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Trans. letter from  
 Mattie G. Reynolds  
 with suggestions for  
 the Dept. rel. to  
 Schools Ref. to  
 Miss Burgess on  
 teacher & Enc. Photo  
 of a building

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See letter to Postmaster Columbus  
 Feb. 24/80.  
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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1880.

To the Honorable  
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter received from Mattie G. Reynolds of Columbus Nebraska which contains a suggestion that might be of value to the Department. Miss Burgess a teacher here formerly taught in the Palmer School and gives me a photograph of the building referred to which is also herewith transmitted to the Dept. Miss B. says an outlay of \$500. would place the building in good repair, and then it would be a most suitable place for an exclusive boys school or girls school. Eighty students can be accommodated comfortably. Why would not this be a good place for the children of Nebraska Indians?

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant  
R. H. Poole

12 Lt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav'y in charge

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I have seen more than a hundred  
 bears here -  
 George Meade & Drayton  
 returned  
 from  
 the great place  
 I hear there are going to plant  
 we large fields one on each side  
 good for so many to sleep in one room  
 for by the side of the road I do not think it  
 more difficult for Indians than  
 the great place

Columbus Platte Co. Neb. March 16. 1881

Capt. Peall

Dear Mr. Barracks

Pa.

Respected Sir

I hear of a school inauguration at Carlisle for Indians. I wish there was more for them. I am very much interested in their advancement. I was with the Pawnees over four years. I know something of their nature it is two years since I left them they are able & many willing to learn. I hear from the Hampton Normal in Va it is doing well. I would like to get a situation in some school. Have you any vacancy at Carlisle? I was Seamstress part

of the time at the Pownee Agency  
I had charge of the Hospital  
the rest of the time I would like  
to do sewing or teach sewing or  
be assistant matron. I have taught  
School but Sir I do not think myself  
a first class teacher. I can get along  
with Children very well. Please Sir  
help me I have my own living to  
make. Cochise is near my Native  
Home which is Centre Co Tex but I  
have not been East only on a visit  
since I first came among the  
Indians if you have no vacancy  
now perhaps you will. I do not just  
know how many employes you have  
on the Reservation. They occupy could  
you let me know please what they  
are. The large brick School House  
near here that was used for a  
manual Labor school for the  
Pownees when they were in 186

They have gone South & the school  
house is for sale the house  
100 acres of land for 4,000 side  
thousand it is held by the Government  
I think it would be good place  
to establish a school for the  
Education of the Indians I know  
by experience they are best away  
from their People. I thought I  
would tell you of that place you  
could find out more about it if you  
wanted to by writing to Wm Burgess  
Genoa Vance Co Neb he will  
know for he was Agent for the  
Pawnee the time they went South  
The house is large it contains two  
large school rooms a large dining  
room several rooms in the basement  
beside the dine — & on the second  
floor side rooms beside the school  
rooms on the third story side beside  
the three bedroom <sup>for the children</sup> (one was for  
the large boys when we was <sup>there</sup> it held

fourty head sleds I do not think it  
good for so many to sleep in one room  
two large halls one on each floor  
I hear their are going to start  
move schools for Indians this may  
be a good place.

I have said more than intended  
please help me

+ oblige Mattie G. Reynolds  
Columbus

Platte Co  
Nebr

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