to her country home, as is customary. When I went into Miss Ridenour's office I found Mr. Stauffer and Miss Ridenour pleading with Julia Hardin and trying to persuade her to make preparations for her trip. They explained to me that she had been spanked, and as the girl was still defiant and insolent and refused to obey, we all thought she should be punished still further. Miss Ridenour handed Mr. Stauffer a thin, flat piece of kindling wood, and he spanked the girl with it, upon the rear of her body, over all her clothing.

The punishment was not administered in a cruel manner, and did not harm the girl in the least. Mr. Whitwell came in about this time, and the girl was finally persuaded to sign the check, and agreed to go to the country providing she be allowed to wait until the morning train. I walked from the girls' building towards the office with Mr. Stauffer and told him that the punishment she received was justly deserved. Mr. Stauffer was called back at the request of the girl before we reached the office. I accompanied her with the party of girls next morning myself to Philadelphia, and she showed no signs of having been punished, appeared cheerful and expressed no resentment towards Mr. Stauffer, and she made a good record in her country home during the Outing that summer, and I believe the punishment had a good effect upon the girl, and could be considered reformatory.

Rosa B. LaFlesche

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen.

E. M. Biggett

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My Commission Expires March 10, 1917.

State of Pennsylvania )  
County of Cumberland ) SS.



Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Julia Hardin, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

That she is eighteen years old, a pupil at the Carlisle Indian School, and has been such for a period of about three years, that she was punished last spring for insubordination and sent for Mr. Stauffer after having been locked up, that Mr. Stauffer came with Miss Ridenour, and she then informed Mr. Stauffer she was sorry for the way she acted; and for giving cause for punishment; that Mr. Stauffer did not bruise her and that the punishment was not severe.; that she asked him not to say anything about the affair to the other employees, and that she would go to the country and work hard if he would forgive her; that upon her return to the school in the fall she greeted Mr. Stauffer in a friendly manner and felt friendly towards him; that she went to Mrs. Stauffer with several friends and volunteered to help her Staurday mornings with her housework; that she had breakfast several times at Mrs. Stauffer's home and a chicken dinner there in January, 1914; that she has been friendly with Mr. Stauffer since her return from the country last fall and a member of the mandolin club under his instruction all year; that she has not changed in her friendly feeling toward him; that she did not complain to anyone about his having punished her; that she has felt that Mr. Stauffer has shown the utmost friendship towards her and she to him; that she regarded the punishment so lightly that she did not ~~give~~ feel antagonistic towards him and never complained to anyone at home about it and

did not feel that the home folks knew anything about it, and did not feel that anybody remembered it until a number of people came to her during the past six or seven weeks and asked her about it.

*Julia Harden*

Sworn and subscribed before  
me this 9th day of March, A.D. 1914.

*C. M. Liggett*

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H. Friedran, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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says as follows:

I have been for six years until the time of Pension Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School. Last May when the second girl's party was preparing to go to the country, Miss Ridenour the girl's matron, telephoned me at my office, that Julia Hardin, one of the girls, who had signed to go to the country refused to go, and that she could do nothing with her. I told her I would send some one to assist her and tried to locate Mr. Whitwell. This I was unable to do, and seeing Mr. Stauffer enter the office building, and knowing his willingness to assist in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the school, I called him into my office, and told him Miss Ridenour was having trouble with one of the girls, and asked him to step over to the Girl's Building, and see what he could do to assist her.

Complying with my request Mr. Stauffer went to the Girl's Building, and shortly afterward returned and told me that the girl was defiant, and absolutely refused to go to the country, and said that no one could make her go. He expressed the opinion that it would be a mistake to allow this girl to defy the whole school, and said that she ought to be compelled to go even if it became necessary to resort to corporal punishment. Agreeing with Mr. Stauffer's point of view, I said, "Go ahead, if it is necessary", and he returned to the Girl's Quarters.

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A short time afterwards, Mrs. LaFlesche came into my office and reported what had occurred and stated that in her opinion the girl justly deserved the punishment she received, that it was not cruel, that the girl was not harmed in the least, and that she heartily approved of the method of handling the case and that it would have a good effect, not only upon Julia Hardin, but upon the other students of the school as well.

Mr. Stauffer has had charge of the Musical Department of this school during my term here as Superintendent, and he has been one of its most loyal and competent employees. He has had the confidence and good will of all students, and has been especially popular with those in his own department. He has been energetic and enthusiastic in his work, is a man of the highest type of moral character and manhood, and has always taken a great interest, not only in his own work, but in every thing pertaining to the welfare of the whole school.

His department is one of the best conducted, best managed, and most thoroughly disciplined of any department of the school and his work as Musical Director has been most favorably commented upon, by both the Press and prominent visitors at the school. I consider him admirably fitted for the work he has been doing, and that it would be a great loss to Carlisle and the Indian Service, if he were not retained in the position, he has been filling so capably, for the past nine years.

H. Friedran

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen.

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E. Beatrice Herman

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen.

C. M. Liggett

NOTARY PUBLIC  
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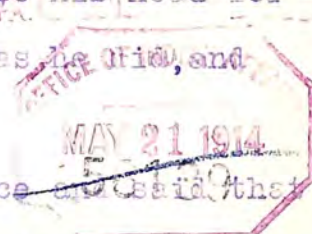
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My dear Mr. Palmer:

The case of Mr. Claude M. Stauffer, Director of the Band at Carlisle Indian School, is now under consideration, and will be impartially passed upon in a very short time.

With regards,

I am sincerely,

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*(Signed) Cato Sells*

Commissioner.

Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer,  
House of Representatives.

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Hon. Cato Sells,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

My dear Judge Sells: I am very much interested in the case of Mr. Claude M. Stauffer, Director of the Band at the Carlisle Indian School, who has been suspended from his position pending the outcome of certain charges which have been preferred against him. I have had a great many letters from my friends in Pennsylvania who are interested in Mr. Stauffer and in view of the facts as presented to me it does seem that the charges ought to be dismissed. I would greatly appreciate it, after a thorough and impartial investigation, if you could direct that the charges be dismissed as I sincerely feel that this should be done in justice to Mr. Stauffer.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

*A. Mitchell Palmer*

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John Whitwell Principal teacher, recalled the circumstances concerning the whipping of Julia Hardin and his being called on by Mrs Rosa B. LaFlesche. He makes this statement:

I found the girl sitting on the floor sobbing and crying. Mr. Stauffer was standing near, very much excited. So was Miss Ridenour. I had learned on the way over, from Mrs. LaFlesche, something of the trouble. I walked up to Julia and said something like this: "Julia, you know I wouldn't advise you to do anything against your best interests if I knew it. Now you have got yourself into this trouble and it is up to you to get yourself out of it. I couldn't tell you what is right or wrong, any better than what you yourself now know it, and I am not going to waste time talking to you, but I advise you to do as you are told, whatever that is."

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John Whitwell Principal teacher, recalled the circumstances concerning the whipping of Julia Hardin and his being called on by Mrs Rosa B. LaFlesche. He makes this statement:

I found the girl sitting on the floor sobbing and crying. Mr. Stauffer was standing near, very much excited. So was Miss Ridenour. I had learned on the way over, from Mrs. LaFlesche, something of the trouble. I walked up to Julia and said something like this: "Julia, you know I wouldn't advise you to do anything against your best interests if I knew it. Now you have got yourself into this trouble and it is up to you to get yourself out of it. I couldn't tell you what is right or wrong, any better than what you yourself now know it, and I am not going to waste time talking to you, but I advise you to do as you are told, whatever that is."

I turned to the matron and asked what they wanted her to do. The matron said she would have to go to the lock-up. I said, "Julia, will you go to the lock-up?" She said, "I will go for you Mr. Whitwell." I knew the girl meant what she said. I turned to the matron and said she was

ready to go, but the matron did not seem to realize it. I said again that she was ready to go and told Julia to rise and go with her. She went and that ended my connection with the case.

That evening Mr. Stauffer came to our house and explained his connection with the case. I told him that he would likely be blamed for using corporal punishment on the girl. He said that he had first gone to Mr. Friedman, and that while Mr. Friedman didn't give him direct permission, he took it for granted that he was willing that the girl should be punished. He also added that the girl was ready to give in when I came over. I said so far as I was concerned, I felt I had not done anything worth mentioning.

He denied Stauffer's statement that he (Whitwell) pulled the girl up from the floor and never touched her; he denied Stauffer's statement he told her she would have to make up her mind to go, that she did not have half enough and threatened to give her some more himself; he denied ordering her put in the detention ward over night so that she could be persuaded by the other girls to change her mind, that he did agree with the matron when she said she should go to the lock-up, his idea being that she was to obey instructions but not punished; that he didn't approve corporal punishment for a young lady like that under the circumstances; that he did not see the board used, and from reports made to him by the girls who were interested shows that his efforts without corporal punishment were appreciated.

Memorandum  
by  
E. B. Linnen, Chief Inspector,  
On the Answer of  
Claude M. Stauffer, Musical Director.

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1st. The affidavit of Julia Hardin was procured by coercion, she having been forced to sign the same without reading it and without knowledge of its contents in the room of the head matron, Anna H. Rydenour; she having signed said paper at the direction of the head matron, and was not sworn to same. (See Julia Hardin's affidavit).

2nd. They attempted to get a further affidavit signed by Julia Hardin, and advised her that the affidavit which she had signed had been destroyed. (See her affidavit).

3rd. That the statements contained in the affidavit of Claude M. Stauffer as regarding Mr. John Whitwell, principal, is disproven by the sworn testimony of Mr. Whitwell.

4th. That the implied statement that the conduct of Julia Hardin was worse after I visited such school is untrue.

5th. That the statements of Beatrice Herman, as contained in her affidavit relating to my attitude, are untrue.

6th. That the statements contained in the various affidavits that Julia Hardin had at any time thanked Claude

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M. Stauffer, bandmaster, or Miss Rydenour, matron, for the whipping she received is untrue, and she never wrote any letters to such effect. (See her affidavit).

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Specification.

That in company with the matron and another employee of the school you took one Julia Hardin, a pupil, into a room, closed the blinds, struck her in the face and spanked her with your hand, and severely beat her about the head and body with a stick.

CHARGE 2. INSUBORDINATION.

Specification.

That you deliberately opposed the Department's representative in his investigation of the conduct and affairs of the school and addressed to said representative language unbecoming a gentleman and an officer of the Government.

You will be allowed ten days from the receipt of this letter in which to show cause why you should not be removed from the service.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mr. Claude M. Stauffer,  
Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Receipt acknowledged this fourth day of March, 1914.

C. M. Stauffer.

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Claude M. Stauffer, Musical Director,  
Through Mr. O. H. Lipps,  
Supr. in Charge Carlisle School.

Sir:

"As there is no longer any necessity for the position of Musical Director at Carlisle, that position has been discontinued, in view of which your suspension without pay is terminated and you are hereby dropped from the Service."

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt  
Assistant Commissioner.

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GEORGE EDWARD REED  
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The Honorable

Cato Sells, U. S. Commissioner, Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- I was for nearly two years president of Dickinson College, Coakley, Pa., retiring in July, 1911. During my presidency, Claude M. Stouffer, Board Director of the Coakley Indian School, now under suspension by your order, pending investigation, was a student of the College. I knew him well, and have continued to be acquainted during his association with the Indian School. I am perfectly familiar with his work there, having visited the School again and again. I knew his boundless pride and enthusiasm in his work, the ardor with which he labored, and his deep personal interest in the students there gathered. I thought it a great thing for the School that a man of his attainments and character should be associated with it. He was one of the most genial and kind-hearted men in the range of my acquaintances. I have looked over the charges against him, and have read his replies. It is not for me to express my judgment upon these matters. I can only say that I cannot believe him capable of any intentional insubordination, or wrong-doing. He is a very respectable man. He has been writing articles for months without pay. Permit me, dear Sir, to express the earnest hope that he may soon be returned to his work.

With high regard

Yours sincerely,  
George Edward Reed

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My dear Mr. Rupley:

I have your recent letter concerning  
Bandmaster Stauffer, which I have read and the  
contents of which will receive careful consider-  
ation.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells  
Commissioner

Hon. Arthur R. Rupley,  
House of Representatives.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

Carlisle, Pa., April 24, 1914.



Hon. Cato Sells,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

I note by a clipping from a Washington paper that the decision in the Friedman case will soon be made public and that your finding will be reviewed by Secretary Lane. I had hoped that perhaps Mr. Stauffer might be retained for a little while at least that he could secure another position and thus not be destroyed because of the finding.

I had a talk with Mr. Lipps some little time ago and I presume he has told you of the same.

I would appreciate your advising me just as early as possible of the result of your decision at such time as not to violate any of the proprieties.

Very truly yours,

*Arthur R. Rupley*

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Hon. Joe T. Robinson,  
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of March 13, with reference to the attempt on the part of Bandmaster Stauffer and Matron, Miss Ridenour, of the Carlisle Indian School, to procure an affidavit from Miss Julia Hardin, and also the telegram which you enclose, addressed to Hon. Charles D. Carter from A. Decora. These are receiving immediate consideration with reference to the Carlisle situation.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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*See status of Anna H. Ridenour.*

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Claude M. Stauffer,  
Through E. B. Linnen, Inspector,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

You are hereby suspended without pay from your position as  
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(Signed) Cato Sella

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