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Carlisle School.

Ed. Emp. B C H

, May 9, 1914.

Lipps, Supervisor in Charge,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Wire date Whitwell will report Cushman.

(Send by Postal)

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Telegram.

Carlisle

April 29, 1914.

John

Lipps,

Supervisor in Charge Indian School,

Carlisle, Penna.

Your telephone of today to Inspector Linnen. Whitwell should proceed to his new post of duty.

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4 Enclosures. U. S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pa., Principal Teacher's Office, April 14, 1914.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to office letter (Ins. April 6, 1914,) re charge preferred against me, based upon an affidavit made by Mary Elizabeth Gray, a student of Carlisle School, I submit the following:

That during October, 1912, Mary Elizabeth <u>Gray</u>, not Mary Elizabeth <u>Rapp</u>, was demoted from No. 6 to No. 5 school-room on the recommendation of her teacher, Miss Neptune; that Miss Hagen, the teacher of No. 5, after several <u>days</u> as shown by the records-- (not <u>months</u>, as stated), recommended her promotion back to No. 6, giving absolute proof that she was able to do the work there; that I sent for Mary, explained the circumstances to her, and started with her for No. 6; that when passing No. 5 on our way to No. 6, Mary refused to go further and was impudent to me. No doubt I slapped her lightly on the face in the manner described by Mary in enclosed statement,

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although as told to Mr. Lipps when first confronted with the charges, I do not remember it. I should add here, that during my thirty years' experience as teacher, I have never had a charge of this kind preferred against me, although I have on one or two occasions like this, slapped a girl lightly in the face in order to have her cease being impudent and defiant, just as I would my own girl under similar circumstances. Moreover, I am on record as being unqualifiedly opposed to corporal punishment for girls under any circumstances, aside from the fact that I know it is a violation of the regulations.

The statements contained in the charges, to the effect that I "<u>shouted</u>" that I slapped her as <u>hard as I could</u> in the face, that the blow was so hard across her cheek and ear and the shock was so great that her books and pencils fell to the floor; that I demanded angrily, "You pick those books up this very minute, or I'll slap you again"; that on picking up her books, I cought her roughly by the shoulder and hurt her and pushed her into Miss Neptune's room; that I was angry and talked loud; that before this time, I several times, in my office, treated her roughly-"pushed and dragged her around, forcing her to stand in a corner at those times and would not wait for an explanation, but would at once get angry, shake her roughly, and push or drag her into a corner"---

## Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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these statements, with the exception that I did stand her in a corner, are in their entirety, base falsehoods and are Proved to be such by enclosed statements from Mary herself, her teachers, and those who were in a position to know. I, myself, have not talked with Mary except in the presence of Mr. Lipps or her teacher, my purpose in this being, to do nothing that would prevent the whole truth coming to light. I consulted Mary's teacher because as I have stated, I did not at first remember the incident. I asked Mr. Lipps to have Mary make her statement to him orally, before I had even seen her since she had left for the country and I asked to have this statement put in writing under her teacher's supervision. Mary told Maud French and other schoolmates, in substance, just what she told Mr. Lipps and what she wrote in her statement. She said that Mr. Friedman came to her country home, sent for her from school and asked her concerning this matter.. She replied at first that she did not remember it, that Mr. Friedman pressed the question, that she answered 'no' to everything he asked, that he told her to try and remember as to whether I had slapped her or not; that she said I had slapped her but not "bad" and that she deserved it; that he asked her if it did not hurt; she said it hurt a little; that Mr. Friedman wrote something down, but she did not realize what it was until Mr. Lipps read it to her and asked her if it was true and she replied that it was not -- that I never hurt her -that I never laid hands on her, except this once when I slapped

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her a little.

It is significant that after Mary had written the enclosed statement she asked her teacher if she would have to go before "the people". Her teacher asked her if she meant by this, as to whether or not she would have to go before a notary--at the same time explaining the nature and method of taking an oath. Asked if she did anything like this for Mr. Friedman, she said she did not.

I have tried to get the testimony of Miss Neptune, but have failed. Miss Sweeny, who was Mary's teacher in No.4, prefers to make no statement, but admitted to Mrs. Lovewell, another teacher, that Mary was so bad in her room, that she made her get down on her knees. I can only add that I have spared no pains to give a full, correct, and conscientious answer to all that the charges imply.

Very respectfully

John Whitwell

Through Supervisor O. H. Lipps

Carliele, Perma, april 10, 1914 Mr. John W. Whitehl, Carliele, Punna., My dear Mr. Whitehle In right to your requiect for information concerning mary Gray, I write the following She was promoted to my grade, 42, in March, 1911? Thad heard during the fuceding terms of marije conduct, and naturally dreaded her promotion. It took me several moutho to find that she could be controlled only by firm, presistent desighing, and after we became well acquainted, I had little trouble with her. She was regularly promoted from my grade in March 19 12, and her teacher, miss Mathe Lane, made no complaint of her inability to do the work of her grade, and after miss Lane's regignatione, I had charge of that room, and know that mary could to the work, if she wiched to do it. In the fall of 1912, mise neptune, the new teacher of her grade, reported to me through you that thang could not do the work in her hoone. I consented to take her tack, but under protect,

as I knew she was failing because she was not studying and that the was autogonistic to hu teach. I kept her for several dange i giving her a thorough tral, and chowing thost of her work to you . He were toth convinced that she should he again promoted to mis heptimis room, with the injunction that she must study and recite in hu room. Iknow nothing of the between you and mary, weigh by hearsay, altho it is reported to have taken place on the porch directly outside of myschool room, The windows being wide open at the time. I do not remember having taken many to you for disciplining, but other supils That thave taken to you have been treated in a just, but gentlemanly manner. Jour respectfully Sallie E. Hagan

Carlisle, Pa., apr. 9, 1914. Un. J. Mhitmell. Principal Teacher. Marine 16 1914 Carliele, Pa. Dan Siri as sir. As you request a statement concerning the character of Mary gray, I herewith submit one to the best of my knowledge. Mary gray mas my pupil about three years ago. While the would be one of The sweetest girls I had at times frequently che would indulge in such insolence that it would be almost unbearable. and without just cause or provocation. and it gently reproved she would inariably give a reply that would be very insolent. When gentle reprimands and good mothing latks proved to be of mo avail Presented to putting her in the Jookroom, and later on two or three occasions I took her to you, is you. nay recall and you chided her

hands on her as an willing to state under oalt. Finally? made her de scrubbing which. reened to work well for a few days, but her bad nature would assert itself, However, the attacks mere less frequent for she had the scrubbing hanging over her which she very much disliked, When asked about her conduct. she would state positively thatwas done right before my eyes, She was so much improved. that I had hopes of her but my heart was made cad when to learned from the next teacher that the reform was not lasting. mis gailter, the former matrin would speak of her in mords of dispragement, thinking her to be a hopelies case. Viry respectfully, Emmal, hoverall,

Mr. C. H. Lipps, Superviser in charge. APR 16 1914 Dear Sir: While a student at Carlisle, during the month of Get. 1912. I did have some trouble with my teacher regarding my lessons, I was demoted to the next lower grade I stayed in the lower grade a few days. Mr. Whenelf kept account of my daily papers, and when he had enbugh of my work to prove that I was not in my right grade he told me I had to go back to Miss Neptunes, in the higher grade where I was before. We started back, near Miss Hagan's room I refused to go any further I told mr. Whitwelf I would not go and he slopped me lightly on the face. I had a tablet and pencil in my handand I conclusing dropped there.

10 He did not shout to me. He did not threaten to slap me again. He did not take me by the shoulder, he never hilt, he never dragged me around, he spoke as If he meant it, but he did not look angug. He never repused to listen to me, except when he slapped me. and then I was impudent with him. He never dragged me into a corner. But he told me to stand in the corner. I know he meant it all for my good, and I admit that I did not do right and I deserved it alf. Yours respectfully, Mary Elizebeth Gray.

APR 1 6 1014 41353 I graduated from Carlisle Indian School april 1913 and now tittending Conway Hall Preparatory School. Iwas Head Janitor from november 1911 to april 1913. My duties Rept me in the same office with nor. Whitwell. Deveral goils were brought to him by the teachers to be disciplined. He talks to them just as a futher would and if they sid not promise to do setter he made them stand in the corner but never sow of heard of him laying hands on a girl during all the time I have been hore. Mr. Whitwell has been ready to Sand for the students and that is why weall like him. Twas Head Janitor when This is Aupposed to have happened and I know if what Mory Grey has said The trul I would have seen or heard something of it. Francis Eastman

Charges

APR -6 1914

Mr. John Whitwell, Principal Teacher,

Through Supervisor 0. H. Lipps,

Carlisle School.

Sir:

Based upon an affidavit made by Mary Elizabeth Gray, a student of Carlisle school, the following charge is preferred against you:

That during October 1912, Mary Elizabeth Rapp, while a student at Carlisle, had some trouble with her teacher regarding her lessons and was reduced to the next lower grade, and that you as principal teacher insisted on her going back to Miss Neptune's room after she had been in the lower grade for several months; that she did not wish to go to Miss Meptune's room; that you took her from your office, telling her that she had to go; that you started for the lower grade room to which she had been demoted; that you shouted "Come with me", and slapped her as hard as you could in the face; that the blow was so hard across her check and car and the shock so great, that her books and pencils fell to the floor; that you demanded angrily "you pick these books up this very minute or I'll slap you again"; that on picking up her books you caught her roughly by the shoulder and hurt her and pushed her into Hiss Heptune's room; that you were angry and talked loud; that before this time you several times in your office treated her roughly, pushed and dragged her around, forcing her to stabd in a corner at those times and would not wait for an explanation but would at once get angry'

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shake her roughly and push or drag her into a corner.

You will be allowed ten days from date of receipt of this letter in which to make answer, showing cause why you should not be relieved, transferred or otherwise disposed of as the merits of the case might warrant.

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.Very respectfully,

# (Signed) Cato Sells

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Commissioner.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) Cato Sells Commissioner.

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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,

Supr. in Charge Carlisle School.

Sir:

Answering your letter of March 27, you are advised that the annual leave requested by Mr. John Whitwell while enroute to his new position at the Cushman School, is hereby granted, any leave of absence so taken to be reported on the regular leave form provided for that purpose.

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Cato Sells Commissioner.

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Subject: Application for leave.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

March 27, 1914.

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

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letter of Mr. John Whitwell, Principal Teacher at this school, transmitting application for leave with pay in order that he may stop over at Jackson, Michigan, while enroute to his new position at the Cushman School.

I recommend that Mr. Whitwell's application receive favorable consideration.

Very respectfully,

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U. S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pa., Principal Teacher's Office, March 26, 1914.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

#### Sir:

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After consulting with Mr. Lipps, Supervisor in Charge, and Inspector Linnen, regarding Office letter of March 20, 1914--re transfer to Cushman, Washington--I respectfully request that I be allowed a "stop over" of fourteen days at Jackson, Michigan while enroute to new position--said stop over to be granted as annual leave, (with pay), of which I have had none during the present year.

Plans have been made to carry on the work of Principal Teacher during my absence, and the fact that I will have just passed through a strenuous commencement here, have reorganized the work for the remainder of the year, and that I would not be in a position to take charge of Commencement at Cushman without first having some acquaintance with the school, these facts coupled with the fact that personal matters demand attention before going west, leads me to make this request.

Very respectfully,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

March 18, 1914

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Hon. Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I respectfully transmit herewith two affidavits which have come into my hands respecting corporal punishment administered by Mr. John Whitwell. Had this matter come to my attention which in charge of the school as Superintendent, I should have taken immediate action with reference thereto. Very respectfully,

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State of Pennsylvania:

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County of Delaware

Before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and

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for said County, personally came Mary Elizabeth Gray an Indian Student of the Carlisle Indian School now living in the home of Mrs. Fred Rapp, in Llanerch, Pennsylvania, under the Schools outing system, who being duly qualified according to law, deposes and says I am seventeen years of age.

During the month of October 1912 I had some trouble with my teacher about my lessons and was put back to the next lower grade, Mr. John Whitwell, the principal teacher insisted on my going back to miss Neptunes room after I was in the lower grade for several days.

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Mary Clizebeth Tray. Witness Mrs Fred Rapp.

deposes and says as follows:

I was a teacher at the Carlisle Indian School Carlisle, Penna., from about September 1, 1912 to April 1913 and during that period taught in Room 6, Grade 5, under my maiden name of Ellene Neptune; during that period Mary Gray, an Indian girl, was one of the pupils under me and I demoted this girl to Room 5. The teacher of No.5 later recommended her promotion to my grade again and she was promoted by the Principal teacher, Mr. Whitwell. I later reported to Mr. Whitwell that the girl was either not able to do the work of my grade or did not try. He came to my school room and said he would talk to the girl. He called her out of the school room on the porch and talked to her in my presence. He told her-she could do the work in No.6 and asked her if she could not and she replied that she could; then he asked her why she did not do it and the girl by her manner and a short answer angered Mr. Whitwell so that without warning he struck her a severe and brutal blow with his hand, over the left side of her face and head. The girl staggered, acted dazed and rubbed her eyes. He then took her to his office, where he kept her the balance of the afternoon.

I never reported any of my pupils after that to Mr. Whitwell, because I was afraid he might repeat what he did to Mary Gray. I did not report Mary Gray to Mr. Whitwell as a case of discipline, but only in an effort to get the girl properly graded so that she might be able to do the work she was able to do. He sent her back to my grade next day and she remained there until she went to the country in the Spring.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this Twelfth day of February, Nineteen Hundred Fourteen.

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Notary Public in and for

Lucas County, Ohio.

M. FRIEDMAN, A. M., LITT. D., SUPERINTENDENT

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

January 10, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Under date of November twenty-fifth, Mr. John Whitwell, principal teacher at this school, was notified that he would be transferred because of insubordination. As more than a month has elapsed since that time, I respectfully urge the importance of making this transfer at an early date. I took this matter up with your Office over the telephone today, stating in detail the kind of agitation in this man is engaged.

Aside from hampering the legitimate work of the school, because he now takes no interest whatever, he is engaged in doing positive harm. His influence among the students and among the members of the faculty is a permicious one. It is most unfortunate that the Service has men of his type in it. He is doing his best to line up certain teachers against certain other teachers, creating a lack of harmony in the school building. He is outspoken in his criticism of the administration of the school before the students, two or three of whom he always has in his office.

While I have no direct proof, I feel confident in view of the intimacy between him and one of the teachers and one of the students, both of whom have written to the Office. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, -2-

that he has inspired their actions and communications.

If the Office has no one to send in his place, I can assume these duties myself, which I am practically doing at present.

Very respectfully,

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Referring to the memorandum submitted to yeu recently regarding the transfer of Mr. Whitwell from the Carlisle School, in which memorandum the question of assigning him to the position of Assistant Superintendent at the Santa Fe School was taken up, your attention is called to the fact that Mr. Snyder, the Assistant Superintendent at Santa Fe, has requested permission to withdraw his resignation.

We are in receipt to-day of the resignation of Mr. Griffiths who is Assistant Superintendent and Disciplinarian at the Cushman School at \$1600 a year. Mr. Griffiths left the reservation on January 6, and this position is immediately available for Mr. Whitwell in case it is desired

Chief Education Division.

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January 15, 1914.

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ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1914.

MEMORANDUM .

Chief, Education Division;

Mr. Moses Friedman, of the Carlisle Indian School, this morning telephoned me and requested that the Principal, Mr. John Whitwell, be transferred from that school at the earliest date practicable.

Please look into this matter, and advise me what action you think should be taken thereon, at the cordicable date.

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Assistant Commissioner.

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