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Chas. T. Gorham
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Enc. letter from
O. A. Hyde also
one from Capt. Pratt
rel. to appt. of Lt.
Geo. Le R Brown
to Carlisle School

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See letter Secty. Mch 12/80.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK
MARSHALL, MICH.

Feb 25th '80

Hon. W. E. Dowbiggin
Dear Sir:

Assuming that you will shortly occupy the Indian Commissioner's Chair and that you will be one of the most efficient and obliging gentlemen known to that branch of the public service. I take early advantage of the impression to beg of you a favor for a friend

My worthy Neighbor Hayes
is quite anxious that
his son-in-law A. Brown
should remain at Carlisle.
He will send you a
note hereunto from which
& Capt Pratt's note, you
will be able to understand
what is wanted. If you
can consistently arrange
the matter according to
their wishes I shall regard
it as a personal favor

Very truly your friend
Chas. T. Graham

Office of A. O. Hyde,

Druggist and Grocer,

No. 32 State Street.

Marshall, Mich. March 2 1880

Hon N. E. Trowbridge
Com. Ind. Dept
Dear Sir

Enclosed letter from Capt Pratt fully sets forthe the case, to which I beg leave to call Your attention. Lieut Brown has many letters of commendation from his superior Officers. Gov Howard of Dacotah Gov Crosswell Mich Congressman M.M. If an imediate detail could be obtained for him it would bridge him over until congress acts upon the law now pending in regard to Indian schools - The exigency of the case, is my excuse for troubling You thus early.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servant
A O Hyde

Genl. Gorhamm has kindly handed me the Enclosed to You.

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Feby 23, 1880

A O. Hyde

Marshall, Mich,

My dear Sir-

Your son in law, Lt. Geo. Le R. Brown of the 11th Infantry, has been giving me invaluable assistance here, in the care and disciplining of the Indn boys. He has had the sole management of the whole number (116) almost from the start; and has succeeded so admirably in bringing them into a proper condition of subordination, cleanliness, and ardor for their new life, that he is unmistakably pointed out for this important work. With a self sacrifice worthy of all praise, he has been giving to this work the months, he had been allowed by the War Dept. as a leave of absence, in which to visit his friends, after an eight years service on the frontier. This leave is soon to expire, and unless some order or authority to the contrary is secured he will have to return to his regiment in Dakota.

I feel that the loss of Lieut. Brown to this work,

at this time, would amount to a disaster, and purpose asking the Departments of War and Interior for his temporary detail, at once, and pending the action of Congress on a proposed bill giving authority for the detail of army Officers in connexion with Indian Educational work. This bill is already very favorably reported from the House Ind^n Committee, and its friends make no doubt of its passage during the Session. Then I should desire Lieut. Brown's permanent detail here, unless he could undertake the management of another school of this character, and for which he is well qualified.

Now it will help me, I know, if you can commend Lt. Brown to the new Ind^n Commissioner, (Mr Trowbridge) who is from your State.

The fact that Congress has already conceded authority for the detail of one Officer, conveys its favorable intentions, and would strengthen the grounds for a temporary detail until the

full authority is given.

Lieut. Browns eight years service among the Indians in the Ind^n Ty. and in Dakota, and his personal care over the affairs at the Cheyenne River Agency at different times during Major Schwans absence, and his charge and command of Ind^n Scouts at that Agency, during the past three years, added to his enthusiasm on the subject of reclaiming these long neglected people are all strong points in his favor.

I would suggest a direct personal letter from you to Mr Trowbridge, on the subject.

Faithfully Yours-
R.H. Pratt
U.S. Army